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The Forget Me Not Foundation Recognized as 2011 Group Volunteer of the Year

SAN DIEGO, July 18, 2011— [The Forget Me Not Foundation](#) has been recognized as the *2011 Group Volunteer of the Year* by the California Association of Health Facilities (CAHF), the state's largest association representing the skilled nursing and long-term care industry.

The award, bestowed annually on individuals or groups who "enrich the lives of others through volunteering at long-term care facilities," will be officially presented today in a ceremony at the Westin San Diego.

"We are extremely honored to receive the *2011 Group Volunteer of the Year* award from the CAHF," said Bill Stone, co-founder of the Forget Me Not Foundation. "We love the role we play in helping improve the quality of life for those lives we have touched."

As part of its mission, the Forget Me Not Foundation offers event organizers the opportunity to donate flowers once events are over. The foundation then ensures that the floral arrangements, rather than being discarded, are sent to hospital patients and nursing home residents.

CAHF's statewide recognition comes as the Forget Me Not Foundation celebrates its one-year anniversary and several months after the prestigious San Diego Foundation included the Forget Me Not Foundation in its signature gala event.

The [California Association of Health Facilities](#) is a 60-year old, non-profit professional association serving long-term healthcare providers statewide. CAHF aims to "provide leadership, advocacy and education for health-care professionals who serve the needs of California's citizens." The organization's membership is comprised of over 1,250 licensed non-profit and propriety health facilities serving various needs.

About the Forget Me Not Foundation

The Forget Me Not Foundation was established to enhance lives through the gift of flowers to those in nursing homes, hospitals and other medical facilities. These bouquets – which might otherwise go to waste – spread joy to those who receive them.

The beauty of floral donations can be enjoyed all over again as residents utilize bouquets to brighten their living spaces or enjoy them as part of a group activity. The result is a recreational, joyful and therapeutic activity that enhances quality of life. Gerontologists have increasingly recognized the role such recreational activities play in the lives of patients and the elderly.

The name of the foundation, the Forget Me Not Foundation, captures its broader purpose in bringing care and attention to those in nursing homes and medical facilities who may at times feel forgotten by society. The Forget Me Not Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public benefit organization.

To help support its long-term growth, you can join the Forget Me Not Foundation online community at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Forget-Me-Not-Foundation/217233731621132>.

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