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Vernon Long, Stormont-Vail HealthCare Vice President and CFO, to Retire

(Topeka, Kan., April 21, 2010) - Vernon Long, vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer of Stormont-Vail HealthCare, will retire after more than 45 years with the health care organization.

He will be honored at a retirement reception from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, in the Stormont-Vail Administration area.

While a student at Washburn University, Long began working at Stormont-Vail as a medical records clerk, on July 7, 1964. He moved to the business office in 1965, and continued working in the business and financial areas for his entire career. On Jan. 1, 1984, Vernon was promoted to vice president and chief financial officer, a position he held more than 26 years. From 1991 to 2001, he additionally served as president of the Stormont-Vail Foundation.

At retirement on April 30, Vernon will have worked more than 45 years at Stormont-Vail. Over the years, Vernon has been involved in and been an officer position for many of the Stormont-Vail subsidiaries and services, such as Stormont-Vail Single Day Surgery and Kansas Dialysis Services. In 1987-88, Vernon was part of the team that created the joint venture that is now Kansas Rehabilitation Hospital. In 1995, he was part of the team that brought Cotton-O'Neil Clinic and Stormont-Vail together.

Vernon has also been involved in a number of professional and community organizations through the years. He has been active in Kansas Hospital Association and has served on the boards of Meals on Wheels and United Way of Greater Topeka.

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