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**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY EXECUTIVE NAMED TO BOARD OF ILLINOIS'  
ONLY STATEWIDE CHILDREN'S HEALTH FOUNDATION**

HINSDALE, IL (May 2, 2006) - The Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation today announced the appointment of Mary McGrath to the Foundation's Board of Directors.

"I look forward to working with a dynamic organization which has the commitment, wisdom and resources to effect and change the health of the children in the state of Illinois," McGrath said.

McGrath is currently an executive vice president and Certified Financial Planner™ at Cozad Asset Management based in Champaign, Ill. Her work primarily involves estate and retirement planning for high net worth clients. She was a tax partner at the CPA firm McGladrey and Pullen before joining Cozad in 1985. Since then, numerous national publications including *Worth* magazine and *Medical Economics*, have named her as one of the best financial advisors in the nation.

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A dedicated community volunteer, McGrath has served as the president of the Champaign West Rotary Club, the Estate Planning Council, the Central Illinois Women's CPAs, the Executive Club of Champaign County, and the University of Illinois Quarterback Club. She has also served on the boards of the Carle Foundation Hospital, the Community Foundation of Champaign County, the local YMCA Foundation, the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce, and the United Way of Champaign County.

McGrath graduated in 1976 graduate from the University of Illinois with a bachelor's degree in accounting. She received a national honor for scoring in the top 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1 percent on the exam for certified public accountants. Her professional affiliations include membership in the American Institute of CPAs, the Illinois Society of CPAs, the Estate Planning Council, the Executive Club of Champaign County, and the Financial Planning Association.

The mission of the Hinsdale-based Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation is to improve the health of the state's children. It awards grants designed to remove geographic and financial barriers that prevent children from receiving the care they need. During the past two years the Foundation has awarded over \$11.2 million in grants across the state.

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