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**Hall of Health program awarded 2007 Richard B. Rush Outstanding Innovative Project Award**

MILWAUKEE, WI — July 11, 2007 — Health and Biomedical Science for a Diverse Community, a health education program of Hall of Health, was named the 2007 Richard B. Rush Outstanding Innovation Award winner by the National Association of Health Education Centers.

The ultimate goals of Health and Biomedical Science for a Diverse Community are to make science interesting and relevant to children who come from ethnically diverse, low socio-economic environments, to help them and their parents understand the relationship between science and health, to foster their interest in science so that they may consider future opportunities in careers related to biomedical science, and to give them information and tools to help them live healthier lives.

The primary project activity is the development of a novel, interactive biomedical science curriculum for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. In addition to the classroom activities, the project includes teacher workshops, family events, field trips to the Hall of Health, and a new exhibit at the Hall of Health on social and genetic factors in health. The curriculum-which specifically addresses minority health issues, includes four five-lesson instructional units for 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and four five-lesson instructional units for 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The students develop scientific inquiry and problem-solving skills needed to succeed in science and healthcare careers.

**About the National Association of Health Education Centers**

Established in 1989, the National Association of Health Education Centers (NAHEC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and promoting a national network of organizations that provide health education programs. With 35 member organizations in 22 states and the District of Columbia, over 3.7 million children and adults receive vital health education that empowers them to actively participate in creating healthier communities.

NAHEC Members are organizations providing up-to-date, effective and sustainable health education programs. Our *mission* is to make health education broadly accessible, up-to-date, effective, and sustainable. Our *vision* is to empower children and adults to actively participate in creating healthier communities.

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