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**HEAD OF UNIVERSITY HEALTHSYSTEM CONSORTIUM TO RECEIVE
NATIONAL HEALTHCARE AWARD**

(Washington, D.C., Jan. 14, 2015)—B'nai B'rith International is proud to announce Irene M. Thompson, Vice Chair of the Board of Managers of UHC, the Academic Medical Center (AMC) Network of VHA-UHC Alliance NewCo, Inc., recipient of the National Healthcare Award, which has recognized outstanding leaders in the health care field for more than 30 years. A gala award dinner will be held in her honor on June 22 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Chicago.

For three decades, B'nai B'rith has underscored the outstanding work of health care leaders and corporations that set the standards for health and education initiatives. The standards set by these distinguished professionals ultimately better the lives of people throughout their communities and around the world.

“Irene Thompson’s resume in the health care field is one of the most extensive I’ve encountered while bestowing this honor. Her career and community involvement are nearly unmatched by her peers. It gives me great joy to confer the National Healthcare Award on Irene,” B'nai B'rith International President Allan J. Jacobs said.

In her role as vice chair, Thompson fosters engagement in the AMC Network that facilitates and supports networking councils and meetings among academic medical center peers to further their common goal of delivering world-class patient care in the most effective and efficient manner. The UHC AMC Network facilitates knowledge exchange, discovery, and collaboration among AMCs for discipline-specific, multidisciplinary, and topic-focused groups through national meetings, events, online communities, and other resources. Thompson works closely with AMC CEOs and other leadership groups.

Prior to the UHC/VHA merger in April 2015, Thompson served as president and CEO of the University HealthSystem Consortium, which included 117 academic medical centers and nearly 330 of their affiliated hospitals, representing the nation’s leading nonprofit academic medical centers.

Thompson is a past chair of the American Heart Association Midwest Affiliate Board of Directors and a current member of the American Heart Association National Corporate Operations Committee. She also serves on the boards of directors for America’s Essential Hospitals, the Association of American Medical Colleges’ Council of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems (COTH) and the National Center for Healthcare Leadership. Previously, Thompson served as board chair for UHC and for COTH. She was president of the Kansas City, Kan., Chamber of Commerce and has served on numerous other community not-for-profit boards. In 2013 and 2007, Thompson was named one of Modern Healthcare Magazine’s Top 25 Women in Healthcare.

“With her current position at UHC working with academic medical centers and their affiliates, combined with her work at the American Heart Association and a number of other non-profits, it’s clear that Irene Thompson is truly a leader in the field of health care. Not only is her track record impressive, but the number of leaders in her field endorsing her with the announcement of this award speaks to how deserving a recipient she is,” B'nai B'rith International Executive Vice President Daniel S. Mariaschin said.

The recipients of the B'nai B'rith National Healthcare Award have shown a history of dedicated leadership and outstanding civic involvement in the health care field and in the broader community. Award winners support philanthropic causes benefiting health, youth, seniors and education programs.

Photos are available upon request.

To learn more about University HealthSystem Consortium, visit <https://www.uhc.edu/>.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Irene Thompson's distinguished career.

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