



*Kansas Hospital Human  
Resources Association*

an Allied Organization of the Kansas Hospital Association  
an affiliate of the American Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration

It is indeed an honor for me to serve as the 2008 Kansas Hospital Human Resource Association President. I hold this position in high regard and promise my best efforts to follow in the footsteps of those who have served over the past thirty years. When I think of KHHRA I immediately think of the wonderful people within this association and I am inspired to perform and fulfill the duties of this position and organization to the best of my abilities.

Last fall we celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of KHHRA. Over the past three decades we have come a very long way. We have seen many changes in our daily lives, in our profession, and every aspect of the world we live in. We've gone from communicating by telephone and memo to email, list serve via internet, texting and instant messaging, to who knows what's next? Yet, one thing in our profession has remained constant -- it's always been about people! I truly believe that human resources is one of the most rewarding and enriching professions. I cannot think of any job that affords more opportunity to help others each and every day than that of HR. Making our jobs even more meaningful, we play a vital role by providing our expertise to everyone in the healthcare industry. Yes, healthcare human resource management truly is a profound profession.

The people in KHHRA are the cream of the crop. I've never seen an organization as willing to share information and offer assistance as I've seen in the people of KHHRA. Whether it is someone needing HR advice, someone needing assistance, or someone with a personal need; you will find KHHRA members are there to help in any way possible.

As we embark on the 31<sup>st</sup> year of KHHRA let us continue to celebrate our profession and association, and let us embrace the principles on which our organization is founded:

- *Promote high standards of professional ethics, education and effectiveness in the area of human resources management through:*
- *Stimulating the exchange of information,*
- *Furthering the professional and personal development of its membership*

It is my pleasure to serve this organization in the coming year. I close with a quotation from Albert Einstein. *"Many times a day I realize how much my own life is built on the labors of my fellowmen, and how earnestly I must exert myself in order to give in return as much as I have received."*

*Ken Brown*