

SANTA FE HEALTHCARE

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SANTAFE HEALTHCARE CEO TAKES REINS OF 2012 GAINESVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Gainesville, FL – January 28, 2012 – Michael P. Gallagher, President & Chief Executive Officer of Gainesville-based SantaFe HealthCare and its Affiliates, including AvMed Health Plans, Haven Hospice, SantaFe Senior Living and SantaFe Village, is named Chairman of the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce for 2012.

As President & CEO of SantaFe HealthCare and its family of community-based, mission-driven affiliates, Gallagher oversees operations around the state focused on serving Floridians through all stages of life. SantaFe HealthCare and its Affiliates employ more than 1,900 employees statewide, over 850 of them in Gainesville.

“It is a great honor and a privilege to serve the Gainesville community,” said Gallagher recently at the annual Toast to Business event which marked the beginning of his term as chairman. “As thriving businesses build a thriving community, I will continue to pursue the Chamber’s business agenda with our local government officials, focus on future infrastructure improvements, Innovation Gainesville initiatives, economic development, and strengthening the Chamber’s programming to our members, all aimed at helping our community thrive.”
[http://gainesvillechamber.com/2012 Toast to Business.aspx](http://gainesvillechamber.com/2012	Toast%20to%20Business.aspx)

A University of Dayton graduate, Gallagher has served on the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors since 2004. He is also a member of the Florida Council of 100 and serves on the Boards of Directors of America’s Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), Florida Chamber of Commerce, Florida Chamber Foundation, Associated Industries of Florida, Gainesville Council for Economic Outreach, and past chair of United Way of North Central Florida. He is also active in various community and non-profit organizations and a member of several health insurance, hospice and senior living industry and professional organizations. Prior to moving to Florida, Gallagher was a senior executive with Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania and before that, a Partner with Coopers & Lybrand in Columbus, Ohio.

About SantaFe Healthcare and its Affiliates

Formed in the early 1980s, SantaFe HealthCare is a thriving community-based not-for-profit based in Gainesville. SantaFe operates AvMed Health Plans, [Haven Hospice](#), SantaFe Senior Living communities in Florida, which include [North Florida Retirement Village](#) in Gainesville (The Village), [Bayview Gardens](#) in Clearwater, [East Ridge Retirement Village](#) in Cutler Bay and [Terraces at Bonita Springs](#) in Bonita Springs, and SantaFe Village. For more information visit <http://www.santafehealthcarefl.org>

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