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### **SMH Development Director Internationally Certified**

PLYMOUTH, N.H---Susan Durgy, MBA, CFRE, director of development at Speare Memorial Hospital, has become a Certified Fund Raising Executive. Durgy successfully completed the application and exam process administered by CFRE International, the premiere global provider of professional certification in proficiency and practice of fund raising.

The process of becoming certified requires five years experience in fund raising, demonstrated record of fundraising success, serving in a leadership capacity on board of directors for non-profit organizations and submission of work samples. Once all criteria have been met, candidates are invited to take a four hour exam. Currently there are 38 CFREs in New Hampshire.



“I’m very proud of having achieved my CFRE,” Durgy says. “It is goal I set for myself a couple of years ago. My certification demonstrates Speare Memorial Hospital has a qualified development program and donors can be assured that their gifts will be well cared for and appropriately managed.”

Durgy also notes her certification exemplifies competence, accountability, ethics and experience in the field of fund raising. To maintain her CFRE, she must recertify every three years by documenting continuing education, practice and performance excellence and service.

Durgy is a member of the Association of Healthcare Philanthropy. She is chair of the Voices Against Violence Board of Directors and also serves on the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. She received her bachelor’s in psychology from the University of Connecticut, and her MBA in Leadership from Franklin Pierce University.

Prior to joining Speare Memorial Hospital in 2004, Durgy served as the director of two statewide programs based out of Concord: Senior Companion Program and the Senior Community Service and Employment Program. She has also worked as the supportive care coordinator for North Country Home Health in Littleton and director of a HIV/AIDS program based in Danbury, Conn.

Speare Memorial Hospital is a 24-hour, acute care, non-profit community hospital and health care provider serving Plymouth and the communities of central New Hampshire for more than a century. For more information visit online at [www1.spearehospital.com](http://www1.spearehospital.com).

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