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# Focus on Sponsorship

**H**ealth Progress is pleased to offer its readers a special section, "Sponsorship: Current Challenges and Future Directions," that is devoted to one of the Catholic health ministry's key issues. The section—which we thank Mary Katherine Grant, PhD, and Sr. Margaret Mary Kopish, ASC, Dmin, for coediting—describes the 30-year evolution of sponsorship as both concept and practice. The section's goal is not to remove all challenges or foretell the complete future of sponsorship, but rather to share current thinking on sponsorship issues and help expand the conversation about them.

This may be an apt place to note that CHA also offers an electronic resource for those who wish to join the conversation about sponsorship: the Sponsor Services section on the association's website, which can be found at [chausa.org/sponsor/sponsor.asp](http://chausa.org/sponsor/sponsor.asp). The CHA Sponsor Database lists contact information, sponsors, system affiliation, and other information about CHA members. The section also offers information on systems and their organizational structures, as well as on single-facility members. (To register for access to the members-only section of [chausa.org](http://chausa.org), go to [www.chausa.org/register.asp](http://www.chausa.org/register.asp) and complete the registration. Contact Martha Slover [314-253-3462] for assistance.)

We hope that the articles in "Sponsorship: Current Challenges and Future Directions" and the sponsorship information available on the website will prove to be useful resources as the Catholic health ministry continues to create a vision of sponsorship to serve the decades ahead.

Mark your calendars now for the joint meeting of CHA and Catholic Charities USA to celebrate the 275th anniversary of the common founding of Catholic health care and social service ministries.

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