"Leaders are the ones who keep faith with the past, keep step with the present, and keep the promise to posterity." —Harold J. Seymour

This year, the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP) honors James F. Quinn—Foundation for Morristown Medical Center, Chief Development Officer—with this prestigious award. The AHP Harold J. (Si) Seymour Award is the highest honor in the field of healthcare development. Since 1970, the AHP Si Seymour Award has been presented each year to an AHP member who has shown outstanding leadership in philanthropy. His dedication to healthcare philanthropy, commitment to excellence, a track record of raising over $245M, collegiality, and leadership set him apart as a remarkable leader who has raised the bar.

Quinn has exhibited deep loyalty and commitment to three organizations throughout his 43-year career—Montclair State University, Brakeley John Price Jones, and Atlantic Health System’s Morristown Medical Center. Quinn started in development at Montclair State University, where he served as the first graduate intern in the alumni office and started the College’s first student phone-a-thon. From there he joined Brakeley, John Price Jones, where he served as a program director for three clients: Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boy Scouts of America (Greater New York Councils), and Morristown Medical Center. His 31-year tenure as CDO at Morristown has seen the Medical Center grow from a community hospital into a 735-bed tertiary care center, winning significant national recognition. His stewardship of community leadership has contributed significantly to this excellence and reputation. The Foundation has been a pioneer in capital campaigns, strategic planning, board development, research initiatives, and adopting new technology. He never hesitates to share information with colleagues, nor does he hesitate to reach out and seek new ideas.

Quinn has led six major groundbreaking campaigns at Morristown: raising $28 million in two campaigns to build and later expand the Carol G. Simon Cancer Center, $30 million to establish the Goryeb Children’s Hospital, and $45 million to erect the Gagnon Cardiovascular Institute. He also conceived of and led Campaign 3SIXTY, an unprecedented five-year, $106 million comprehensive campaign engaging all service lines and clinical staff across the medical center. Most recently, Quinn led the $38.5 million "Growing Forward" campaign to reinforce initial investments in the Cancer, Heart, and Children’s Centers of Excellence. His efforts led to the Foundation’s recognition as an AHP High Performer in 2018.

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