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Charles A. Sanders, M.D., retired from the board of directors and was elected honorary director on November 12, 2002. A member of the board since 1987 and its chairman since 1993, Dr. Sanders provided the foundation with extraordinary leadership in a period of great change in American health care. His distinguished and long experience as a professor of medicine, academic health center chief executive, pharmaceutical company chief executive, and policy leader made him ideally suited for guiding the Fund's efforts to improve health care coverage and quality at a time of great opportunity and challenge. His broad and very practical experience in health care and his understanding of the policy process have been important assets to the Fund in developing programs affecting the public and private sectors. An attentive man, soft in voice but firm in counsel and diligence, he has led the work of the Fund's board and staff with wisdom, humor, and good judgment. Dr. Sanders was succeeded as chairman by Samuel O. Thier, M.D., who has served on the foundation's board since 1997.

Cristine Russell, a distinguished medical and science writer, was elected to the Fund's board in July 2002. She has been a special health correspondent to the *Washington Post* since 1988 and was formerly national medical/science reporter for that paper and earlier for the *Washington Star*. During her career, she has covered a wide range of health and science topics, including the war on cancer, AIDS, genetics, the environment, preventive health care, basic research, clinical medicine, government regulation, and the ethics and politics of science. She was a panelist on the Public Broadcasting System's "Washington Week in Review" from 1978 to 1994 and a member of The Commonwealth Fund Commission on Women's Health from 1993 to 1999. With her broad media experience and long-standing interest in issues addressed by the Fund's programs, Ms. Russell will undoubtedly make a significant contribution to the foundation's work.

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