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Heinz Family Philanthropies Creates New Series Of Pocket-Sized Fact Cards On Major National Issues

(NAPSA)—In an effort to provide decision-makers at the state. federal and corporate levels with the most up-to-date facts and figures on a number of major national issues, the Heinz Family Philanthropies has launched FACTS ABOUT—a series of pocketsized fact cards that will be regularly updated with the latest relevant numbers and statistics.

The three-by-five-inch laminated index cards are intended to be an essential resource for public officials, business leaders, and others who need to know the latest facts and figures and have them at their fingertips. The first in the new Facts About series— FACTS ABOUT Prescription Drugs and Seniors—lists, in single-sentence form, 10 pertinent facts related to the plight faced by Americans over age 65 and prescription drug coverage.

FACTS ABOUT Prescription Drugs and Seniors is being sent to public and private sector decision-makers as part of an educational campaign created by the Heinz Family Philanthropies and sponsored by AdvancePCS, the nation's largest health improvement company.

"This is the first in a series of FACTS ABOUT cards," said Heinz Family Philanthropies Chairman Teresa Heinz. "We will distribute cards on a variety of topics ranging from women and pensions and health care, to education and the environment. I believe if we provide decision-makers with the right information, good decisions can and will be made. The production of each card is done by the Heinz Family Philanthropies in conjunction with national experts across the U.S."

Entries on the "Prescription

Drugs and Seniors" card include facts such as:

- Nearly 1/3 of seniors (65 and older)-11 million Americanshave no prescription drug coverage.
- The number of seniors is rising-from 13 percent of the population today to 18 percent in 2030 (34 million seniors in 2000, and 70 million in 2030).
- Low-income seniors spend 40 percent of their income on prescription drugs—nearly \$3,600 for a family earning \$9,000 per year.

"We hope these fact cards will motivate thoughtful legislative action to alleviate the problem," said Andrew Garling, M.D., AdvancePCS senior vice president and chief medical officer. "Too many seniors are having to make dire decisions between buying food and prescription drugs. We don't believe the older generation should have to make such choices."

"At the heart of this crisis." said Jeffrey Lewis, Executive Director of the Heinz Family Philanthropies, "is the fact that far too many decision-makers simply do not understand the peril facing elderly Americans. As the costs of prescription drugs continue to skyrocket, more and more seniors will end up prematurely and unnecessarily in a nursing home. These are decisions that no one should have to make."

This first card topic was chosen because prescription drug coverage for seniors was of particular interest to the late United States Senator John Heinz (R-Pa.). In 1987, he successfully led a bipartisan effort with Senator George Mitchell (D-Maine) and others to include a prescription drug benefit under Medicare. Congress later repealed that bill before the prescription drug benefit began.

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About the Heinz Family Philanthropies

The Heinz Family Philanthropies (HFP) are a group of foundations and funds associated with the Heinz family. HFP shares a tradition of thoughtful and enterprising philanthropy that dates back to Henry J. Heinz, the founder of the company that bears his name. H.J. Heinz once described his mission as "to do a common thing uncommonly well." The various Heinz Family Philanthropies have always taken this mission to heart. Its foundations are uniquely positioned to advance the search for solutions to the compelling challenges of our times, and its goal is to do this thoughtfully and well.

About AdvancePCS

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