GIA CEO John Feather Receives 2015 ASA Award at American Society on Aging National Meeting

Award recognizes Feather’s outstanding contributions to the field of aging over three decades

March 23, 2015 – (Chicago, IL) -- John Feather, PhD, Chief Executive Officer of Grantmakers in Aging (GIA), today received the 2015 ASA Award from the American Society on Aging (ASA). The award is presented to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to aging-related research, administration or advocacy, and is intended to create visibility for the field of aging.

Feather was selected for his contributions to aging-related service, including the impact his work has had on national policy or programs, and his professional reputation as a leader on aging issues. He was presented the award at the opening general session of the 2015 Aging in America Conference in Chicago on March 23, 2015.

“I am grateful to ASA not only for this award, but for all the wonderful work they do on behalf of the dedicated professionals seeking to improve the quality of life for older adults and their families,” Feather said. “The ASA Award truly reflects the contributions of so many outstanding leaders in the field, so many of whom I have had the privilege of working with throughout my career.”

Feather has been CEO of GIA, a national association of grantmaking foundations and other organizations that work to improve the lives of older adults, since 2012. Prior to his work at GIA, Feather was executive director and CEO of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists. Until 2002, he directed AARP’s research and education charity, the AARP Andrus Foundation. Feather also has served at the State University of New York at Buffalo, directing the Primary Care Resource Center and the Western New York Geriatric Education Center.

Feather is a past chair of ASA’s board of directors, past treasurer of the National Hispanic Council on Aging, and a former officer or board member of 12 other national nonprofits.

ASA’s 5,000 members represent a wide range of settings and professional disciplines, including practitioners, educators, administrators, policymakers, business people, researchers, and students. The organization offers professional education, outstanding publications, and online information and training resources that are nationally recognized.
About Grantmakers In Aging
Grantmakers In Aging (GIA) is an inclusive and responsive membership organization that is a national catalyst for philanthropy, with a common dedication to improving the experience of aging. GIA members have a shared recognition that a society that is better for older adults is a society that is better for people of all ages. For more information, please visit www.GIAging.org.

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