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### **AOTF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RETIRE IN 2015**

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Bethesda, Maryland – Dr. Charles Christiansen, Executive Director of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation (AOTF), has announced that he will retire from his leadership role in 2015. He has served as Executive Director since March 2008.

In his announcement to the board of directors, Christiansen observed that the American Occupational Therapy Foundation, set to celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year, is now well positioned to advance the science of occupational therapy through its research funding and capacity-building efforts. He noted further, “I accepted a leadership role at AOTF to contribute to the organization’s fine history of service to the occupational therapy profession and the people it serves. I hope to continue to support AOTF’s mission as a donor and volunteer well beyond 2015.”

President Diana Ramsay, released the following statement on behalf of the board, “The AOTF board of directors is deeply appreciative of the foresight exhibited by Dr. Christiansen in making his advance announcement, which enables us to conduct a thorough search to find a qualified successor and plan a smooth transition. During his tenure, Dr. Christiansen has capably and wisely led the Foundation through a major period of change, achieving many important milestones that provide a solid springboard for the future and a fitting legacy for a leader of his stature. It has been a great privilege and inspiration for me to work with such a distinguished, honorable, and passionate occupational therapy leader. We will provide further information about this important transition with our other 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary announcements.”

The American Occupational Therapy Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable, scientific and educational organization headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland. Founded in 1965, its mission is to advance the science of occupational therapy to support people’s full participation in meaningful life activities. To learn more about AOTF, visit us at [www.aotf.org](http://www.aotf.org).