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### **AOTF Development Director Resigns**

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Bethesda, Maryland – Pamela Spears, FAHP, CFRE, APR, the Director of Development of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation (AOTF), has resigned effective May 31, 2013 to pursue other opportunities. Spears, who also holds the title of Associate Executive Director for Advancement, has served as AOTF's chief fundraising officer since May, 2011.

In announcing this change, Dr. Charles Christiansen, Executive Director of the AOTF, commented, "The Foundation has benefited significantly from Pam Spears' efforts over the past two years. Her work has helped us clarify our goals and plan our strategies in this vital aspect of the Foundation's operations."

During her tenure, Ms. Spears helped launch a new board committee focused on fundraising and worked with state organizations and individuals to create new scholarship endowments. As a key event planner, her work was important to the success of foundation fundraising efforts at annual conferences and in producing the Foundation's new annual report.

The American Occupational Therapy Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) charitable, scientific and educational organization established in 1965. Its mission is to advance research, education, and leadership in the field of occupational therapy and to raise public awareness of the importance of enabling individuals to participate fully in life regardless of their physical, social, mental, or developmental circumstances.

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