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**HEFREN-TILLOTSON SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT  
TO RECEIVE ACHIEVA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

**Darren Hucko to be honored for his financial planning  
work supporting the special needs community**

**PITTSBURGH** – Achieva, a nonprofit organization providing comprehensive services and support to thousands of people with disabilities and their families each year, has recognized the achievements of Darren Hucko, Hefren-Tillotson, Inc. Senior Vice President, for providing support through research, outreach and financial planning for families in the special needs community.

Hucko will receive Achieva's Excellence in Professional Services Award. He will join 11 other individuals and organizations whom have supported the special needs community and exemplify Achieva's mission to advocate for, empower, and support people with disabilities and their families throughout their lives.

"I am grateful to be receiving Achieva's Excellence in Professional Services Award," said Hucko. "It is an honor to be recognized by an organization such as theirs. I am fortunate to be able to work alongside so many passionate and genuine people at Achieva. After receiving a financial planning grant, Hefren-Tillotson and Achieva worked together to present special needs planning educational workshops and offered pro bono family planning sessions throughout Pittsburgh to dozens of families seeking guidance. Following this grant, our organizations have continued to

work together through various meaningful engagements. They [Achieva] have a true passion for what they do and Pittsburgh is fortunate to have them here making an impact in our community.”

All 12 Achieva awardees will be honored during a virtual ceremony on Monday, December 13.

Hucko has been a member of the Hefren-Tillotson team since 2007. Early in his career he worked as a senior member within Hefren-Tillotson’s Financial Planning Department where he provided in-depth financial analysis and research for thousands of clients before ever sitting down with one of his own.

Much of Hucko’s time is spent with hard-working families nearing retirement and those already happily retired. His focus is to provide clients comprehensive financial planning – with an emphasis on wealth management, income planning, and estate planning.

After joining Hefren-Tillotson, Hucko became a Certified Financial Planner (CFP®) and later obtained the Retirement Income Certified Professional (RICP®) designation, which enables him to further specialize in developing comprehensive financial planning strategies for his clients.

Hucko has appeared as a financial expert on KDKA TV’s *Pittsburgh Today Live* and can periodically be heard on the weekly *Your Money & You* program on KDKA Radio.

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Hefren-Tillotson Inc., is a leading diversified financial services firm providing investment and retirement plan management and comprehensive, financial planning through MASTERPLAN® for individuals and businesses. The firm’s wealth management services are administered by Certified Financial Planner (CFP) professionals, Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Charter holders, attorneys, Chartered Life Underwriters, and CPA/PFS’s. Hefren-Tillotson offers corporate services including 401 (k) retirement planning, executive financial counseling, fiduciary reviews and workplace financial planning seminars. Founded in 1948, the firm is headquartered in Pittsburgh and has offices located in Pittsburgh, Butler, Greensburg, North Hills, and South Hills. Member SIPC.

## **About Achieva**

ACHIEVA is a non-profit organization located in southwestern Pennsylvania providing lifelong supports to people with disabilities and their families. ACHIEVA envisions a community where all people with disabilities lead lives of personal significance. Our services range from early intervention therapies and employment supports to special needs trusts and supports in the home and community. ACHIEVA advocates for, empowers, and supports people with disabilities and their families throughout their lives.