

**VNA Health Systems**  
**2010 Annual Meeting & Community Awards Event**  
**Monday, November 15, 2010**

**Congratulations to the honorees of our 2010 Partnership Awards!**

**Community Partnership Award**

Bethel-El Center & United Way of Milford

**Homecare Partnership Award**

Active Healing Solutions, A Division of Kinetic Concepts

**Media Partnership Award**

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**President's Award**

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**Board Volunteer of the Year**

Robert Motley, Chairman, CareSource Board of Directors

Cushman & Wakefield of CT, Inc.

## **Community Partnership Award**

*Beth-El Center and United Way of Milford*



*Gary Johnson (left), President of United Way of Milford, and Toni Dolan (right), Executive Director of the Beth-El Center, accept the Community Partnership Award from John Quinn, President & CEO of VNA Health Systems.*

The 2010 Community Partnership Award is given to an individual or organization who, through their efforts, has enabled VNA Health Systems to expand the scope of home and community care for the betterment of the region that we serve. The United Way of Milford, through the leadership and support of its president Gary Johnson, has demonstrated a significant belief in the value of our organization through continued financial support of programs that allow us to expand our home care services for Milford residents who have the greatest need. The Beth-El Center of Milford takes care of those in need by feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, and seeking to prevent homelessness. They are guided by the belief that housing for the homeless must provide shelter for the spirit as well as the body. Grant funding from the United Way of Milford allows the VNA/SCC nursing staff to provide individuals who reside at Beth-El Center with access to timely health care assessment, and, if necessary, clinical care, medical supplies/equipment and linkage to appropriate community health services. Toni Dolan, Executive Director of Beth El Center, a true community partner, has helped us to redefine the “home” in home care by collaborating with us through the development and implementation of the program at the Beth-El Center. Thank you to the United Way of Milford and the Beth-El Center for being our community partners.

## **Homecare Partnership Award**

*Active Healing Solutions (KCI)*



*Anne Dube (left) and Carole Morrissey(right) of Active Healing Solutions, A Division of Kinetic Concepts receive the Homecare Partnership Award from Carla Giugno (center), Vice President of Clinical Services for the VNA of South Central CT.*

The 2010 Homecare Partnership Award is given to an individual or organization whose efforts result in home care patients having access to and receiving the highest level of care possible. Each year we recognize a partner in the community that has been a key player in providing the best possible outcome for our clients. Since the improper care of wounds can lead to long, costly hospital stays and re-hospitalizations due to wound infections, KCI and the VNA/SCC have partnered together to develop a program to improve the outcomes of our Wound Care clients. As our partner in healing, KCI developed the Ready VAC program; providing an in-house wound vac unit that is available as soon as the need is identified. In other words, the wound vac is available for our clients as soon as they arrive home from the hospital. In the past, it could take days to get the wound vac to the client. Additionally, KCI worked with our Wound Care Specialist and clinicians to develop a comprehensive analysis of how VAC Therapy works. Currently, KCI is partnering with the VNA/SCC to pilot a program to service Title 19 clients with wound vacs. In addition to serving as our partner in improving clinical outcomes and enhancing the quality of life of our clients, KCI continues to provide superb clinical nursing support.

## **Media Partnership Award**

*Connecticut Nurses' Association*



*Polly Barey (center) and Steve Starger (right), Co-Editors of Connecticut Nursing News, accept the Media Partnership Award on behalf of the Connecticut Nurses' Association. They are pictured here with Ellen Beatty (left), Chairperson of VNA Health Systems' Board of Directors.*

The 2010 Media Partnership Award highlights the vital role that the media has in delivering our news to the public. This year the Connecticut Nurses' Association is receiving the award for their coverage of the Nightingale Awards for Excellence in Nursing in their publication of Connecticut Nursing News. Since 2005, Connecticut Nursing News has graciously been an in-kind media sponsor, providing extensive in-depth coverage of the Nightingale awards celebrations and the nurses that are honored. This past year, there were several feature stories of nurse honorees, as well as photos and event highlights. Additionally, Connecticut Nursing News published complete lists of the honorees from all four celebrations. The staff of Connecticut Nursing News helps us to achieve the goals of Nightingale, which include focusing public attention and recognizing the breadth and scope of nursing practice at the local level through the electronic distribution of their newsletter to 25,000 nurses across the state as well as legislators. We thank the staff of Connecticut Nursing News for their talent and their interest in promoting the Nightingale Awards for Excellence in Nursing. We look forward to a continued media partnership with the Connecticut's Nurses' Association.

## **President's Award**

*Grace Jenq, MD*

*Yale-New Haven Hospital*



*Grace Jenq, MD of Yale-New Haven Hospital accepts the President's Award from John R. Quinn, President & CEO of VNA Health Systems.*

The President's Award goes to an organization or individual that has truly stood out in their contribution to the mission of the Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut. The 2010 President's Award is presented to Grace Jenq, MD of Yale-New Haven Hospital, Assistant Professor Section of Geriatric Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine at Yale School of Medicine and Medical Director of Inpatient Medicine, Yale-New Haven Hospital. Dr. Jenq was a key collaborator in a recent grant proposal that focuses on implementing a proven, patient-centered transition program for Yale-New Haven Hospital patients that are discharged with a diagnosis of Congestive Heart Failure. The VNA recently received the news that, based on this proposal, they have been awarded a three-year grant in the amount of \$276,000 from The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven. The goals of this grant are to reduce preventable hospital readmissions, improve patient satisfaction with the transition from hospital to home and to improve patients' ability to manage their care effectively and independently at home. The VNA of South Central CT is honored to collaborate with such a patient-centered physician, one who cares not only about what happens to the patient while they're in the hospital, but equally concerned about the care of the patient who is discharged to home. We appreciate Dr. Jenq's commitment to our patients and value her partnership.

## **Volunteer Partnership Award**

### *The Eastern Bag & Paper Group*



*Bobbie McDermott of Eastern Bag & Paper Group accepts the Volunteer Partnership Award from Pam Lorenzo, Program Manager and Clinical Supervisor of the VNA's Nurturing Families Network.*

The Volunteer Partnership Award is intended to recognize an organization whose voluntary commitment to the Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut is noteworthy as being above and beyond what could normally be expected of an organization. The 2010 Volunteer Partnership is awarded to The Eastern Bag & Paper Group. Over the past three years, the Eastern Bag & Paper group has donated to The VNA of South Central Connecticut's Nurturing Families Network program, which provides pre-natal support and parent education to first time parents. Last year, under the coordination of Bobbie McDermott, employees of Eastern Bag & Paper Group so generously donated 100 holiday gifts to 50 children who are in the NFN program. Employees of the Eastern Bag & Paper group have truly gone above and beyond to ensure that children in our program have holiday presents – they make the holidays possible for many kids who would otherwise not have any presents. We at the VNA thank The Eastern Bag & Paper Group for being a community partner.

## **Board Volunteer of the Year Award**

*Robert Motley, Chair*

*CareSource Board of Directors*



*Bob Motley, Vice Chairman of the VNA Health Systems' Board of Directors and Chairman of the CareSource Board of Directors, receives the Board Volunteer of the Year Award from Ellen Beatty, Chairperson of the VNA Health Systems' Board of Directors.*

The Board Volunteer of the Year Award honors an individual whose commitment to one of our Boards of Directors truly exceeds expectations. Bob Motley, Vice Chairman of the VNA Health Systems Boards and Chairman of the *CareSource* Board, is most deserving of our 2010 Board Volunteer of the Year Award. The board members of VNA Health Systems appreciate his guidance, judgment, and active involvement in fulfilling the Board's responsibility to set policy and be fiscally prudent. As Vice Chairman of the VNA Health Systems and VNA of South Central CT, Bob helps the volunteer boards conduct their business and gives valuable assistance to guide the management team and to meet the organization's mission. As *CareSource* Chairman, Bob's contribution of time and sharing of his business acumen has helped steer that agency into a course of future growth by revamping key operational functions. *CareSource* can now better serve the private duty patients with competitive pricing and clear distinction of our quality homemakers, companions and live in aid services. We thank Bob for dedicating so much of his time and energy to the VNA and *CareSource* Boards.