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## News Release

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### **Cheshire Resident Marilyn Burlenski Honored with VNA Health Systems' Volunteer Partnership Award**

New Haven, CT (October 28, 2009) – VNA Health Systems' presented its Volunteer Partnership Award to Cheshire resident Marilyn Burlenski at its Annual Meeting, which was held on Mon., Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> at Sage American Grill in New Haven.

VNA Health Systems is the parent company of the Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut (VNA/SCC) and CareSource.

The Volunteer Partnership Award recognizes an individual whose voluntary commitment to the organization is noteworthy as being above and beyond what could normally be expected of an individual.

“With the frenetic pace at which most of us lead our lives, it is a great fortune to find someone who can give of their time so freely, because they believe passionately in a cause or mission,” said Bob Motley, Vice Chair of the VNA Health Systems board and Chair of the CareSource Board. “Marilyn has been an employee, VNA/SCC board member and now a CareSource board member. Her dedication is

exemplary. Her knowledge of health care and our industry is vast. And her value to our organizations has been incalculable.”

Commission J. Robert Galvin, M.D. of the Connecticut Department of Health served as the keynote speaker. Other award recipients included: The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven which received the Community Partnership Award; Kathleen Tynan-McKiernan, RN, MSN of Yale-New Haven Hospital who received the Homecare Partnership Award; Clear Channel Radio which received the Media Partnership Award; and United Way of Greater New Haven which received the President’s Award.

### **About VNA Health Systems**

VNA Health Systems is comprised of the Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut (VNA/SCC) and CareSource, Inc.

Founded in 1904, the VNA/SCC, the original VNA of New Haven, Milford and the Valley, is a state licensed, non-profit, community based home health care agency. The VNA/SCC staff consists of highly skilled nurses, therapists, medical social workers and home health aides. A vital resource to the communities it serves, the VNA/SCC provides a wide range of specialized clinical services, community programs, the Nurturing Families Network and subsidized care to those who are in need. The agency employs over 240 staff members, has an average daily census of over 1,000 patients and makes over 150,000 home visits per year. The agency is the founder of the *Nightingale Awards for Excellence in Nursing*. The VNA/SCC is supported in part by The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven, local United Way organizations, corporate sponsors and individual donors.

CareSource strives to maximize the quality of life for its clients and their caregivers in the home and health care settings. Their services include private duty nursing, homemakers, companions and live-in home health aides. Both VNA/SCC and CareSource are CHAP (Community Health Accreditation Program) accredited. To learn more about the organizations, log onto [www.vnascc.org](http://www.vnascc.org) or [www.caresourceinc.org](http://www.caresourceinc.org). To view quality information about VNA/SCC, as reported by Medicare, log onto [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) and click on the link: Compare Home Care Agencies.

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