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Wallingford Resident Kathleen Tynan-McKiernan, RN, MSN Honored with VNA Health Systems' Homecare Partnership Award

New Haven, CT (October 28, 2009) – VNA Health Systems presented its Homecare Partnership Award to Kathleen Tynan-McKiernan, RN, BSN, Associate Director of Clinical Effectiveness at Yale-New Haven Hospital, at its Annual Meeting, which was held on Mon., Oct. 26th 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.

This award is given to an individual whose efforts result in home care patients having access to and receiving the highest level of care possible.

“Kathleen has been a true advocate for the patients of Yale-New Haven Hospital who can benefit from home care. She is remarkable for the lengths that she goes through to ensure a free flow of information between the hospital and the VNA/SCC, ensuring that patient transitions from the hospital to the home are seamless,” Andrew Eaves, VNA/SCC’s Vice President of Marketing & Development, said.

“Additionally, Kathy advocates on behalf of our organization to ensure that funding is available to the VNA/SCC to provide care to the uninsured.”

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; Clear Channel Radio which received the Media Partnership Award; United Way of Greater New Haven which received the President’s Award; and Marilyn Burlenski who received the Volunteer Partnership 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 or www.caresourceinc.org. To view quality information about VNA/SCC, as reported by Medicare, log onto www.medicare.gov and click on the link: Compare Home Care Agencies.

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