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Two New Haven Non-Profits Honored by VNA Health Systems

The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven Honored with VNA Health Systems' Community Partnership Award & United Way of Greater New Haven Honored with VNA Health Systems' President's Award

New Haven, CT (October 28, 2009) – VNA Health Systems presented its Community Partnership Award to the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven and presented its President's Award to United Way of Greater New Haven 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.

The Community Partnership Award is given to an individual or organization who, through their efforts, has enabled the VNA/SCC expand the scope of home and community care for the betterment of communities it serves.

Angela Powers, Senior Vice President for Development, Stewardship, & Donor Services accepted the award on behalf of The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven.

“During the last year, The Community Foundation for Greater Haven has demonstrated a significant belief in the value of the VNA/SCC, which was shown through their financial support of our newly created role of Director of Community Health & Wellness,” Dr. Ellen Russell Beatty, Chairperson of VNA Health Systems said. “As a result of their funding, hundreds of individuals and numerous organizations have had the benefit of receiving Fall Prevention and health Literacy seminars.”

The funding was also used for the VNA/SCC’s innovative Carelink program, which provides elderly residents the opportunity to be partnered with student nurses from the Yale School of Nursing and Southern Connecticut State University School of Nursing.

The President’s Award honors an organization or individual that has stood out in their contribution toward the mission of VNA/SCC. Jack Healy, President & Chief Executive Officer, accepted the award on behalf of United Way of Greater New Haven.

“The continued financial support that the United Way of Greater New Haven has provided to our Subsidized Care Program is remarkable. During this year of significant funding constraints, the United Way was challenged with selecting projects that they felt had the greatest likelihood for success and a positive impact on the community and fortunately they selected VNA/SCC’s Subsidized Care Program, which serves the uninsured in our community,” John R. Quinn, President & CEO of VNA Health Systems, said. “We appreciate this recognition, as we believe that it captures the true essence of the value of home health care.”

Commission J. Robert Galvin, M.D. of the Connecticut Department of Health served as the keynote speaker. Other award recipients included: 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 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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