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VNA of South Central CT Seeks Applicants for Certified Nurse's Aide Training Program – *Applications and Testing on Fri., March 11 and Mon., March 14*

New Haven, CT (March 9, 2011) – [The Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut \(VNA/SCC\)](http://www.vnascc.org) (www.vnascc.org), is seeking applicants for its Certified Nurse's Aide (CNA) Training Program. Applications and testing will take place at the VNA/SCC headquarters at One Long Wharf Drive, Fifth Floor in New Haven on Fri., March 11 from 9am until Noon and Mon., March 14 from 9am until 2pm. For qualified applicants, the four week training course will begin at the end of April.

The VNA/SCC's CNA training course, which has a concentration in home care, will include 76 hours of class time and 24 hours of field experience at Hamden Health Care Center, with additional field experience in the home setting. Classes will be held at Gateway Community College and will be taught by VNA/SCC's Beverly Tontini, RN, Recruiter, and Louise Lind, MHSA, RN, Home Health Aide Supervisor. Upon completion of the course, students will need to pass the state exam in order to receive certification. Limited scholarships are available for bilingual applicants. This is the second of four course offerings.

“Our CNA training program is unique two ways. It has a distinct focus on home health care, preparing trainees for possible employment opportunities with agencies like the VNA/SCC or its private duty affiliate, CareSource,” John R. Quinn, president & CEO of VNA Health Systems, said. “And, due to generous grant funding from [The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven](http://www.communityfoundationfornewhaven.org), our CNA training program offers members of the New Haven community a low-cost education that will elevate their ability to find meaningful employment while satisfying a growing health care need.”

Funding for this program is made by possible through the Jennie C. Bronson, Anne Hope Bennett and William & Barbara Hoblitzelle funds at The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven. Each fund was established by bequest with a preference for distributions to be used for various health services. Since 1928, donors to The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven have built the community's endowment of 700 named funds valued at approximately \$280 million. For more information about the work of The Community Foundation visit www.cfgnh.org.

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 230 staff members, has an average daily census of over 1,000 patients and makes over 170,000 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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