



## News Release

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For Immediate Release

### **First Niagara Donates \$20,000 to VNA of South Central CT Subsidized Care Program**

*Grant Funding Provides Home Health Care for Greater New Haven's Underinsured*

New Haven (January 31, 2012) – John R. Quinn, President & CEO of the [Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut](#) (VNA/SCC), recently announced that VNA/SCC was awarded a \$20,000 grant from [First Niagara Risk Management](#) to provide home health care to Greater New Haven's underinsured.

Through the VNA/SCC's Subsidized Care Program, home health services are provided to Greater New Haven residents who are uninsured or underinsured. Home health care visits include nursing care, rehabilitative therapies, wound care, and social work. This generous funding from First Niagara will enable the VNA/SCC to provide over 150 home care visits to those who would otherwise lack necessary treatment.

“First Niagara is helping our VNA fill a large gap this year,” John R. Quinn, President & CEO of the VNA/SCC. “Due to the state of the economy, like other non-profits, we received less philanthropic support this fiscal year, yet there is a greater need than ever to provide services to the underinsured. First Niagara recognized the serious need to fill this gap and offered

overwhelmingly generous financial support, living up to their mission of being a genuine neighbor of choice.”

“First Niagara is committed to supporting organizations that help our community thrive,” said Bruce Rogers, Regional Director of Pierson & Smith, a Division of First Niagara Risk Management. “Pierson & Smith has enjoyed a long-standing partnership of support with the Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut, and we are proud to continue to broaden that relationship now that we are a part of First Niagara.”

### **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, which is 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, through United Way funding, 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. To learn more about the VNA/SCC visit [www.vnascc.org](http://www.vnascc.org).

*CareSource* strives to maximize the quality of life for its clients and their caregivers in the home and health care settings. Their services include homemakers, companions and live-in aides. To learn more about *CareSource* visit [www.caresourceinc.org](http://www.caresourceinc.org).

## About First Niagara and Pierson & Smith

First Niagara through its wholly owned subsidiary, First Niagara Bank, N.A., is a multi-state community-oriented bank that currently has \$31 billion in assets, \$19 billion in deposits, 346 branches and 5,000 employees providing financial services to individuals, families, and businesses across Upstate New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Massachusetts. Pierson & Smith, located in Norwalk, CT is a division of First Niagara Risk Management, and provides insurance brokerage, consulting, and third party administration to corporate and individual clients. First Niagara Risk Management is one of the 40 largest insurance brokerages and ninth-largest bank-owned insurance agency in the U.S. For more information, visit [www.fnfg.com](http://www.fnfg.com).



*Caption (from left to right): David Ring, President - New England Region and Head of Enterprise Banking at First Niagara Bank; John R. Quinn, President & CEO – Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut; and Bruce Rogers Regional Director of Pierson & Smith, a Division of First Niagara Risk Management.*

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