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Carla celebrates with colleagues at Business New Haven's Healthcare Heroes Awards dinner. Pictured left to right: Phil Noto, Tonia Holland, Melissa Gordon, Carla Giugno, Margaret Firla, Kim Lacey, Bob Grestini, David Aivano, and John R. Quinn.

VNA of South Central CT's Carla Giugno Honored as Healthcare Hero

New Haven, CT (January 4, 2011) – The Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut's (VNA/SCC) Carla Giugno, RN, BSN was recently honored as one of *Business New Haven's* Healthcare Heroes. One of twelve esteemed honorees, Giugno, an Old Saybrook resident, received the Health Care Professional Award.

“Having served the VNA/SCC for 31 years, Giugno was more than deserving of the prestigious award,” said John R. Quinn, President & CEO of VNA Health Systems. During her first 15 years, Giugno worked as a primary care nurse. Then she moved into a management position, serving as Assistant Director and subsequently Director before assuming her current role as Vice President Clinical Services and Administrator.

“Carla has made a positive impact on our agency’s ability to provide quality, compassionate care in the home while defining the boundaries of home health care. She has been a vital component in the positive change the VNA/SCC has made in its delivery of care,” Quinn said. “Her leadership skills have made our agency the provider of choice for home care service in our area.”

Upon accepting her award, Giugno noted that home care has taught her so much about life and people. "There is nothing like home care. You work independently, you learn to navigate the system; and you are, sometimes, the only advocate for your clients," she said.

Giugno is proud to work for the VNA/SCC. "I am blessed to have such knowledgeable staff and have worked with many of my management staff for 15-29 years." She is grateful for her family who "keep her life focused."

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, 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.

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. Both VNA/SCC and *CareSource* are CHAP (Community Health Accreditation Program) accredited. To learn more about the organizations, visit www.vnascc.org or www.caresourceinc.org.

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