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VNA of South Central CT Receives United Way Funding to Provide Health Care Assessments to Beth-El Center Residents

New Haven, CT (May 18, 2010) – John R. Quinn, President & CEO of VNA Health Systems, announced today that the Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut (VNA/SCC), the original Milford VNA, will be able to provide necessary health care assessments and services to residents of Milford’s Beth-El Center thanks to a generous \$8,000 grant provided by the United Way of Milford.

The grant funding will allow the VNA/SCC’s nursing staff to provide individuals who reside at the Beth-El Center with access to timely health care assessment and, if necessary, clinical care, medical supplies/equipment and linkage to appropriate community health services.

“We thank Gary Johnson and the Milford United Way for their support of this vital initiative with the Beth-El Center,” Quinn said. “It is our hope that, through collaboration with the Milford United Way and the Beth-El Center, we can make a positive impact on a vulnerable population, which is a long-standing part of our mission.”

Toni Dolan, Executive Director of the Beth-El Center, said “This grant will also help reduce the number of incidences in which the shelter staff are compelled to call emergency medical personnel due to the absence of a routine assessment or prior identification of a health issue, ultimately reducing unnecessary health care costs associated with emergency medical calls.”

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.

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