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## **VNA Health Systems Names New President & CEO to Lead Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut and CareSource, Inc.**

After an extensive search involving many talented candidates, it has been announced that on January 5, 2009 John R. Quinn will join VNA Health Systems, Inc. as its new President & CEO. In this capacity, he will oversee the day-to-day operations of both the New Haven, CT based Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut (VNA/SCC) and the Orange, CT based CareSource, Inc, which is the private duty care affiliate of VNA/SCC.

Mr. Quinn is a seasoned executive leader in the non-profit community, having served 26 years as the CEO of Easter Seals Connecticut. Prior to that, he had 8 years experience leading Fairfield Community Services and several years experience as an elected State Representative in Connecticut.

Dr. Ellen Russell Beatty, VNA Health Systems Board Chair commented, “John’s wealth of experience, demonstrated leadership and personal motivation will make him a valuable addition to VNA Health Systems. Over the last two years, our organization has undergone a significant operational restructuring and financial turnaround and we are ready to build upon this to meet the challenges that today’s health care environment poses. We are very pleased to have found a candidate of John’s caliber and look forward to the proven leadership that he will bring to our two agencies.”

Under John’s leadership, the Easter Seals organization evolved dramatically. His leadership resulted in growth from \$1.7M to \$13.8M and an unparalleled increase in program delivery. During this time, their Birth

to Three program provided the state's largest home based early childhood intervention services through physical, occupational and speech therapy and other disciplines. As CEO, John demonstrated tireless energy and commitment to the mission of the organization and worked closely with the Board to maintain a positive and effective brand name.

“We are very excited about John coming on board and are confident that he is capable of perpetuating our mission in the community. In preparing for his arrival, I cannot say enough about the effort and accomplishments that the VNA/SCC and CareSource staff have demonstrated during our search process. Our board is especially grateful to Margaret Firla, who for over nine months has served as the Interim President and CEO. She has ensured that our progress was maintained and that a new President and CEO would take over a smoothly functioning operation,” continued Dr. Beatty.

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 they serve, 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, has an average daily census of over 1,000 patients and makes over 150,000 home visits per year. They are supported in part by 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. They also have the specialty programs: CareSource Baby and Geriatric Care Management.

Both VNA/SCC and CareSource are CHAP (Community Health Accreditation Program) accredited.

To learn more about the organizations, log onto [www.vnascc.org](http://www.vnascc.org) or [www.caresourceinc.org](http://www.caresourceinc.org).

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