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Branford Resident Honored with TEAM Award

New Haven, CT (November 23, 2011) – John R. Quinn, President and CEO of The Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut (VNA/SCC), recently announced that Pam Lorenzo, who serves as the Program Manager for the VNA/SCC’s Nurturing Families Network program, was presented with the *Lillian Chrostowski Award* from TEAM (Training, Education, and Manpower); a community action agency located in Derby, Conn.

“Pam is most deserving of the *Lillian Chrostowski Award*. Her commitment to the well-being of children and families certainly extends from her role at our agency. She’s extremely devoted to the Valley community,” Quinn said.

The award recognizes those in the community who have demonstrated outstanding service and who show a strong commitment to his/her work. According to TEAM, Lorenzo’s work at the VNA/SCC exceeds normal workplace expectations, and she makes a profound, positive effect on the community. The award is named after Lillian Chrostowski, a former TEAM employee who

is recognized as a social service professional. The award includes a \$150 stipend to be donated to a nonprofit organization of Lorenzo's choice, which she donated to the VNA/SCC. Lorenzo received the award at TEAM's annual meeting.

Lorenzo, a Branford resident, has worked for the VNA/SCC for nearly sixteen years. She received her undergraduate degree from Albertus Magnus College and earned her graduate degree and Master of Social Work from Southern Connecticut State University.

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.

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