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Members of the VNA Health Systems team congratulate Pam on winning the Lewis Savitsky Staff Excellence Award. Pictured left to right: John R. Quinn, Tonia Holland, Pam Lorenzo, Phil Noto, Carla Giugno, Melissa Gordon, and David Aivano.

VNA of South Central CT's Pam Lorenzo Honored with Valley Council for Health and Human Services' Staff Excellence Award

New Haven, CT (January 4, 2011) – The Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut's (VNA/SCC) Pamela Lorenzo, Program Manager and Clinical Supervisor for VNA/SCC's Nurturing Families Network, was recently awarded with The Valley Council for Health and Human Services' Lewis Savitsky's Staff Excellence Award.

The award is given to an individual for extraordinary service as an employee in the non-profit community who has had a positive impact on the quality of life of residents in the lower Naugatuck Valley. According to The Valley Council for Health and Human Services, the award recognizes Pam's tremendous professional contributions to the VNA/SCC as well as her dedication in the role as Chair of the Valley Council's Early Childhood Taskforce.

In commenting on Pam's impact on the VNA/SCC, John R. Quinn, President & CEO of VNA Health Systems said, "Pam is an outstanding professional employee of the VNA/SCC and advances our mission daily by her active role in managing the Nurturing Families Network for our region. She is a dedicated health care advocate for children and families and is a strong voice in the legislative process for preserving and expanding these services statewide. I am proud to have her on our VNA leadership team."

Lorenzo, a Branford resident, has worked for the VNA/SCC for fifteen 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, 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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