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### **VNA of South Central CT Helps Valley-Area Seniors Manage Chronic Conditions**

*The Valley United Way Provides Grant Funding for VNA/SCC's Carelink Program*

New Haven, CT (March 24, 2010) – [The Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut](http://www.vnascc.org) (VNA/SCC) ([www.vnascc.org](http://www.vnascc.org)) will be able to help Valley-area seniors manage their chronic conditions thanks to a \$4,900 grant from the [Valley United Way](http://www.valleyunitedway.org) ([www.valleyunitedway.org](http://www.valleyunitedway.org)).

The VNA/SCC's Carelink program promotes self care for older adults and empowers them to increase and/or maintain a healthful quality of life while managing their chronic conditions. Carelink, which is free to participants, provides long-term care and follow up to patients who need assistance in the management of their chronic conditions when they are no longer eligible for compensated care through federal, state or private insurance payors. The VNA/SCC partners with area nursing schools to provide health maintenance care to the Carelink participants.

“We thank the Valley United Way for their support of this valuable community program, which allows us to continue our mission of providing community based health and wellness initiatives in the Lower Naugatuck Valley,” said John R. Quinn, President & CEO of VNA Health Systems.

The VNA/SCC was one of fourteen recipients of the Valley United Way's Special Needs Grants, which are designed to meet emerging community needs. Jack Walsh, President and C.O.O of the Valley United Way said, “We had more applications than ever before for funding this year, which reflects the current state of the economy. The grants will have an impact on issues ranging from children's issues to senior citizens.”

## **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 240 staff members, has an average daily census of over 1,000 patients and makes over 150,000 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](http://www.vnascc.org) or [www.caresourceinc.org](http://www.caresourceinc.org). To view quality information about VNA/SCC, as reported by Medicare, log onto [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) and click on the link: Compare Home Care Agencies.

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