

**2009 Annual Meeting & Community Awards Event
Monday, October 26, 2009**



Angela Powers, Vice President for Development, Stewardship, & Donor Service, of The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven accepts the Community Partnership Award from Dr. Ellen Russell Beatty, Chairperson of VNA Health Systems Board of Directors.

Community Partnership Award — *The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven*

This award is given to an individual or organization who through their efforts has enabled VNA Health Systems to expand the scope of home and community care for the betterment of the region we serve. During the last year, The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven has demonstrated a significant belief in the value of our organization. This was shown through their financial support of our newly created role of Director of Community Health & Wellness. As a result, hundreds of individuals and scores of groups have had the benefit of receiving education regarding Fall Prevention and Health Literacy. Additionally, the innovative CareLink program was able to truly begin to gain traction in our area, providing elderly residents the opportunity to be partnered with student nurses from the Yale School of Nursing and Southern Connecticut State University School of Nursing.



Kathleen Tynan-McKiernan, RN, MSN of Yale-New Haven Hospital was awarded the Homecare Partnership Award presented by Andrew Eaves, VP of Marketing & Development for VNA/SCC.

Homecare Partnership Award — Kathleen Tynan McKiernan, RN, MSN,

The Homecare Partnership Award is given to an individual whose efforts result in home care patients having access to and receiving the highest level of care possible. As the Associate Director of the Clinical Effectiveness Department at Yale-New Haven Hospital, Kathleen Tynan McKiernan, RN, MSN, has been a true advocate for the patients of Yale-New Haven Hospital who can benefit from home care. Kathy is remarkable for the lengths she goes to ensure a free flow of information between the hospital and the VNA/SCC, ensuring that patient transitions from the facility to home are seamless. Additionally, she has demonstrated great collaboration by seeking input on processes, having a genuine interest in what happens to the patients post-discharge and even advocating on our behalf to ensure that funding is available to the VNA/SCC to provide care for the uninsured for who she tries to find safe placement in the community. In summary, Kathy is the embodiment of a partner.



Renee DiNino, Director of Community Affairs & Programming, of Clear Channel Radio accepts the Media Partnership Award presented by John R. Quinn, President & CEO of VNA Health Systems.

Media Partnership Award — *Clear Channel Radio*

The Media Partnership Award is a new award for 2009 and reflects the importance of mass communication to an organization that serves a wide geographic territory. Ranging from New Haven to the Shoreline to Milford to The Valley, VNA Health Systems provides care to an entire region. This year, the power of media to reach out and spread our message was made clear by our friends at Clear Channel Radio. During our recent fundraising campaign, Clear Channel, represented by Renee Dinino, helped us to forge a partnership with Jason Page of The Back Page to promote our Red Sox/Yankee raffle on his afternoon radio show. Additionally, Clear Channel provided extensive on-air public service messages about the value of our VNA, even allowing us to record our own messages. For a non-profit organization like us, this exposure was not only greatly appreciated, but quite likely contributed to a greater awareness of the VNA/SCC and our services. We thank them for their generosity, their talent and, of course, their interest in promoting non-profit home care in our region.



Jack Healy, President & CEO, of the United Way of Greater New Haven receives the President's Award from John R. Quinn, President & CEO of VNA Health Systems.

President's Award — United Way of Greater New Haven

In any given year, our organization owes a great debt to many supporters, friends and colleagues, but the President's award goes to an organization or individual that has stood out in their contribution toward the mission of VNA Health Systems. This year, the inaugural year of this award, we have selected the United Way of Greater New Haven to be its recipient. On June 8th, we received notice that the United Way of Greater New Haven was awarding our agency \$30,000 to support our Subsidized Care Program, which serves the uninsured in our community. What is so remarkable about this award is that the United Way was faced with significant funding constraints this year and was challenged to select those projects that they felt had the greatest likelihood for success and positive impact upon the community. We are delighted that their team of reviewers and Board of Directors came to the conclusion that not only would this program serve "a very vulnerable and diverse population that would otherwise lack access to critical health care services, but it also "demonstrated improvements to clients' health outcomes and presented a strong cost savings/return on investment." We greatly appreciate this recognition, as we believe that it captures the true essence of the value of home health care. For this, and their longstanding commitment to our organization and our community, we honor the United Way of Greater New Haven.



Marilyn Burlenski receives the Volunteer Partnership Award presented by Bob Motley, Board Vice Chair VNA Health Systems/Board Chair CareSource, Inc.

Volunteer Partnership Award — Marilyn Burlenski

The Volunteer Partnership Award is intended to recognize an individual who's voluntary commitment to the VNA/SCC or to CareSource is noteworthy as being above and beyond what could normally be expected of an individual. With the frenetic pace at which most of us lead our lives, it is a great fortune to find someone who can give of their time so freely, because they believe passionately in a cause or mission. It goes beyond fortunate and becomes astounding to find someone who's dedication has traversed a span of time that typically makes up a career. Marilyn Burlenski has been associated with our agencies for such a period. She has been an employee, a VNA/SCC board member and now a CareSource board member. Her dedication is exemplary. Her knowledge of health care and our industry is vast. And her value to our organizations has been incalculable. We are extremely grateful for her longstanding commitment to us and although this might seem like a lifetime achievement award, we look forward to many more years of this very fruitful association between us and Marilyn.