



VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION
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News Release

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Photo caption: Jack Healy (left), President & Chief Professional Officer of United Way of Greater New Haven, congratulates Andrew Eaves (right), VNA/SCC's Director of Marketing & Development as the VNA/SCC receives a \$30,000 grant from the United Way of Greater New Haven. The grant will allow the VNA/SCC to provide care to the uninsured through its Subsidized Care Program.

VNA/SCC Awarded \$30,000 from United Way of Greater New Haven to Provide Care to the Uninsured

New Haven, CT (August 24, 2009) – The Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut (VNA/SCC) was recently awarded \$30,000 from United Way of Greater New Haven to provide care to the uninsured through its Subsidized Care Program.

“These funds allow our nurses to evaluate these patients’ needs and provide necessary care and/or link them to community resources that can help them,” said Carla Giugno, VNA/SCC’s Vice President of Clinical Services. “In the 30 years that I have worked at the VNA/SCC, it has been great to see that we continue to fulfill our mission of providing excellent health care to all, including the uninsured.”

From July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, the VNA/SCC had 85 patient admissions to the Subsidized Care Program in Greater New Haven. A total of 203 home health visits were made, which included skilled nursing, rehabilitative therapies, home health aides and social work. Although the VNA/SCC serves patients of all ages– from infants to elders, the majority of the patients who received subsidized care were 17 to 64 years old.

“These grant monies serve a very vulnerable and diverse population that would otherwise lack access to critical health care services,” said Jack Healy, President and Chief Professional Officer of the United Way of Greater New Haven. “Providing care to the uninsured demonstrates improvements to clients’ health outcomes and presents a strong cost savings/return on investment.”

About The Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut

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. The agency has a private-duty affiliate, *CareSource*. *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 or www.caresourceinc.org. To view quality information about VNA/SCC, as reported by Medicare, log onto www.medicare.gov and click on the link: Compare Home Care Agencies.

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