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## **VNA Health Systems Announces Guilford Resident and State Representative Patricia Widlitz Elected to the Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut's Board of Directors**

New Haven, CT (November 10, 2009) – VNA Health Systems announces that Guilford resident Rep. Patricia Widlitz, Deputy Majority Leader of the Connecticut General Assembly, was elected to the Boards of Directors for both VNA Health Systems and the Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut (VNA/SCC), a non-profit, community-based home health agency that provides a wide range of specialized clinical services, community programs, the Nurturing Families Network and subsidized care to those who are in need.

"I am honored to join the VNA Health Systems Board," Widlitz said. "The high quality health services provided by the VNA enable many people in our community to remain in their homes and in our community. I am committed to supporting this effort as a top priority."

Widlitz is currently serving her 8th term representing the 98th District which includes the towns of Guilford and Branford. She is a member of the Public Health, Banks and Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committees. Widlitz previously co-chaired the legislature's Environment Committee and is credited with passage of landmark legislation to prevent carcinogens from entering the environment and endangering public health. She currently serves on the board of Guilford Interfaith Ministries, which provides Meals on Wheels and Friendly Visiting to Guilford residents and was recently elected to the position of State Director of the National Order of Women Legislators.

“We are delighted Pat is joining the VNA Boards of Directors,” said John Quinn, President/CEO of VNA Health Systems. “I am most confident that she will contribute to VNA/SCC’s mission of providing high-quality health care services in the home and communities that we serve.”

From 1989 until 1995 Widlitz served as a member of the Guilford Board of Selectmen, during which she also served as the selectmen’s liaison to the Human Services Council, the Standing Building Committee, and the Water Pollution Control Authority. She has served on the Guilford Board of Education for seven years (1982-1989). Widlitz also has a strong record for volunteer activities including: a scout leader, volunteer math teacher, PTO president, member of the board of directors of Guilford Community Fund, and an American Field service Host Parent.

### **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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