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**Connecticut Hospital Association Holds 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting  
Journalist, Author Carl Bernstein To Deliver Keynote Address**

June 22, 2009, Wallingford - At its 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting on June 23rd, the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) will recognize hospitals and individuals making significant contributions to the health of Connecticut residents.

The *T. Stewart Hamilton, MD Distinguished Service Award* will be presented to J. Kevin Kinsella, Vice President, Hartford Hospital. Mr. Kinsella's distinguished forty-year career in healthcare, including his leadership in the areas of drug and alcohol treatment and long record of community involvement, led to his recognition through this annual award.

A member of the CHA Board of Trustees and Chairman of the CHA Committee on Government, Mr. Kinsella's counsel is sought by hospital leaders statewide. Community organizations on which he currently serves include the Greater Hartford Arts Council, the Metro Chamber of Commerce, the Klingberg Family Center, the City of Hartford Public Health Advisory Council, and the Hartford Mayor Perez Task Force on the Uninsured.

"Kevin Kinsella leads by example, and has distinguished himself through his deep commitment to healthcare and his community," stated Jennifer Jackson, CEO of the Connecticut Hospital Association. "His service is an inspiration to all, and CHA is pleased to recognize his outstanding contribution to healthcare in Connecticut through the T. Stewart Hamilton, MD Distinguished Service Award."

New London's Lawrence & Memorial Hospital will receive the *John D. Thompson Award for Excellence in the Delivery of Healthcare Through the Use of Data* for the hospital's dramatic results in reducing hospital-acquired pressure ulcers (HAPU). The hospital formed a collaborative team to address this problem, and at the conclusion of a 46-week improvement process reduced the incidence of HAPUs from 13.33 percent to 0.88 percent, significantly improving quality and safety for patients.

Lawrence & Memorial Hospital is also the recipient of the *Connecticut's Hospital Community Service Award*. Through its Reconnecting the Homeless program, the hospital and its community partners provide a coordinated system of care for homeless individuals. Funded in full by the hospital and provided at no cost to clients, the program helps connect the homeless to primary care and community health services, housing, and employment.

The meeting will also recognize ten “Healthcare Heroes” from hospitals throughout the state. These individuals, nominated by colleagues, exemplify the outstanding qualities exhibited by healthcare workers in Connecticut hospitals. The 2009 Healthcare Heroes are as follows:

Brendan Campbell, M.D., M.P.H.  
Director, Pediatric Trauma  
Connecticut Children’s Medical Center

Eileen Gillan, M.D.  
Pediatric Oncologist  
Connecticut Children’s Medical Center

Jack S.C. Fong, M.D.  
Attending Pediatrician, Retired Chairman, Department of Pediatrics  
Danbury Hospital

Franklin Loria, M.D.  
Medical Director, Hospitalist Program  
Greenwich Hospital

Christine Waszynski, APRN  
Geriatric Program  
Hartford Hospital

Michael R. Bourque, M.D.  
Attending Obstetrician/Gynecologist  
Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center

Peter Jacoby, M.D., FACEP  
Chairman, Department of Emergency Services  
Saint Mary’s Hospital

Doe Haywood  
Manager, H.O.P.E. (Having an Opportunity to Prepare for Employment) Program  
Hospital of Saint Raphael

Herbert Ridyard, M.D.  
Surgeon

Windham Community Memorial Hospital

Connie Nicolosi  
Pediatric Oncology Social Worker  
Yale-New Haven Hospital

The CHA Annual Meeting will be held at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2009.

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The Connecticut Hospital Association has been dedicated to serving Connecticut's hospitals since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut's not-for-profit hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, public health, and hospital reimbursement.