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First Two Hospitals Launch Social Care Coordination Network *Unite Connecticut*

WALLINGFORD – Griffin Hospital and Waterbury Hospital are among the first hospitals in Connecticut to launch the Unite Connecticut network – a statewide initiative of the Connecticut Hospital Association that connects health and social services providers through a shared technology platform (Unite Us) to address social needs and deliver integrated care.

“We applaud Connecticut hospitals and health systems, along with community-based organizations, as they implement Unite Connecticut,” said Jennifer Jackson, CEO, CHA. “This effort will improve patients’ lives by ensuring that their social needs are met, and it will transform healthcare and keep our communities healthier.”

The Unite Connecticut rollout will continue at hospitals and health systems across the state through 2021. Through Unite Connecticut, hospitals are able to screen and refer patients to community-based organizations for needs such as housing, food, transportation, and employment, effectively addressing social needs on an individual level.

Unite Connecticut was announced earlier this year; it is a partnership between the Connecticut Hospital Association and Unite Us, an outcome-focused technology company that builds coordinated care networks. Through this work, hospitals and health systems are integrating social determinants of health into healthcare practice to address patients’ social needs.

“We are thrilled to collaborate with Griffin Hospital and Waterbury Hospital to build integrated networks that comprehensively address people’s needs and will transform care delivery in Connecticut,” said Steve Strauss, Head of Network Development for Unite Us. “The Unite Us team will work hand-in-hand with hospitals, affiliated partners and community-based organizations, before, during and after launch to ensure the network’s integrity and success,” he added.

Unite Connecticut includes a resource database that leverages the work of 211 Connecticut, a program of the United Way of Connecticut, as part of the statewide network.

“211 is thrilled to play an integral role in this initiative,” said Tanya Barrett, Senior Vice President, 2-1-1 Health and Human Services at United Way of Connecticut. “This collaboration is a natural partnership because of our collective goal to improve the lives of Connecticut residents.”

About the Connecticut Hospital Association:

The [Connecticut Hospital Association](#) has been dedicated to serving Connecticut's hospitals and health systems since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut's hospitals and health systems on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, community health, health equity, and hospital reimbursement.

About Unite Us:

[Unite Us](#) is an outcome-focused technology company that builds coordinated care networks of health and human service providers. The company empowers both medical and social service providers to work together, integrating health and social care. With Unite Us, providers across sectors can send and receive secure referrals, track every person's total health journey, and report on tangible outcomes across a full range of services in a centralized, cohesive, and collaborative ecosystem. This social infrastructure helps communities transform their ability to track outcomes, improve health, and measure impact at scale. Follow Unite Us on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).