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**Connecticut Hospital Association
Recognizes Danbury Hospital's Valorie Kolitz
As a 2008 Healthcare Hero**

June 18, 2008, Wallingford - At its 90th Annual Meeting on June 17th, the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) recognized Valorie Kolitz, Administrative Assistant, Danbury Hospital, as a 2008 Healthcare Hero.

Ms. Kolitz was recognized for her work on the community project known as "Midnight Run" which distributes food, clothing, and other necessities to the homeless on the streets where they live. Kolitz also sponsors an annual "Backpack Drive" for Midnight Run, collecting donated backpacks at the end of the school year for distribution to the homeless.

CHA's "Healthcare Heroes" Contest was developed in 2002 to celebrate the invaluable contributions of healthcare workers, both to their field and to the community at large. Now in its seventh year, the presentation of the "Healthcare Heroes" awards has become a highlight of CHA's Annual Meeting.

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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.