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**Connecticut Hospital Association Recognizes
Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center's Joan Dauber
As a 2008 Healthcare Hero**

June 18, 2008, Wallingford - At its 90th Annual Meeting on June 17th, the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) recognized Joan Dauber, RD, CD-N, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, as a 2008 Healthcare Hero. Ms. Walters was nominated for this award in an essay written by her colleague Pete Mobilia, Senior Communications Specialist.

Ms. Dauber has extended her job as a registered dietitian into the community, creating and managing an emergency food bank at Saint Francis Hospital. When she created the food bank thirty-one years ago, she never imagined it would one day be distributing 82 tons of food a year. The food bank today serves an average of 650 families a month. Dauber also coordinates the monthly delivery of food packages to homebound individuals and residents of senior housing complexes in Hartford. Her goal is to make a nutritional diet available to the many hundreds of local families struggling to make ends meet.

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.