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## **CHA Receives Grant from Connecticut Health Foundation to Address Social Determinants of Health**

WALLINGFORD — The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) is pleased to announce it has received a grant from the Connecticut Health Foundation to create a Connecticut Social Health Initiative (CT-SoHI), which will focus on addressing social determinants of health that exacerbate healthcare disparities.

“We are grateful for the support of the Connecticut Health Foundation as we continue our work together to improve health equity,” said Jennifer Jackson, CEO, CHA. “Through the Connecticut Social Health Initiative, we will collaborate to address the social determinants that negatively affect health outcomes.”

The CT-SoHI will provide support for hospitals and collaborating organizations to identify and address the social determinants of health for patients at the point of care. Key objectives of the initiative include the creation of a broad-based advisory group, which will include experts in community health, population health, and advocacy; training for healthcare providers on social determinants of health, as well as clinical-community linkage models to improve health outcomes; and the creation of a data collection and performance tracking tool.

The Connecticut Health Foundation previously supported CHA’s Connecticut Asthma Initiative, which was created to improve access and appropriate care by partnering with the community, reduce asthma hospitalizations and ED visits, and significantly advance progress toward health equity for asthma care and outcomes.

The Connecticut Health Foundation (CT Health) is the state’s largest independent health philanthropy dedicated to improving lives by changing health systems. Since it was established in 1999, the Foundation has supported innovative grantmaking, public policy research technical assistance, and convening to achieve its mission – to improve the health of the people of Connecticut. Over the past 17 years, CT Health has awarded grants totaling close to \$59 million in 45 cities and towns throughout the state.

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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

hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, public health, and hospital reimbursement.