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**New LIFE STAR Hangar to Be
Built at MidState Medical Center
Brings Aircraft Closer to Patients**

(Hartford, CT) –Hartford Hospital, Backus Hospital and MidState Medical Center today announced plans to build a third home for LIFE STAR. The new hangar will be built at MidState Medical Center in Meriden, where the aircraft will be stationed beginning August 7. The move will better serve the community as it enables LIFE STAR to reach a wider patient geography and, as always, bring the patient to the most appropriate clinical setting, often Hartford Hospital’s level 1 trauma center. Currently, there are LIFE STAR hangars on the roof of Hartford Hospital and at Backus Hospital in Norwich.

Hartford Hospital recently celebrated the 30th anniversary of its LIFE STAR program. Since its launch in 1985, LIFE STAR has transported more than 30,000 people and saved thousands of lives. In June, LIFE STAR crews began carrying blood products so that the teams could offer life-saving blood transfusion when and if necessary.

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About LIFE STAR. LIFE STAR is a critical care helicopter service that responds to and provides air transport for a variety of patients who require care at a tertiary care facility. The LIFE STAR critical care air medical transport service began operation in 1985. The aircraft is available to all emergency/critical care patients within a 150-mile radius surrounding our bases. All tertiary care centers within this response area are serviced by LIFE STAR and

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approximately 1,200 patients are transported annually. **LIFE STAR** has transported in excess of 30,000 patients to date. The **LIFE STAR** crew consists of a flight nurse, flight respiratory therapist, pilot, mechanic and communication specialist.