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**Connecticut Hospital Association Recognizes
Lawrence & Memorial Hospital's Sarah Zaglifa
As a 2011 Healthcare Hero**

June 24, 2011, Wallingford - At its 93rd Annual Meeting on June 23, the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) recognized **Sarah Zaglifa, MSSW, LCSW, ACHP-SW, Quality of Life Coordinator, Lawrence & Memorial Hospital**, as a 2011 Healthcare Hero. She was nominated for this award by her colleague Daniel Rissi, MD.

The Lawrence & Memorial medical and nursing staffs have come to rely on Sarah for her compassionate, creative, and persistent engagement of the palliative care team in the care of some of the hospital's most vulnerable patients and families. They also value her ready willingness to share her knowledge and understanding of ethical and logistical issues. Sarah takes care of things quietly and behind the scenes whenever she can. She demonstrates skills that are exemplary and the essence of what hospital staff do in ethical care of patients. Her colleagues note that she is a very special person--staying late and coming in early and always having enough emotional energy to do her job to the best of her ability.

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 tenth 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.