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**Connecticut Hospital Association Recognizes
Windham Hospital's Beth Cheney
As a 2011 Healthcare Hero**

June 24, 2011, Wallingford - At its 93rd Annual Meeting on June 23, the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) recognized **Beth Cheney, APRN, Women's Health Coordinator, Windham Hospital**, as a *2011 Healthcare Hero*. She was nominated for this award by her colleague Sharyn Mathews.

A third generation nurse, Beth Cheney has been both the public face and the provider of essential healthcare for almost 15 years to women and their unborn infants at the Prenatal Clinic at Windham Hospital in Willimantic, a clinic serving high risk women in Eastern Connecticut. Beth's successful advocacy for the clinic has enabled hundreds of women who are coping with the effects of poverty, inadequate nutrition, social isolation, and domestic violence, to have access to quality healthcare. Beth exhibits that special combination of qualities that frame both a caregiver and a leader: tremendous empathy for people, and the ability to get things done.

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.