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**CHA to Recognize Connecticut Children's Medical Center's Adam Silverman, MD,
as a Healthcare Hero**

WALLINGFORD – At its 99th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) will recognize Adam Silverman, MD, Director of the Center for Global Health, Connecticut Children's Medical Center, as a 2017 Healthcare Hero. He was nominated for this award by Monica Buchanan.

Dr. Silverman is an Emergency Medicine and Critical Care Specialist at Connecticut Children's Medical Center, as well as the Director of the Center for Global Health. Though the Center for Global Health is a new entity at Connecticut Children's, improving health outcomes for children around the world has always been a core mission of the hospital and for Dr. Silverman personally.

Dr. Silverman made his 15th trip to Haiti in April of 2016 as a volunteer with Konbit Sante, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting the development of a sustainable health system for the Cap-Haitien community. While in Haiti, Dr. Silverman provided medical expertise at Justinien University Hospital. He is part of a collaborative program that examines newborn and infant care and works with residents and staff to improve health outcomes. Two years ago, Dr. Silverman and a team of Connecticut Children's volunteers trained staff members in newborn resuscitations. More recently, they trained that same staff how to be newborn resuscitation instructors so that the process would become self-perpetuating.

At Connecticut Children's, Dr. Silverman helped to grow the Global Health Initiative, once a volunteer opportunity for physicians and medical staff, into something much greater. It originally included an abundance of activities and resources, including the annual Global Healthcare Fair, the Global Health Film Festival, and a wide variety of program support. But, as interest grew, so did the need for a designated center. Thus was born the Center for Global Health.

When asked how many children he has helped, Dr. Silverman admits he has lost track. Even so, he's the first to point out that twenty days a year is not enough time to make a big enough difference. Instead, he says the difference he's making in the world is better measured by the doctors and nurses he has helped train, so that they can train those who are helping children in Haiti year round.

CHA's Healthcare Heroes award 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 16th 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 hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, public health, and hospital reimbursement.

