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CHA to Recognize Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center's C. Steven Wolf, MD, as a Healthcare Hero

WALLINGFORD – At its 99th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) will recognize C. Steven Wolf, MD, Chairman, Emergency Medicine, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, as a 2017 Healthcare Hero. He was nominated for this award by Fiona Phelan.

As Chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center for the past 13 years, Steven has been involved with myriad patient safety programs within the hospital walls. But even more important to him are programs in the community aimed at keeping people healthy and out of the hospital.

People-centered care has been a long-standing focus of Steven's career. He led a campaign to reduce underage drinking at concerts and other venues after seeing dangerously intoxicated teens in the hospital's ED, and rallied city leaders to increase police and medical presence at concerts. On Friday nights in the summer, he even personally attends rock concerts at venues that attract thousands of fans – and hundreds of underage drinkers – so that he can help avert any tragedy.

Additionally, alarmed by the opioid epidemic, Steven serves as an auxiliary member of the Hartford Police Department's Emergency Response Team, a tactical, high-risk team that is the first to enter buildings during narcotics raids. He provides medical assistance to those on the scene.

Steven is also a member of the Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner's Advisory Committee on Teen Safe Driving, and is a founding member and Co-Chairman of Hartford's Community Care Team – a collaboration of more than 30 community organizations working together to provide services, including healthcare, to frequent users of hospital EDs. Community Care Teams develop an individualized plan of care for each person and connect patients with social services, housing, behavioral health, and substance abuse programs.

In addition to his position at Saint Francis, Steven serves as Assistant Professor for the Department of Traumatology and Emergency Medicine at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, sits on the Connecticut Medical Examining Board, and is the recipient of numerous community awards, including recognition from MADD for his efforts to curb underage drinking. In 2010, he received the Connecticut

College of Emergency Physicians' Philip Stent, MD, Award in appreciation for his "leadership and outstanding contributions to emergency medicine."

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.

