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CHA to Recognize Yale New Haven Hospital's Chas Broadus as a Healthcare Hero

WALLINGFORD – At its 101st Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 20, 2019, the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) will recognize Chas Broadus, Surgical Technician, Yale New Haven Hospital, as a 2019 Healthcare Hero. He was nominated by Mary Beth Cannata, RN, for this award.

Caring, compassionate, and considerate are words that co-workers use when they describe their colleague Mr. Broadus. Whether it's providing reassuring words to patients in the operating room or helping colleagues through difficult times, Mr. Broadus is the first to lend a hand.

Mr. Broadus has endless compassion and love for everyone in the operating room, but he has taken one person in particular under his wing. "Bob" (not his real name) has worked at the hospital for many years and, with his health declining, often falls on hard times with no family to assist. Over the past year, Mr. Broadus has taken Bob out to dinner, often for no special occasion, but just to help him know that someone cares about him, and he is not alone.

When the operating room staff took up a collection to help Bob, it was Mr. Broadus who purchased a recliner to help him relax. It was Mr. Broadus who made several trips to the dump to clear out Bob's apartment and removed his washer and dryer to his own home so Bob could move into a new apartment.

When he's not helping Bob, Mr. Broadus is helping others. This past Christmas, he donated his bonus to a man that had been diagnosed with stage-four colon cancer who had no medical insurance.

Mr. Broadus does not know the words "I can't." He frequently switches work hours with anyone who asks for a better shift. When the sterile processing department gets backlogged and overwhelmed with work, Mr. Broadus spends hours helping the department so the OR can run effectively with the instruments they need.

Mr. Broadus greets everyone who enters the operating room and assures them they are safe and that they will get the best care possible.

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 17th year, the presentation of the Healthcare Heroes awards has become a highlight of CHA's Annual Meeting.



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About CHA

The Connecticut Hospital Association has been dedicated to serving Connecticut's hospitals and health systems since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut's hospitals and health systems on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, community health, health equity, and hospital reimbursement.