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**CHA to Recognize the Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging with the
2017 Community Service Award**

WALLINGFORD – At its 99th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) and the Connecticut Department of Public Health will recognize the Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging with the 2017 *Connecticut's Hospital Community Service Award*.

The Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging is a free resource and assessment center for seniors and their families that serves as a single point of entry for older people struggling to navigate the complexities of the healthcare system. The Center links seniors with multiple chronic conditions and other complicating socioeconomic risk factors to the resources and support they need to stay healthy.

Anyone who calls or walks in has immediate access to a trained professional who can assess the situation and link them with appropriate care and services. This might include meals, transportation, healthcare, or community and government assistance. Services also include health coaching, home assessments, formal and informal caregiver training, educational events, support groups, screenings (blood pressure, memory, glucose, and cholesterol), and geriatric care management following a hospital stay.

“Improving access to care for community members is a key goal of Connecticut hospitals, which makes the work being done by the Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging both timely and important,” noted Jennifer Jackson, CEO, CHA. “Helping seniors navigate a complex healthcare system, and providing them with a single entry point to services helps to ensure they receive the right care, at the right time, in the right setting. We are proud to honor Hartford HealthCare with this award.”

The Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging provided support last year for more than 18,000 seniors, one third of whom identify as low income. Established in 2004 as a partnership between Hartford HealthCare Senior Services and The Hospital of Central Connecticut, the Center has grown to include sites at five hospitals.

The program is funded through an annual contribution from Hartford HealthCare and a grant from the Connecticut Department of Social Services, which saw the value of this model to support low-income elderly clients who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid (dual eligible) in the central region.

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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.

