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**Johnson Memorial Hospital's Stuart E. Rosenberg Named Connecticut's 2016
Grassroots Champion**

WALLINGFORD – At its 98th Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 28, 2016, the American Hospital Association (AHA) and the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) will recognize Stuart E. Rosenberg, President of Johnson Memorial Hospital, as Connecticut's 2016 Grassroots Champion. Mr. Rosenberg is being recognized for his exceptional leadership in generating grassroots and community support for issues of importance to hospitals and healthcare.

“Connecticut hospitals have long had an effective advocate in Stu Rosenberg,” said Jennifer Jackson, CEO, CHA. “During a time of healthcare transformation as well as fiscal strain, Stu has kept the focus squarely on educating lawmakers about what it takes to continue providing excellent quality care to patients while preserving jobs and sustaining our communities’ healthcare safety net. He is always willing to bring his perspective to the table and testify before lawmakers on legislation impacting hospitals and healthcare. He is a tireless and influential advocate.”

Stu, who has more than 26 years of experience in general administrative and human resource management, began his career with the Saint Francis *Care* system in 1987. He is currently President of Johnson Memorial Medical Center, which includes Johnson Memorial Hospital, Johnson Health Care, and Home and Community Health Services – all members of the Trinity Health - New England Regional Health Ministry.

Stu is a member of the CHA Committees on Population Health and Government. He is a past member of the CHA Committee on Human Resources, Subcommittee on Employee Wellness, and Subcommittee on Advocacy Communication Strategy, and is Past Chairman of the CHA Human Resources Executive Meeting Group.

In addition to his leadership at Johnson Memorial Hospital, Stu serves as Chairman of the Asnuntuck Community College Foundation Board, Co-Chairman of the Board of Trustees New England District 1199 Health, and Co-Chairperson of the Allied Health Regional Policy Board. He is a member of University Park Board of Directors, the Upper Albany Main Street Board of Directors, the Hartford Federal Credit Union Board of Directors, the Connecticut Education and Training Commission Board of Directors, and

the North Central Connecticut Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He is Past President of the CT Health Care Human Resources Association.

The AHA Grassroots Champion Award, given annually to one person in each state, was created to recognize hospital leaders who effectively educate elected officials about how major issues affect hospitals' roles in the community, who have expanded the base of community support for hospitals, and who have been advocates for hospitals and patients.

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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.

