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Andrea Rynn, Director, Public & Government Relations, Western Connecticut Health Network, Recognized as *Grassroots Champion*

WALLINGFORD – The American Hospital Association Grassroots Champion Award was given to Andrea Rynn, Director, Public & Government Relations, Western Connecticut Health Network (WCHN), at a special breakfast of Grassroots Champions at the AHA Annual Membership Meeting on Tuesday, April 30, 2013. As a 2013 Grassroots Champion, Ms. Rynn was recognized for her exceptional leadership in generating grassroots and community support for issues of importance to hospitals and healthcare.

“Andrea Rynn is a true leader in advocacy,” said CHA President and CEO Jennifer Jackson. “She has a single-minded focus on the welfare of people in western Connecticut, and is engaged in working with legislators to develop substantive solutions to critical issues facing WCHN and the people for whom it cares. Ms. Rynn is innovative, determined, and dedicated to her community. She is an active participant in hospital collaborations and provides valuable insight to colleagues from hospitals across the state. We are so happy that she is Connecticut’s Grassroots Champion.”

The 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 tireless advocates for hospitals and patients.

Ms. Rynn has worked at WCHN for nearly nine years, serving in a variety of public affairs roles until she became Director, Public & Government Relations, four years ago. In addition to her leadership role at WCHN, Ms. Rynn serves on the Board of Directors for the Women’s Business Council in Danbury, the Board of the New Milford Chamber of Commerce, the Advisory Board of the Community Culinary School of Northwestern Connecticut. She is a member of CHA’s Committee on Government and Communications Executives Meeting Group.



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About CHA

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, community health, diversity, and hospital reimbursement.