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**Connecticut Hospital Association Recognizes
Backus Hospital's Gillian Mosier as a 2008 Healthcare Hero**

June 18, 2008, Wallingford - At its 90th Annual Meeting on June 17th, the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) recognized Gillian Mosier, Trauma Program Manager, The William W. Backus Hospital, as a 2008 Healthcare Hero. Ms. Mosier was nominated for this award by Shawn Mawhiney, Director of Communications at The William W. Backus Hospital.

Ms. Mosier was recognized for her work in the hospital's *Be Aware* program, which educates teens about the consequences of driving while impaired with drugs and alcohol. Mosier is a member of Governor M. Jodi Rell's Teen Driving Task Force, which is seeking ways to decrease the number of teen driving fatalities in the state.

CHA's "Healthcare Heroes" Contest 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 seventh 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 not-for-profit hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, public health, and hospital reimbursement.