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**Connecticut Hospital Association Recognizes
Connecticut Children's Medical Center's Diann Bailey
As a 2008 Healthcare Hero**

June 18, 2008, Wallingford - At its 90th Annual Meeting on June 17th, the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) recognized Diann Bailey, RN, Connecticut Children's Medical Center (CCMC), as a 2008 Healthcare Hero. Ms. Bailey was nominated for this award in an essay written by her CCMC colleague Dennis Crean, RN.

Ms. Bailey was recognized for an outstanding record of community service. Of particular note is her work on CCMC's Pediatric Advice Line, an after-hours extension of 70 pediatric practices, which ranks as the premier medical call center in Connecticut. Ms. Bailey trains and supervises the nurses staffing the advice line each night. Bailey is also active in Habitat for Humanity, traveling three times to Biloxi, Mississippi to help rebuild homes and neighborhoods.

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.