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**Connecticut Hospital Association Recognizes Hartford Hospital's
Dawn Lutecki and Denise Sailor as 2008 Healthcare Heroes**

June 18, 2008, Wallingford - At its 90th Annual Meeting on June 17th, the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) recognized Hartford Hospital's Dawn Lutecki, RN, and Denise Sailor, Staff Nurse, as 2008 Healthcare Heroes. Ms. Lutecki was nominated by Patricia Ann Veronneau, Nursing Coordinator at Hartford Hospital; Ms. Sailor was nominated by her nursing colleagues Charmaine Booth-Todd and Heather Guye.

Ms. Lutecki was recognized for her dedication to community service, including her recent participation in a faith-based medical mission to Nigeria, where her team provided healthcare services to nearly 5,000 impoverished and underserved patients. She has been part of the medical staff from Hartford Hospital at the Hartford Marathon for the past three years.

Ms. Sailor also served on a missionary team in Nigeria, at a church-sponsored mobile medical clinic. This mission was the fulfillment of a life-long desire, for which Sailor raised more than \$3,000 to purchase medical equipment and supplies for the clinic.

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.