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**Connecticut Hospital Association Recognizes
New Milford Hospital's Letha Walters
As a 2008 Healthcare Hero**

June 18, 2008, Wallingford - At its 90th Annual Meeting on June 17th, the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) recognized Letha Walters, RN, BA, Assistant Director of Clinical Practice and Nursing Research at New Milford Hospital, as a 2008 Healthcare Hero. Ms. Walters was nominated for this award in an essay written by Sharon Narducci, Senior Director, Center for Clinical Excellence, New Milford Hospital.

Ms. Walters coordinates nursing training through the Nursing Professional Development Program at New Milford Hospital. The program meets the training needs of new graduates and experienced nurses, and offers refresher courses for those reentering the workplace. She also coordinates training of Rapid Response Teams, responsible for quickly and appropriately responding to emergencies within the hospital.

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.