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CHA to Recognize Middlesex Hospital's William H. Zeidler, MD, as a Healthcare Hero

WALLINGFORD – At its 97th Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 30, 2015, the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) will recognize William H. Zeidler, MD, Medical Director for Middlesex Hospice & Palliative Care, as a 2015 Healthcare Hero. He was nominated for this award by Chris Crouch and Melanie Cama.

For 30 years, Dr. Zeidler has been committed to caring for patients with chronic and terminal illnesses. Genuine compassion and care of the whole person – mind, body, and spirit – are the hallmarks of his exceptional care.

Under his leadership, the Hospice and Palliative Care program at Middlesex Hospital has grown immensely, and Dr. Zeidler has come to be recognized by clinicians across the state as an expert in his field. His reputation and expertise in pain and symptom management at the end of life has earned him several prestigious teaching affiliations.

Dr. Zeidler has given numerous talks to community members and medical professionals to help bring awareness of end-of-life issues. He was instrumental in Middlesex's institution of Schwartz Rounds, which provides support and education for caregivers, and he continues to sit on the planning committee for this program. He has the strength and compassion to be honest and have difficult conversations, which are often necessary in allowing patients and their families to make informed choices about their care.

CHA's Healthcare Heroes award 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 14th year, the presentation of the Healthcare Heroes awards has become a highlight of CHA's Annual Meeting.



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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, health equity, and hospital reimbursement.