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**CHA to Recognize Bridgeport Hospital's Mary Angelucci, RN, as a Healthcare Hero**

WALLINGFORD – At its 99th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) will recognize Mary Angelucci, RN, Assistant Nurse Manager/Nurse Case Manager, Bridgeport Hospital, as a 2017 Healthcare Hero. She was nominated for this award by Gina Calder.

If you ever have an emergency or a problem you can't solve, you will want Ms. Angelucci nearby – even if you've never even met her. That's because Ms. Angelucci, who cares for some of Bridgeport Hospital's sickest and most needy patients in the hospital's Primary Care Center, will go out of her way to make sure you get the help you need or figure out solutions to problems you thought were unsolvable.

When a lab test revealed that a patient urgently needed an iron transfusion, but repeated attempts to reach the patient were unsuccessful, Ms. Angelucci drove to the patient's home and left a sealed note on her door asking her to come to the hospital immediately for the transfusion. The patient saw the note and reported to the hospital.

Shortly after this, Ms. Angelucci located a homeless man by making multiple calls to area shelters after a lab test showed his life was in danger. He was miles away, so Ms. Angelucci dispatched an EMS team to pick him up and transport him to the hospital's ER, where he was stabilized.

Last June, while Ms. Angelucci was attending a community meeting in Bridgeport, she noticed a young mother with a toddler who wasn't feeling well. When the toddler suddenly lost consciousness, Ms. Angelucci assessed and stabilized the child, and accompanied the family to the hospital.

Another time, she met a woman who was living in a cramped apartment without air conditioning or enough food for her five children. First, Ms. Angelucci gathered food for the family. Then she secured two air conditioners, enlisted the help of an electrician to test the units for safety, and delivered them to the family.

Finally, last December, when an Emergency Department patient was very ill and nearing the end of a long battle with cancer, Ms. Angelucci helped to secure the patient's final wish – to become an American citizen.

Ms. Angelucci has twice won the Bridgeport Hospital Quality Award, which recognizes those who best

display the hospital's values of patient-centered care, respect, compassion, integrity and accountability.

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 16th 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 hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, public health, and hospital reimbursement.

