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HONORING OUR HEROES 2008: A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

NEW MILFORD HOSPITAL TO HONOR EVERYDAY HEROES AT OCTOBER GALA

New Milford, Connecticut – July 9, 2008 -- Do you know a hero? Every year, New Milford Hospital honors community heroes – professionals and volunteers who give of themselves to improve the health, safety and well-being of others. Heroes sometimes earn the title in a single moment of sacrifice or courage, but our heroes are people who serve on a more regular basis. To them, helping others is an essential part of everyday life.

This year, the Hospital is seeking nominations for Honoring Our Heroes 2008 for anyone living and serving the community in the primary towns served by the Hospital. These locations include: In Connecticut, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Kent, New Milford, Roxbury, Sherman, Warren, Washington; in New York, Dover Plains, Pawling and Wingdale. If you know of someone who deserves recognition for their selfless and consistent contributions, **“Nominate a Hero” by using the website:**

www.nmheroes.org or by calling New Milford Hospital External Affairs at 860-350-7731 for a nomination form. The deadline for submitting nominations is Friday, August 15, 2008. All nominations will be carefully considered by our panel of judges. Submit your nominations to Honoring Our Heroes 2008, Attention: Mary Burcaw, External Affairs, 21 Elm Street, New Milford, CT 06776-2904, Phone: 860-350-7731, Email: burcawm@newmilfhosp.org.

Awards Dinner

Actor Denis Leary and his wife, Author Ann Leary, will serve as hosts again this year, presenting the winners at the Heroes 2008 Awards Dinner at 6:30 pm on October 25 at the Canterbury School Field House, 101 Aspetuck Avenue, New Milford. Tickets will be available for \$75 each beginning on September 9. Demand for tickets to this popular event is high, and all will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Proper attire is requested for the dinner dance. For tickets, order online at

www.nmheroes.org or send a check or money order to: NMH Heroes Dinner, Attention: Mary Burcaw,

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Heroes 2008

This year, we will honor employees and volunteers affiliated with service organizations in the Connecticut and New York towns of New Milford Hospital's primary service. These groups include New Milford Hospital, the Visiting Nurse Association, all local EMS and ambulance crews, firefighters, local and state police, as well as other health and human service agencies such as the American Red Cross.

A. One Individual Award

Individual heroes might be firefighters, nurses, police officers, physicians, paramedics or others who make helping others part of their job or volunteer commitment. Previous winners included a family physician, a veterinarian/volunteer firefighter, a senior services counselor, a youth director, a service agency leader, and a hospital volunteer/EMT.

B. One Team Award

This recipient might be an ambulance team, firehouse crew or other group that responds in emergencies or in other ways to serve the health, safety and well-being of our communities. Last year's winner was The Thrift Mart of New Milford.

C. The Ruth and Skitch Henderson Advocate Award

The advocate award is designed for an individual, group or family in one of our primary Connecticut and New York towns who has provided outstanding support to New Milford Hospital, and whose example has helped build a culture of philanthropy for the Hospital. Last year's winners were Margaret and John Griner of New Preston.

D. Agricultural Award

Increasingly, we have come to understand the critical importance of our farmers and our local farm economy to the health of our residents and the vitality of our communities. Local, wholesome food keeps us well; a local farm economy is the backbone of the quality of life we are so fortunate to enjoy in our region. This year, we will honor a farmer who is dedicated to raising and providing healthful, wholesome produce, dairy and/or meat products to consumers in the Hospital's primary service area. Last year's winners were Hipp Farm of New Milford (James Hipp and Family); Kimberly Farm of New Milford (John Kimberly and Family).

E. One New Milford Hospital Employee Award

This award honors a hospital employee who has demonstrated superior commitment to service or has accomplished a particular heroic act to support patients and coworkers. Last year's winners were Floella Toussaint, Nursing Coordinator, and Massimo Cremonini, Pharmacist

Sponsorships Sought to Support Heroes

The New Milford Hospital Heroes Awards would not be possible without the support of many community sponsors. This year's Presenting Sponsor is Union Savings Bank. If you would like to inquire about other sponsorship opportunities, please contact Mary Burcaw at burcawm@newmilfhosp.org or call 860-350-7731.

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