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**ELLEN ZANE TO BE HONORED AS HERO IN HEALTH CARE BY  
VNA OF BOSTON AT 125TH ANNIVERSARY GALA CELEBRATION**



**BOSTON, MA** – The Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of Boston is pleased to announce Ellen Zane, President and Chief Executive Officer of Tufts Medical Center and Floating Hospital for Children, will be honored as a Hero in Health Care by the organization at its 125th Anniversary Gala.

“Ellen Zane is a renowned leader in health care, lauded for her passionate advocacy for the patient and the community. Her innovative leadership has shaped much of the health landscape as we know it today in Boston,” said Reynold G. Spadoni, President and CEO of the VNA of Boston. “We are thrilled that she has accepted our invitation to be honored at our Gala as she truly appreciates how important collaboration across the continuum of care is to the welfare of our patients.”

The VNA of Boston is concluding a year-long celebration of its 125th anniversary at a Gala celebration being held on October 15, 2011 at the Taj Boston Hotel. Founded in 1886, the VNA of Boston has a long and proud history of responding to public health crises in the Greater Boston area. They have been on the front lines, working with health care partners such as Tufts Medical Center, providing care to newborns and their mothers, those recovering from surgery, the chronically ill and seniors. The organization’s goal is to create a society where everyone has equal access to exceptional health care services and can remain at home and in the community, independently, with dignity and the greatest quality of life.

“We know that the road to good health doesn’t begin and end at the hospital door, and the VNA of Boston has been helping patients at home longer than anyone else in the country,” Zane said, “We at Tufts Medical Center recognize how important it is that patients have access to nursing assistance at home, and I am deeply honored to accept this award from an organization so dedicated to caring for patients.”

Zane, the first woman to run the hospital in its 215 year history, recently announced she plans to retire in September but will continue her relationship with the hospital by serving as Vice Chairman of its Board of Trustees. During her seven year tenure at the 415 bed academic medical center, she oversaw more than 5,000 doctors, nurses, clinicians, researchers, and other health care workers and is credited with pulling the hospital back from fiscal crisis and returning it to financial stability.

Previous to her role at Tufts, Zane held the position of Network President for Partners HealthCare System, Inc. In this capacity, she was responsible for the development of a provider network featuring the Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham & Women's Hospital. The network encompassed 5,600 physicians and represented \$800+ million of managed care revenue. Today, this entity represents

one of the largest physician networks in America. Prior to that, Zane was the Chief Executive Officer at Quincy Hospital and served in this capacity as an employee of HCA and then Quorum Health Resources.

Zane received a Bachelor of Arts degree from George Washington University in Washington, DC in 1973 and then a Master of Arts degree in 1975 from Catholic University of America. In addition to her educational achievements she also holds honorary degrees including a Doctorate of Commercial Science from Bentley University, a Doctorate of Business Administration from Stonehill College and a Doctorate of Humane Letters from Curry College.

Zane currently sits on the Boards of many leading organizations including Parexel International, Lincare Holdings, Inc., Fiduciary Trust Company and Century Capital Management. She is a Trustee at George Washington University and is a member of the Health Policy and Management Executive Council at the Harvard School of Public Health. She is also on the Board of Overseers at the Tufts University School of Medicine, an Assistant Professor at Tufts University School of Medicine and is the former Board Chair of the Massachusetts Hospital Association.

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*Celebrating our 125<sup>th</sup> year, the Visiting Nurse Association of Boston & Affiliates provides home health care through the VNA of Boston, end-of-life support through VNA Hospice Care and private pay services through VNA Private Care. We coordinate superior care across the continuum – for all ages, health care needs, and income levels – so that our patients and their families throughout Greater Boston have peace of mind and, most importantly, can live independently at home.*