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**VISITING NUSRE ASSOCIATION OF BOSTON ANNOUNCES
2008 HEROES IN HOME HEALTHCARE**

BOSTON – (February 11, 2008) – The Visiting Nurse Association of Boston will honor it’s 2008 Heroes of Home HealthCare at their annual Gala fundraising dinner to be held March 29, 2008 at the Four Seasons Hotel Boston.

In early 2004 the VNA of Boston embraced the tradition of celebrating the contributions of local Heroes who have been integral to its ongoing mission and success. To culminate each year long celebration of Heroes in home healthcare, the VNA of Boston honors a select group of extraordinary Heroes at their annual fundraising Gala dinner.

Included among this years heroes are: JudyAnn Bigby, M.D., Secretary of Health and Human Services for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Cleve Killingsworth, Jr., Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts; Joseph Coughlin, Ph.D., Founder and Director of the AgeLab at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and corporate Hero NationalGrid.

“As home healthcare nurses, we practice a very personal, and often challenging, aspect of patient care by providing treatment in our patients’ homes, regardless of illness, income or insurance,” said Joanne Handy, President and CEO of the VNA of Boston. “The level of continuous devotion demonstrated by our heroes -- the police officers, funders, patients, donors, community leaders and advocates who make it possible to provide quality care to nearly 13,000 patients each year -- is unequalled, and we are extremely proud to recognize this years group of distinguished heroes for their devotion to the VNA of Boston and their commitment to home healthcare.”

The annual Gala serves to raise funds that are used to support the organizations Maternal Child Health and Charitable Care programs. Last year’s event raised \$250,000.00 and was attended by 350 people.

For more information about the event, to be a sponsor or to purchase a ticket, please call 617-886-6463 or visit the organizations website at www.bostonvna.org.

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The VNAB, a non-profit organization, is the oldest and largest provider of comprehensive and compassionate home health care and hospice services in Greater Boston. Everyday, our experienced clinicians care for thousands of patients and families from infants to elders in a range of socio-economic groups. And, we are the largest provider of services to those who can’t afford them.

