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### **VNACJ Staff Honored at New York Times Tribute to Nurses**

RED BANK, NJ, December 4, 2009 – Mary Remhoff, BSN, MSN, CNS, APN, Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey (VNACJ) Registered Professional Nurse Manager was the winner of the New York Times Tribute to Nurses Leadership/Research award. In addition, Lisa Dillon Zwerdling, RN-BC, VNACJ Registered Staff Nurse, was a finalist in the Service award category. The annual award recognizes nurses who exemplify innovation, leadership, education, research and community service. Ms. Remhoff was recognized for her work through VNACJ Special Child Health Services and Early Intervention programs to improve the outcomes of children with special developmental needs. Ms. Zwerdling was recognized for her outstanding service as a community nurse and for going beyond the scope of her job in responding during a national catastrophe. They will be recognized at a special breakfast presented at the New York Times Building on December 10 in New York.

Ms. Remhoff has been with VNA of Central Jersey for 14 years as Manager of Special Child Health Services and Early Intervention. She is an advanced practice nurse specializing in pediatrics. She utilizes all resources to the fullest extent to benefit children and families. Believing that no child should be lost in the system and unable to access care, Ms. Remhoff has been responsible for the establishment of new processes within VNACJ to ensure that children enrolled in early intervention programs receive automatic access to ongoing case management and referral services. In 2009, more than 4,000 children received early access to necessary services as a result of case management services provided by Mrs. Remhoff's programs.

Ms. Zwerdling has been a VNACJ community health nurse for more than 15 years. With her superb clinical skills she is able to manage the most difficult cases. She provides care for patients of all ages with equal competence. Importantly she connects and bonds easily with families and caregivers affording them the support and understanding they need. During Hurricane Katrina, Ms. Zwerdling volunteered to travel to New Orleans and provide nursing care to displaced victims.

Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey, now in its 97<sup>th</sup> year of service, is a nonprofit provider of home health care and hospice services. The organization also offers extensive community-based health and wellness services throughout New Jersey.