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### **Eileen Mazzei, RN of Old Bridge Honored as Nurse of the Year**

RED BANK, NJ, May 7, 2009 – Eileen Mazzei, RN, a resident of Old Bridge, has been named 2009 Nurse of the Year by the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey (VNACJ). The award was presented at VNACJ Nurses’ Day ceremonies held May 7 at the Battleground Country Club in Manalapan. In addition the day’s event recognized National VNA week, May 11-17, 2009

Ms. Mazzei has worked as a VNACJ staff nurse serving the community based in need for more than 17 years. In addition to her nursing responsibilities, Ms. Mazzei is a preceptor to new nursing staff and a role model for clinical excellence. In 2009, Ms. Mazzei accepted a position as staff nurse preceptor for Robert Wood Johnson Visiting Nurses, a VNA of Central Jersey and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital partnership. RWJVN serves patients in Middlesex, Mercer, Somerset and Union counties. Ms. Mazzei ensures patients with complex health issues to get the care they need.

“Eileen’s enthusiasm and knowledge has been key in building a strong RWJVN team and in promoting the mission of VNA of Central Jersey,” said Cyndi Leed, executive director of RWJVN.

“This is such a great honor,” said Ms. Mazzei upon accepting the award. “VNA of Central Jersey is a wonderful organizations and I am so fortunate to be a part of it.”

The VNACJ Nurses Day and National VNA Week event honored the more than 450 nurses of VNA of Central Jersey and its partner and affiliates, Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services and Robert Wood Johnson Visiting Nurses. The day included a special presentation by Joan Vitello, RN, PhD, FAAN, NEA-BC, former System VP/Chief Nursing Officer at Hallmark Health System Medford, MA. Ms. Vitello is a nationally renowned clinical researcher and speaker on the value of positive emotions. She applauded VNACJ nurses for their efforts in cultivating positive images for their patients through their unwavering compassion and care.

Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey, now in its 97<sup>th</sup> year of service, is a nonprofit provider of in-home health care and hospice services. The organization also offers extensive community-based health and wellness services throughout its service area of Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Burlington and Gloucester counties. Robert Wood Johnson Visiting Nurses is located in North Brunswick, NJ and serves patients in Mercer, Middlesex, Somerset and Union counties.