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## Judith A. Carey, RSM, PhD, Awarded the T. Stewart Hamilton, MD, Distinguished Service Award

WALLINGFORD — At its 94th Annual Meeting on June 27, the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) will present Judith A. Carey, RSM, PhD, Vice President for Mission Integration at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, with the T. Stewart Hamilton, MD, Distinguished Service Award. This award is presented to an individual with extraordinary service to the healthcare field.

"Sister Judy's encouraging leadership, incisive focus, and infectious optimism as a CHA trustee and a driver behind key CHA initiatives has left its mark," said Jennifer Jackson, CHA President and CEO. "We are grateful for her vision, energy, and wise guidance."

Sister Judy has been a pivotal force in healthcare in the state and region for nearly 20 years, with broad experience developing, shaping, and serving on more than 25 boards during that time.

In 1987, Sr. Judy was elected Vice President of the Connecticut Regional Community of the Sisters of Mercy. It was during this time that she began to work on board issues including board training, bylaws, governance activities, mission statements, management, and staff development.

In 1995, as President of the Connecticut Regional Community of the Sisters of Mercy and as a member of Eastern Mercy Health System, she helped created a parent corporation, Mercy Community Health, for three care facilities operated by the Sisters, and built a system Board.

At the same time, Eastern Mercy was engaged in merger conversations with two systems to become Catholic Health East. Sr. Judy participated with other leaders to determine the structure and how the Sisters would sponsor the new system, and she went on to chair the Sponsors Council for the new system.

In 2001, she developed a consulting practice in strategic planning, helping with corporate structures, team building, and facilitating. The same year, she joined the Board at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center. In 2005, President and CEO Christopher Dadlez invited her to become Vice President for Mission Integration. Sr. Judy served as a member of the CHA Board from 2003 to 2006, in addition to continuing to serve in several other ongoing CHA leadership roles. CHA is pleased to recognize this distinguished leader, colleague, and friend for her outstanding contributions to healthcare.



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## **About CHA**

The Connecticut Hospital Association has been dedicated to serving Connecticut's hospitals since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut's hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, community health, and hospital reimbursement.