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CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY CARE RECOGNIZES WINNERS OF SENIOR POETRY CONTEST

(Bristol, CT) – The winners of Connecticut Community Care, Inc.'s (CCCI) 2007 Senior Poetry Contest were honored recently at the company's Annual Meeting at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville.

The contest judges chose 12 entries from among 495 poems submitted by 190 seniors aged 65 to 99 from across the state.

Winners in the Advanced Track include:

1st Place- Alexandrina Sergio, age 72, Glastonbury, poem entitled *When Wearing Purple Isn't Enough*
2nd Place- Alvin M. Laster, age 84, Southbury, poem entitled *Blind Child at the Piano*
3rd Place- Myrtle E. Cavallo, an octogenarian, Danbury, poem entitled *Learning a Craft*
Honorable Mention- Connie Magnon-Albrizio, age 75, Windsor, poem entitled *If Only*
Honorable Mention- Bob Jacob, age 75, West Hartford, poem entitled *Wall of Laughter*
Honorable Mention- Patricia M. Reedy, age 67, Pawcatuck, poem entitled *Quick Check*

Winners in the Beginner Track include:

1st Place- Joan A. LaRose, age 66, Southington, poem entitled *Carnival*
2nd Place- Sophie Barnes, age 74, Westport, poem entitled *Embedded*
3rd Place- Louise Besson, age 95, New Canaan, poem entitled *Robins in January*
Honorable Mention- Jean Harkins, age 80, Niantic, poem entitled *Summer Girl*
Honorable Mention- Doris M. Frost, age 81, Kensington, poem entitled *To Robert Frost*
Honorable Mention- Jeanette Cooper, age 75, Voluntown, poem entitled *Changing Places (via Alzheimer's)*

"The poems are so real, so representative of the human condition, dealing with many important issues from birth to death. They are filled with emotions that we can all identify with and this makes them very powerful," said Contest Chair Patricia Mottola of Cheshire.

CCCI is a statewide, private, nonprofit care management organization assisting older adults and individuals with disabilities to remain at home. CCCI has helped over 100,000 clients and families through the state-funded Connecticut Home Care Program and through its private-pay division, Care Management Associates. CCCI has regional offices in Norwich, Watertown and Wethersfield.

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