

## Visiting Nurse Services of Connecticut Press Release



*Bringing HEART to Home Care and Hospice*

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### **VNS Awarded Grant Funds to Help Patients with Critical Needs**

**Torrington: January 3, 2019:** Visiting Nurse Services of Connecticut, the not-for-profit home healthcare and hospice provider for residents of Fairfield, New Haven and Litchfield counties, was awarded \$1,000 in grant funding by the Draper Foundation Fund, a fund of the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation. VNS was one of 52 local organizations serving economically distressed residents to receive year-end Critical Needs funding from the Foundation

Annually, VNS' Torrington staff provide community-subsidized home care for 300 patients in northwest Connecticut, many of whom have chronic conditions requiring long-duration care. The grant funds provided by the Draper Foundation Fund were distributed by VNS clinical staff in December to help home-based patients in-need of the most basic necessities including food, clothing and prescription co-pays.

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#### ***About VNS***

Visiting Nurse Services of Connecticut is a Medicare certified not-for-profit clinical home healthcare and hospice provider serving residents of 54 Connecticut communities in Fairfield, New Haven and Litchfield counties. Annually, VNS conducts 237,000 home health visits for 8,000 patients from clinically staffed offices in Bridgeport, Trumbull, Oxford and Torrington. VNS provides a comprehensive range of home healthcare services to meet patient needs, and provides personal care services through its affiliate Partners in Care. For additional information, visit [www.vnsct.org](http://www.vnsct.org).

#### ***About Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation***

As your Northwest Connecticut community foundation, our mission is to enrich the quality of life for residents of our 20 town service area in Connecticut's Northwest Corner through the generosity of fundholders. We seek to enrich the quality of life for residents of Northwest Connecticut by inspiring local philanthropy, convening stakeholders in community welfare, strengthening the regional nonprofits network and fostering collaborative funding partnerships. For additional information, visit [www.northwestcf.org](http://www.northwestcf.org)