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BANTAM -- VNA Northwest has purchased West Street Home Care, a Litchfield referral agency, and is now offering private duty care in addition to its current programs.

Nancy Deming, executive director of VNA Northwest, Inc., said she is pleased that the home health and hospice agency is able to provide a wider range of services to local residents through West Street Home Care of CT.

The staff of VNA Northwest, Inc., a state-licensed, Medicare-certified agency, serves patients under doctors' orders only. Private duty care includes home care services by companions and personal care attendants in addition to skilled nurses and certified nursing assistants, and does not require orders from a physician.

"We believe the mission of West Street Home Care is very compatible with our own," said Ms. Deming. "Through the years, our two agencies have worked alongside each other to provide the best care possible for local clients. And we have built a strong friendship with West Street's founder, Ceil Kuhn," she added.

The office staff and caregivers of West Street Home Care of CT will remain with the new company, said Ms. Deming. The experienced referral agency will continue to offer 24 hour service, including weekends and holidays, she added.

For more information about VNA Northwest, Inc. or West Street Home Care of CT, please visit www.vnanw.org, or call 860-567-6000. To inquire about private duty care, you may call West Street Home Care at 860-567-2476.

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