

Accredited Nursing Care is pleased to announce it has been selected as the Grassroots Organization of the Year by the California Association for Health Services at Home (www.cahsah.org) for 2006. Additionally, our President - Barry Berger, was recognized in the Group Achievement Award for his work on the Minimum Standards Committee for Home Care Aide Organizations.

Over the next few months, CAHSAH will introduce the Minimum Standards Bill that seeks to protect home care employees and patients by creating a legal business standard for our industry.

Accredited now services over 12,000 patients and employs 4000 individuals monthly. We recognize our role as a leader in this industry and have a responsibility to advocate for the highest standards of service delivery. Here are a few recent functions in which Accredited participated (From CAHSAH's Weekly News Update - Week of October 16, 2006);

State Legislative Candidates Get Understanding of Home Care



(From left to right) James Field, Millette Arredondo, Anthony Portantino, Romelia Garcia

Last week CAHSAH members attended two meet and greets with Democratic Candidate **Anthony Portantino** and Senator **Tom Harman** (R-Huntington Beach). Each candidate has been endorsed by CAHSAH and both are the likely winners for the November 5, 2006 General Election. CAHSAH member's **Romelia Garcia**, **Millette Arredondo**, and **James Fields** of [Accredited Home Health Services](#) met with the Portantino, who is running for Assembly District 44, to discuss the importance of home care and our key issues. **Portantino** was very familiar with CAHSAH and the services we provide. **Portantino**'s background is a professional filmmaker and a member of the La Canada Flintridge City Council. The 44th Assembly District covers part of the county of Pasadena and includes the cities of Altadena, Arcadia, Duarte, La Canada, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Temple City, Monrovia, Mayflower, Glassell Park, and Eagle Rock. **Senator Tom Harman** is running for re-election for Senate District 35, which includes part of Orange County and the cities of Costa Mesa, Cypress, Fountain Valley, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Irvine, Laguna Beach, Newport Beach, and Westminster.



(From left to right) Darrin Carey, Senator Tom Harman, Deirdre Costigan

Darrin Carey, Branch Manager and **Deirdre Costigan**, Marketing Representative, of **Accredited Nursing Care**, Orange County talked one-on-one with the Senator to briefly discuss minimum standards.

CAHSAH and members will meet with the Senator regarding our minimum standards later in the year. Thirty-seven of the 100 Legislative Seats up for re-election are due to term limits making educating Legislators over the next six months critical. If you or your staff is planning on making Legislative visits or have met with a legislator, please e-mail bbiglieri@cahsah.org and put Legislative Visit in the subject line.