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12 NURSES COMPLETE NEW ASSISTED LIVING NURSE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

ALBANY, NY - The New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSCAL) is pleased to announce that twelve nurses from assisted living facilities across New York State have completed the Foundation for Quality Care's Assisted Living Nurse Leadership Program. This innovative program was designed to enhance the quality of care and quality of life for residents and staff through the development of the nurse's leadership skills.

The Assisted Living Nurse Leadership Program is part of the Long Term Care Leadership Institute which was developed by the Foundation for Quality Care, a non-profit research and educational foundation affiliated with the New York State Center for Assisted Living. The course covered key topics including effective communication, conflict management and resolution, coach and mentoring skills and person-centered care. The program was funded through an educational grant received from the NYS Department of Health and the NYS Department of Labor Health Workforce Retraining Initiative.

"NYSCAL is pleased to be the first in the state to offer a specialized training program for assisted living nurses," said Shelley Wagar, Executive Director at the New York State Center for Assisted Living. "This ground breaking program provides tools and resources for the assisted living nurse in our communities to build upon their current strengths and experiences. We are proud to be able to advance nurse leadership in the State of New York by providing dedicated nurses with the leadership skills to support their residents, family members and staff so that their facilities will achieve greater success and high levels of customer satisfaction."

The 12 participants who have completed the Assisted Living Nurse Leadership Program are:

- **Maryann Abdullah, RN, The Pavillion at Vestal Park, Vestal, NY**
- **Andrea Hall, Health & Wellness Director, Emeritus at Painted Post, Painted Post, NY**
- **Dorothy Hanes, Health & Wellness Director, Brookdale at Fayetteville, Fayetteville, NY**
- **Sharon O'Sullivan, Director of Enriched Living, Woodlawn Commons, Saratoga Springs, NY**
- **Brian Seaver, LPN/Case Manager, Fawn Ridge, Troy, NY**
- **Ashley Gebbie, RN-Administrator, Fairport Baptist Home ACF, Fairport, NY**
- **Donna Klein, RN, DePaul Senior Living, Rochester, NY**
- **Suzanne Le, Wellness Director, Seneca Lake Terrace, Geneva, NY**
- **Caitlin Putman, Resident Care Mgr., Heathwood Assisted Living, Penfield, NY**
- **Amy Shuler, ALP Director, DePaul Senior Living, Rochester, NY**
- **Caitlynn Stuk, SNALR Coordinator, Morgan Estates, Genesco, NY**
- **Jacqueline Turner, Case Manager, Ashton Place, Clifton Springs, NY**

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