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FIRST SPANISH BAPTIST CHURCH
RECEIVES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

ALBANY, N.Y. – The First Spanish Baptist Church has received the 2018 Spiritual Guidance Volunteer of the Year Award for their volunteer service at Queens Boulevard Extended Care Facility in Woodside, NY. The award from the New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL) was presented on June 26 at the 2018 Volunteer of the Year Awards program during the association’s annual convention in Rye, NY.

The members of the First Spanish Baptist Church have volunteered at Queens Boulevard Extended Care Facility for four years. They give an entire day of service each week, providing a church service and social program afterwards. They make sure they visit everyone who may need spiritual support, or just a friendly visit to pick up their spirits. They have helped the residents make donations to Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, and also to children in local hospitals.

“This group’s commitment and dedication to our residents is greatly appreciated,” said Jonathan Mawere, MD, administrator of Queens Boulevard Extended Care Facility. “Their volunteerism is truly exemplary and deserving of this prestigious award from NYSHFA/NYSCAL.”

NYSHFA/NYSCAL’s Volunteer of the Year Awards Program recognizes outstanding volunteers serving in skilled nursing facilities. Winners receive an engraved obelisk and were invited to attend the NYSHFA/NYSCAL annual convention.

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The New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL) is a member-driven association of providers of long term care services, caring for individuals of all ages in proprietary, not-for-profit, and government-sponsored skilled nursing, post-acute, rehab, adult care and assisted living communities across the state of New York. NYSHFA/NYSCAL is dedicated to assisting its members in achieving excellence in the provision of efficient and effective quality long term care services through leadership, professional development and active involvement in the shaping of public policy.