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GILL RECEIVES EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD

ALBANY, N.Y. – Shirley Gill, RN, evening supervisor at The Pines at Poughkeepsie Center in Poughkeepsie, NY, has received the 2017 Registered Nurse of the Year Award from the New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL). The award was presented on June 27 at the 2017 Employee Recognition Awards program during the association's annual convention in Verona, NY.

Ms. Gill has been an employee of The Pines at Poughkeepsie Center for over seven years. She has an extensive nursing background beginning in her home country of Barbados and extending to the United States. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and Psychology. She worked at the Heart Foundation in Barbados for 10 years as Director of Cardiac Disease Prevention and also worked at Queen Elizabeth Hospital for 20 years in various nursing positions. Shirley and her husband immigrated to the United States 10 years ago and in 2015 became US citizens.

"Shirley is a dedicated, caring nurse who ensures our residents receive the highest level of care possible," said Patrick Weir, administrator of The Pines at Poughkeepsie Center. "We are proud that she has been honored with this prestigious award from NYSHFA."

The Employee Recognition Awards honor individuals for their outstanding contributions to skilled nursing facilities. They are awarded in the categories of Registered Nurse of the Year, Licensed Practical Nurse of the Year, Certified Nursing Assistant of the Year and Heart and Hands Award, which is presented to a non-nursing/non-managerial staff member.

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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.