



For Immediate Release June 29, 2017

Contact: Richard S. Patterson (518) 462-4800 Ext. 19

INTERNATIONAL MISSION FOR THE DISABLED RECEIVES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

ALBANY, N.Y. – International Mission for the Disabled has received the 2017 Spiritual Guidance Volunteer of the Year Award for their volunteer service at Union Plaza Care Center in Flushing, NY. The award from the New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL) was presented on June 27 at the 2017 Volunteer of the Year Awards program during the association's annual convention in Verona, NY.

The members of International Mission for the Disabled have volunteered at Union Plaza Care Center for 21 years. They visit the facility twice a week and provide bilingual religious services for the residents. Other activities include arts and crafts, discussion groups, movies, cultural performances and interesting guest speakers.

"This group's commitment and dedication to our residents is greatly appreciated," said Dr. Adinah Pelman, administrator of Union Plaza Care Center. "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.

-30-

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.