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**PACKER RECEIVES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

ALBANY, N.Y. – Richard Packer has received the 2017 Senior Adult Volunteer of the Year Award from the New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL).

Mr. Packer received the award for his volunteer service at Hornell Gardens in Hornell, NY. Mr. Packer has volunteered at Hornell Gardens for five years, spending more than 1,200 hours planting and maintaining flowering gardens; assisting with activities; and visiting and transporting residents.

“Richard’s commitment and dedication to our residents is greatly appreciated,” said James Bicker, administrator of Hornell Gardens. “His 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.*