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**LINDA QUACKENBUSH AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP**

VERONA, NY – Linda Quackenbush, an educator at Medina Memorial Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility has received a 2017 James D. Durante/Ruth E. Stafford Nurse Scholarship from the New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL). The award was presented on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the 2017 Scholarship Awards program during the association’s annual Nurse Leadership Conference in Verona, NY.

Ms. Quackenbush is a resident of Albion, NY.

The James D. Durante/Ruth E. Stafford Nurse Scholarship is granted to nursing students who are currently advancing their skills and knowledge in the nursing profession and are dedicated to providing high quality care to residents of long-term healthcare and assisted living facilities. The scholarship is administered by the Foundation for Quality Care, Inc., a non-profit educational and research foundation affiliated with NYSHFA/NYSCAL.

“The need for qualified nursing staff in New York State is more critical than ever,” said Stephen Hanse, Esq., President and CEO of NYSHFA/NYSCAL. “This scholarship was established to assist nurses in their education. It is vitally important to provide support to encourage individuals to pursue a rewarding career in nursing.”

“Linda is a dedicated employee who strives to meet the needs of both our staff and residents,” said Jenifer Maynard, administrator of Medina Memorial Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility. “Her dedication, skills and compassion will serve her well as a nurse in the long term care setting.”

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*The Foundation for Quality Care, Inc. is a non-profit educational foundation affiliated with the New York State Health Facilities Association (NYSHFA)/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSCAL), a statewide membership organization of more than 340 licensed skilled nursing and assisted living facilities. The membership is diversified and represents individual and multi-facility operations of proprietary, voluntary and government sponsorship. Members take care of more than 54,000 ill, aged and infirm New Yorkers. Members of NYSHFA/NYSCAL are dedicated to the highest standards of care and to the quality of life of all residents.*