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**HAAS RECEIVES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

ALBANY, N.Y. – Mary Haas, a volunteer at Heathwood Assisted Living in Williamsville, NY has received the 2015 Assisted Living Volunteer of the Year Award from the New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSCAL). The award was presented on June 30 at the 2015 Volunteer of the Year Awards program during the association’s annual convention in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Mary has volunteered at Heathwood Assisted Living for 33 years, spending more than 1,200 hours in the past year arranging religious services; leading an exercise group; serving refreshments; visiting with residents; and buying for and managing the gift shop, of which all proceeds benefit the residents.

“Mary’s commitment and dedication to our residents is greatly appreciated,” said Michele Ladouceur, administrator of Heathwood Assisted Living. “Her volunteerism is truly exemplary and deserving of this prestigious award from NYSCAL.”

NYSCAL’s Volunteer of the Year Awards Program recognizes outstanding volunteers serving in assisted living facilities.

Winners received an engraved obelisk and were invited to attend the NYSHFA/NYSCAL annual convention.

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