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RAPP RECEIVES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

ALBANY, N.Y. – Dorothy Rapp of West Seneca, NY has received the 2015 Senior Adult Volunteer of the Year Award for her volunteer service at ElderWood at Cheektowaga in Cheektowaga, NY. The award from the New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL) was presented on June 30 at the 2015 Volunteer of the Year Awards program during the association's annual convention in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Dorothy has volunteered at ElderWood at Cheektowaga for 12 years, spending more than 300 hours in the past year visiting and transporting residents; delivering newspapers; and assisting with activities and the facility's sewing club.

"Dorothy's commitment and dedication to our residents is greatly appreciated," said Lawrence Piselli, administrator of ElderWood at Cheektowaga. "Her 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.