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### **JOE BETTCHER RECEIVES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

ALBANY, N.Y. – Joe Bettcher has received the 2020 Young Adult Volunteer of the Year Award from the New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL).

Mr. Bettcher received the award for his volunteer service at The Paramount at Somers Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Somers, New York. Joe has been volunteering at The Paramount since 2014, helping to transport residents and assisting with the recreation department. Joe started volunteering because his high school required him to get volunteer hours in order to graduate. Even though he is not required to volunteer there anymore, he keeps giving back. Joe, who is visually impaired, does not drive but always found a way to get to the facility. He is a committed volunteer who does over 350 hours of service a year. Joe is working full time towards his college degree in Social Work. This wonderful volunteer can be described with three words: dependable, empathetic and kind.

“Joe’s commitment and dedication to our residents is greatly appreciated,” said Mark Badolato, administrator of The Paramount at Somers Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. “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 be honored during the NYSHFA/NYSCAL Virtual Annual Conference on September 24th.

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