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KRISTI BURKEY RECEIVES EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD

ALBANY, N.Y. – Kristi Burkey, director of activities at Roscoe Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Roscoe, NY has received the 2021 Manager of the Year Award from the New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL).

Ms. Burkey began her career at Roscoe Rehabilitation and Nursing Center as a CNA in 1995. She transferred to the activities department as an activity leader in 2005. For the past four years she has served as the Activity Director. Ms. Burkey works long hours, comes in on weekends, not only for special events, but to assist her staff. She has been creative with planning activities during COVID and has transformed many of the activities to be able to be provided in hallways. She has been providing facetime visits with families daily. She works on the unit as a CNA when needed and she even uses her own money to shop for the residents.

"Kristi is always going the extra mile and is well respected by her peers, and loved by our residents and families," said Joy Wood, administrator of Roscoe Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. "We are proud that she has been honored with this prestigious award from NYSHFA/NYSCAL."

The Employee Recognition Awards honor individuals for their outstanding contributions to skilled nursing facilities. They are awarded in the categories of Registered Nurse of the Year, Licensed Practical Nurse of the Year, Certified Nursing Assistant of the Year; Manager of the Year and Heart and Hands Award. Winners receive an engraved trophy and were honored on April 29th during the NYSHFA/NYSCAL Virtual Annual Conference.

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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.