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CHAPEL HILL BIBLE STUDY RECEIVES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

ALBANY, N.Y. – Chapel Hill Bible Study has received the 2021 Spiritual Guidance Volunteer of the Year Award from the New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL).

The members of Chapel Hill Bible Study received the award for their volunteer service at Wingate at Ulster in Highland, NY prior to the pandemic. They have been coming to the facility for over 20 years to run a bible study group. Their group always started with music and although they focused on Christianity, they made their discussion pertain to any religion so that all residents could feel comfortable and were able to participate. These volunteers also visited with the residents on a one on one basis and assisted with the activities department.

"Gloria and Jill's dedication as volunteers is an inspiration to others," said Laura Megna, activity director at Wingate at Ulster. "It is an honor and privilege to have these volunteers a part of our facility and we are so excited that they are receiving this much deserved, prominent award from NYSHFA."

"These volunteers' commitment and dedication to our residents is greatly appreciated," said Carl Kelly, administrator of Wingate at Ulster. "Their 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 honored during the NYSHFA/NYSCAL Virtual Annual Conference on May 13th.

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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.