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## CHARMAINE COOKE RECEIVES EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD

ALBANY, N.Y. – Charmaine Cooke, LPN, Assistant Nurse Manager at The Hurlbut Nursing & Rehabilitation in Rochester, New York has received the 2019 Licensed Practical Nurse of the Year Award from the New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL). The award was presented on May 7th at the 2019 NYSHFA/NYSCAL Awards Banquet during the Association's annual conference in Verona, NY.

Charmaine Cooke has worked at The Hurlbut Nursing & Rehabilitation for 28 years! She started as a Certified Nursing Assistant in 1990. She is a true example of dedication, hard work and clinical growth. She made every stride to grow in her clinical professionalism and became an L.P.N. in 1994. She is currently working toward getting her RN. Charmaine has also been nominated for employee of the month multiple times.

"Charmaine has a passion for nursing and clinically empowers not only herself but, empowers all staff so that they positively impact the lives of our residents," said Kimberley Danzig, administrator of The Hurlbut Nursing & Rehabilitation. "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 invited to attend the NYSHFA/NYSCAL 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.