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ANTHONY DIBARTOLO RECEIVES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

ALBANY, N.Y. – Anthony DiBartolo has received the 2021 Senior Adult Volunteer of the Year Award from the New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL).

Mr. DiBartolo received the award for his volunteer service at St. Mary’s Hospital for Children in Bayside, New York. Prior to the pandemic, he volunteered at the facility for more than five years, coming to the facility five days a week. Anthony assisted with the Medical Day Health Care Program, transporting the children to and from meals and activities, and providing one-on-one attention to help them develop their full potential. He also worked an assignment not everyone is cut out for: he was one of their DOULA volunteers. Working with the Palliative Care Program, Anthony provided emotional support, comfort and companionship to children experiencing a life-limiting or life-threatening illness.

“We are grateful for the kindness and generosity that Anthony showed to our children, families and staff every day,” said Maggie Sidarous, administrator of St. Mary’s Hospital for Children. “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 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.