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BRENDA FORMAN RECEIVES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

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

Ms. Forman received the award for her volunteer service at The Maplewood Nursing & Rehabilitation in Webster, New York. Brenda has volunteered at The Maplewood for more than 14 years. She first became connected with the Maplewood through relatives who were residents at the facility. She would come to visit every day and when they passed away, she continued to come as a volunteer. Brenda typically spends three days a week at Maplewood, bringing along Mocha, her pet Pomeranian. Brenda dresses Mocha in different outfits, which adds to the delight of seeing the duo. Together they spend time visiting with residents. In addition to visiting, Brenda assists with transporting residents to meals and activities. She is an integral helper with the resident chorus, bringing members to and from the activity, putting together song books, turning pages and helping with concerts. She also works on the Annual holiday craft show and bazaar, running errands, lending a hand on the floor and taking many residents shopping at the two-day event. With her helpful hand, listening ear and caring heart, Brenda has made a difference for the residents, families, staff and other volunteers as well.

“Brenda’s commitment and dedication to our residents is greatly appreciated,” said Gregory Chambery, administrator of The Maplewood Nursing & Rehabilitation. “Her 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 received an engraved obelisk and were honored during the NYSHFA/NYSCAL Virtual Annual Conference on September 24th.

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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.