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GLAMOURGALS RECEIVES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

ALBANY, N.Y. – GlamourGals has received the 2021 Group 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 GlamourGals received the award for their volunteer service at Queens Boulevard Extended Care Facility in Queens, NY. The GlamourGals have been coming to the facility for more than 15 years, providing beauty makeovers for the residents. When visitation was shut down due to COVID-19, this organization reinvented themselves to find a way to continue to engage with the residents. They started sending beautiful notes of inspiration and holiday cards to the residents. They also produced their own coloring book, and provided colored pencils to the residents so they could engage in some creative expression. The facility has received in the mail, on an almost daily basis, boxes and large envelopes filled with just about everything the residents could desire. The President of the Resident Council goes around to the residents and gives them their sweet gifts from a group of young students that wanted to show them how much they cared for them, despite not being able to visit them physically at this time.

“These volunteers’ commitment and dedication helped our residents to remain socially connected to their community and avoid isolation and is greatly appreciated,” said Dr. Jonathan Mawere, Administrator and Chief Operating Officer of the Queens Boulevard Extended Care Facility. “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.