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CLAUDE LECRANN RECEIVES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

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

Mr. LeCrann received the award for his volunteer service at St. Mary’s Hospital for Children in Bayside, New York. Claude started volunteering at the facility prior to the pandemic, spending time playing table games and visiting with residents. In March 2020 the facility had to close their campus to volunteers due to COVID. In late June, he returned to help staff the health screening desk in the lobby. Claude was the first person to volunteer and even took the late shift two nights a week! Volunteering from 5 pm – 10:30 pm, reminding everyone to start with hand sanitizer, taking temperatures, making masks available and asking the health related questions, Claude made sure that each person entering the building was cleared properly.

“Claude’s easygoing persona and willingness to pitch in whenever needed has been a great help during these trying times. We greatly appreciate him and are so happy he chose to join our volunteer team,” 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.