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## RENE MOUNT RECEIVES EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD

ALBANY, N.Y. – Rene Mount, RN, Director of Nursing at Elderwood at Cheektowaga in Cheektowaga, New York has received the 2019 Registered 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.

Rene Mount, RN has been employed at Elderwood at Cheektowaga since 2015. She began her health care career as a certified nurse's aide and worked to earn an education as an RN BSN with a certification in wound care. Rene is also certified in MDS, end of life nurse education, and is an advanced care planning facilitator. She is a recipient of the Foundation for Quality Care's Durante Stafford Nurse Scholarship and the Western New York Director of Nursing scholarship, and has been published in the Journal of Nephrology 2009.

"Rene's compassion and love for her profession, combined with her insatiable thirst for advanced knowledge in every sector of nursing related to long term care, makes her one of the top in her field," said Lawrence Piselli, administrator of Elderwood at Cheektowaga. "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.

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