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**CARMELINA MUNOZ RECEIVES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

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

Ms. Munoz received the award for her volunteer service at St. Mary's Hospital for Children in Bayside, New York, where she has spent over 250 in the past year hours visiting the infants in the nursery. Twice a week you would find her at the bedside reading or rocking a little one, playing on the floor, chasing toys that were dropped, or sitting with a sleeping baby in her arms. She has also helped to orient new volunteers and assists with the facility's steering committees. Carmelina's love of children and her desire to make a difference in their lives and the lives of their families shines bright every day.

"Carmelina's commitment and dedication to our residents is greatly appreciated," said Maggie Sidarous, administrator of St. Mary's Hospital for Children. "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 receive an engraved obelisk and were be 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.*