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ARTHUR SACER RECEIVES EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD

ALBANY, N.Y. – Arthur Sacer, Director of Food Services at Salem Hills Rehabilitation & Nursing Center in Purdys, New York has received the 2019 Manager 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.

Arthur Sacer was hired in the food service department at Salem Hills Rehabilitation & Nursing Center in 2009. He worked his way up the ranks and was promoted to Director of Food Services in 2012. A culinary trained chef, Arthur works closely with the dietician to meet the individual dietary needs of each resident. Arthur has implemented innovative programs such as a made-to-order breakfast group and a cultural diversity luncheon that gathers monthly; and held a record number of outdoor barbeques last summer. Arthur has formed many great relationships with the residents. Each day he greets them as they arrive at the main dining room and even helps with transporting them. Arthur also volunteers in the facility’s connector program, where an employee visits with one particular resident on a weekly basis to lift their spirits.

“Arthur is a role model, leads by example, and goes above and beyond in meeting the needs of the residents we serve,” said Maura Brennan, administrator of Salem Hills Rehabilitation & Nursing Center. “We are proud that he 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.