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## ERICA SHILINGFORD RECEIVES NOBLE CAREGIVER AWARD

ALBANY, N.Y. – Erica Shilingford, Medication Aide at Maple Pointe Assisted Living in Rockville Centre, NY has received the 2019 Noble Caregiver Award from the New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSCAL). The award was presented on May 7th at the 2019 NYSCAL Awards Banquet during the Association's annual conference in Verona, NY.

Erica Shilingford has worked at Maple Pointe Assisted Living for 10 years. She is now a Medication Aide and is a leader for front-line staff. Erica shares a strong bond with the residents and their family members. She has taken on the "beautification" role at Maple Pointe. Each time a resident has a pivotal Birthday or special occasion, she takes the time to do their hair and makeup to ensure they are "camera-ready".

"Erica's kindness, smile and sense of humor brings joy to our residents daily," said Tammy Marshall, Executive Director of Maple Pointe Assisted Living. "We are proud that she has been honored with this prestigious award from NYSCAL."

The NYSCAL Noble Caregiver Award recognizes frontline caregivers for their contributions that lead to improved quality of life for the residents and create a better work environment for the adult care/assisted living community's staff.

Winners received an engraved obelisk 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.