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CARLY SIMMS RECEIVES EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD

ALBANY, N.Y. – Carly Simms, LPN, Unit Manager at Ten Broeck Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing in Lake Katrine, NY has received the 2021 Licensed Practical Nurse of the Year Award from the New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL).

Ms. Simms has worked for Ten Broeck Center for seven years. She started as a CNA in 2014. In 2016 she became an LPN and in 2019 was promoted to be a unit manager of their specialty dementia unit. In April 2020 COVID-19 impacted the facility and her unit became a designated COVID unit for the facility. This LPN showed up seven days a week and provided care for her residents and stayed calm through the storm, until she unfortunately became a victim of COVID as well. While furloughed at home she was working from home, feeling ill, updating care plans, calling families and still so concerned for her residents.

"Carly has gone above and beyond as a caring nurse and is a team member who is valued by her leaders and peers," said Tara Hogan, administrator of Ten Broeck Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing. "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 honored on April 29th during the NYSHFA/NYSCAL Virtual 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.