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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH RECEIVES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

ALBANY, N.Y. – St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church has received the 2019 Group Volunteer of the Year Award for their volunteer service at Troy Center for Rehabilitation & Nursing in Troy, New York. The award from the New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL) was presented on May 7th at the 2019 NYSHFA/NYSCAL Awards Banquet during the Association's annual conference in Verona, NY.

The members of St. Michael's Church have volunteered at Troy Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing for over 20 years. They have demonstrated compassion and understanding to those who have needed the most help. During those twenty years, these volunteers have dedicated at least one hour a week and have built a special bond with the members of the facility. They have provided support in multiple ways, such as leading group discussions, visiting with residents, and providing endless donations. In addition to this work, they are deeply committed to and involved in providing spiritual guidance to those who seek a connection with a higher power. These volunteers offer Mass services once a month or during special holidays, and Holy Communion. What is amazing about these volunteers is how the efforts of one particular group can truly make a difference.

"These volunteers' commitment and dedication to our residents is greatly appreciated," said Shmuel Meir Berger, administrator of Troy Center for Rehabilitation & Nursing. "Their 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 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.