

For Immediate Release
May 10, 2019

Contact: Richard S. Patterson
(518) 462-4800 Ext. 19

LUIS URRIETA RECEIVES EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD

ALBANY, N.Y. – Luis Urrieta, Floor Technician at Salem Hills Rehabilitation & Nursing Center in Purdys, New York has received the 2019 Heart and Hands 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.

Luis has worked at Salem Hills Rehabilitation & Nursing Center for 19 years! He started as a housekeeper and then was promoted to housekeeping lead and then to floor technician, which is the position he currently holds. During any given day you will see this team member working hard but with enthusiasm. Whether it is mopping floors, wiping down door knobs and glass panes, emptying garbage or assisting in laundry, he performs the tasks with gusto. Luis is often seen laughing and joking with his co-workers, residents and visitors. Luis takes initiative and uses his people skills to positively affect residents’ quality of life. Since he is bi-lingual he often assists with their Spanish speaking residents. He is a loyal employee who has formed many longstanding and trusted relationships with residents and staff alike.

“Luis positively impacts residents’ health and welfare, and is a role model to others,” 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.

-30-

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.