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JANETTE DELUCA RECEIVES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

ALBANY, N.Y. – Janette DeLuca has received the 2022 Senior Adult Volunteer of the Year Award for her volunteer service at St. Mary’s Hospital for Children in Bayside, NY. The award was presented on May 18th at the 2022 NYSHFA | NYSCAL Awards Banquet during the Association’s annual conference in Verona, NY.

Janette started volunteering at St. Mary’s Hospital for Children in 2019, visiting with the infants. In the summer of 2020, the facility asked a small number of volunteers to return to staff their COVID screening desk. Janette was one of the first to offer her help. Volunteering every Monday afternoon, reminding everyone to start with hand sanitizer, taking temperatures, making masks available and asking the list of health-related questions, she made sure that each person who entered the building was properly cleared. Janette has made herself available every week since then, adding a second day to her schedule and training new volunteers.

“Janette’s willingness to pitch in whenever and wherever is needed has been a great help during these trying times. We greatly appreciate her and are happy she is part of our program,” said Maggie Sidarous, administrator of St. Mary’s Hospital for Children. “Her volunteerism is truly exemplary and deserving of this prestigious award from NYSHFA | NYSCAL.”

NYSHFA’s Volunteer of the Year Awards Program recognizes outstanding volunteers serving in skilled nursing facilities.

Winners received an engraved obelisk and were invited to attend the NYSHFA | NYSCAL annual conference.

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