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DIANA SCHINNERER RECEIVES NOBLE CAREGIVER OF THE YEAR AWARD

ALBANY, N.Y. – Diana Schinnerer, Activity Assistant at Dominican Village in Amityville, NY has received the 2022 NYSCAL Noble Caregiver of the Year Award from the New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA | NYSCAL). The award was presented on May 18th at the 2022 NYSCAL Awards Banquet during the Association's annual conference in Verona, NY.

Diana Schinnerer has worked at Dominican Village for over five years and strives to improve the quality of life of the residents on a daily basis. During the pandemic, she worked every day to make sure every resident felt acknowledged. She conducted chair exercise and Bingo in the hallways, as well as afternoon music sessions and snack cart visits, spreading cheer during a difficult time. She ensured that exercise videos were played daily on the facility channel so residents could maintain a healthy lifestyle while they were quarantined. Diana also leads a bi-monthly "Armchair Travel" program, where they get to experience the food and culture of a new country.

"Diana has a positive attitude and caring spirit, and is an advocate for our residents first," said Eric Kalt, President and CEO of Dominican Village. "We are proud that she has been honored with this prestigious award from NYSHFA | 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.