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**INTERNATIONAL MISSION FOR THE DISABLED RECEIVES
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

ALBANY, N.Y. – International Mission for the Disabled has received the 2022 Group Volunteer of the Year Award for their volunteer service at Union Plaza Care Center in Flushing, NY. The award was presented on May 18th at the 2022 NYSHFA | NYSCAL Awards Banquet during the Association’s annual conference in Verona, NY.

The members of International Mission for the Disabled have volunteered at Union Plaza Care Center for more than 25 years. During the pandemic, these volunteers were instrumental in meeting the spiritual and emotional needs of the residents. They provided one-on-one socially distanced visits and prayer; weekly evening bible group; and ethnic entertainers who were willing to perform on individual units so all of the residents could benefit from their visits. Although they are representative of one ethnic group, they always provide interpreters in order to involve the entire resident population. This group’s humanitarian endeavors extend to other long term care facilities and they are an NGO Member at the United Nations.

“This group’s commitment and dedication to our residents is greatly appreciated,” said Dr. Adinah Pelman, administrator of Union Plaza Care Center. “Their 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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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.