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JANET PIANESE RECEIVES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

ALBANY, N.Y. – Janet Pianese, a volunteer at Dominican Village in Amityville, NY has received the 2022 NYSCAL Volunteer 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.

Janet has been a dedicated volunteer at Dominican Village for 11 years, providing pet therapy visits to the residents. In the past year, she has spent more than 100 hours at the facility visiting the residents with her pet dog, Amy. Pet therapy contributes to better physical, mental and emotional health for all people, but specifically aides with seniors who are at a greater risk for social isolation and loneliness. Janet dedicates herself on a weekly basis, offering her time and expertise to bring joy and comfort to the residents.

“Janet’s commitment and dedication to our residents is greatly appreciated,” said Eric Kalt, President and CEO of Dominican Village. “Her volunteerism is truly exemplary and deserving of this prestigious award from NYSCAL.”

NYSCAL’s Volunteer of the Year Awards Program recognizes outstanding volunteers serving in adult care/assisted living facilities.

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

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