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SUSAN YUDIKAITIS RECEIVES EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD

ALBANY, N.Y. – Susan Yudikaitis, Director of Nursing at NYS Veterans’ Home at Oxford has received the 2022 Registered Nurse 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 NYSHFA | NYSCAL Awards Banquet during the Association’s annual conference in Verona, NY.

Susan Yudikaitis has worked in long term care for 35 years, starting out as a certified nursing assistant and working her way up the ranks to become Director of Nursing. For 20 years of her career, she has been in a management role, which she has done exceptionally. She has provided strong leadership during the pandemic and provided much needed support in many areas. She is very respectful to all of their residents, helping during mealtimes to assist in feeding and anything that is needed to keep the residents happy and satisfied. Her efforts resulted in multiple deficiency-free surveys and improving the facility’s five-star rating.

“Susan has been an excellent role model and has been recognized by her colleagues for her strong leadership,” said Kurt Apthorpe, administrator of NYS Veterans’ Home at Oxford. “We are proud that she 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.

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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.