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KRISTIN BLACK RECEIVES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

ALBANY, N.Y. – Kristin Black has received the 2023 Spiritual Guidance Volunteer of the Year Award for her volunteer service at Kingsway Arms Nursing Center in Schenectady, NY. The award was presented on May 10th at the 2023 NYSHFA | NYSCAL Awards Banquet during the Association’s annual conference in Verona, NY.

Kristin Black has been volunteering at Kingsway Arms Nursing Center for 15 years. She has reinvigorated the facility’s spiritual / religious volunteer program, something the residents and family members highly value. Kristin helped recruit additional volunteers to come to help their residents participate in special observances. She has made a difference by assisting residents in meeting their religious needs in person, which is something many residents sorely missed during the pandemic. Many of the residents were elated to be able to rejoin practices of their faith in their own home.

“Kristin’s commitment and dedication to our residents is greatly appreciated,” said Mark Olsen, administrator of Kingsway Arms Nursing Center. “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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