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### **MITCH PAPONTOS RECEIVES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

ALBANY, N.Y. – Mitch Papontos has received the 2023 Senior Adult Volunteer of the Year Award for his volunteer service at Putnam Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Holmes, NY. The award was presented on May 10th at the 2023 NYSHFA | NYSCAL Awards Banquet during the Association’s annual conference in Verona, NY.

For the past fifteen years, Mitch Papontos has volunteered at Putnam Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Mitch is dedicated to helping the residents live more fulfilling lives, reaching their full potential, and being a friend and confidant. He spends much of his time as a friendly visitor. No matter which event is taking place, Mitch is always ready to join and participate. When not at the facility, he is out in the community trying to recruit more volunteers. This loyal and dedicated volunteer allows the facility to enhance their programs and the lives of their residents.

“Mitch’s commitment and dedication to our residents is greatly appreciated,” said Deena Kaye, administrator of Putnam Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. “His 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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