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CEDAR LODGE NURSING HOME VOLUNTEERS
RECEIVE RECOGNITION AWARDS

ALBANY, N.Y. – Volunteers at the Cedar Lodge Nursing Home in Center Moriches, NY have received 2010 State Volunteer of the Year Awards from the New York State Health Facilities Association (NYSHFA). The Volunteer of the Year Awards Program recognizes outstanding volunteers serving in skilled nursing facilities.

Girl Scout Troop 2534 of Manorville received the Volunteer of the Year award in the Group category. The Girl Scout troop has volunteered at Cedar Lodge Nursing Home for five years, spending more than 20 hours in the past 12 months doing crafts and visiting with the residents.

Raymond Polito of Centereach, NY received the Volunteer of the Year award in the Spiritual Guidance category. He has volunteered at Cedar Lodge Nursing Home for 12 years, spending more than 40 hours in the past 12 months providing religious services and transporting residents.

“Our volunteers’ commitment and dedication to our residents is greatly appreciated,” said John Digilio, administrator of the Cedar Lodge Nursing Home. “Their volunteerism is truly exemplary and deserving of this prestigious award from NYSHFA.”

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The New York State Health Facilities Association (NYSHFA)/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSCAL) is a statewide membership organization of more than 270 licensed skilled nursing and assisted living facilities. The membership is diversified and represents individual and multi-facility operations of proprietary, voluntary and government sponsorship. Members take care of more than 44,000 ill, aged and infirm New Yorkers. Members of NYSHFA/NYSCAL are dedicated to the highest standards of care and to the quality of life of all residents.