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ELANT AT FISHKILL RECEIVES INNOVATIVE PRACTICE AWARD

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. – Elant at Fishkill of Beacon, N.Y. received the 2010 Innovative Practice Award for its music therapy program, “Heart Song: Music Therapy Enhancing the Quality of Care” yesterday. The award from the New York State Health Facilities Association (NYSHFA) was presented during the association’s annual convention in Lake Placid, N.Y.

The “Heart Song” program combines music therapy with palliative care and is aimed at relieving the stressors of the dying process by providing a peaceful and comfortable environment for the resident, family and staff.

“The ‘Heart Song’ program has allowed our staff to provide comfort and support to our residents and their families,” said George Michaels, administrator of Elant at Fishkill. “We are proud to be recognized with this prestigious award from NYSHFA for this successful program.”

The Innovative Practice Awards were initiated to demonstrate the New York State Health Facilities Association’s commitment to showcasing the high quality services its members provide to their residents.

Winners of the Innovative Practice Awards received a plaque and were invited to attend NYSHFA’s annual convention.

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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.