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### **ELANT AT WAPPINGERS FALLS RECEIVES INNOVATIVE PRACTICE AWARD**

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. – Elant at Wappingers Falls of Wappingers Falls, N.Y. received the 2010 Innovative Practice Award for its culture change program, “Elderact” 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 goal of the “Elderact” program is to provide nursing home residents with a link to the community and sense of purposefulness through volunteerism by creating a collaboration between the nursing home residents and the local Rotary.

“The ‘Elderact’ program provides a supportive environment for our residents to help others and make a difference in the community,” said Dana Diorio-Casey, executive director of Elant at Wappingers Falls. “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.*