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**TWENTY-ONE NURSES COMPLETE NURSE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
Exclusive Program Trains Rising Leaders in Skilled Nursing Facilities**

(ALBANY, N.Y.) – Twenty-one nurses from Long Island area skilled nursing facilities have completed the Foundation for Quality Care’s First Line Nurse Manager Program, an exclusive leadership program for nurses in middle management roles who aspire to become leaders in the long-term care profession.

The First Line Nurse Manager Program is part of the Long Term Care Leadership Institute, which was developed by the Foundation for Quality Care, a non-profit research and educational foundation affiliated with the New York State Health Facilities Association. The innovative program, assisted by funds from the New York State Department of Health and Labor - Health Workforce Retraining Initiative and the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration - Nurse Education, Practice and Retention Programs, provides continuing nursing education contact hours from the New York State Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

“No one is more important to the delivery of quality care than nurses and nurse leaders. We need to do everything we can to support them,” said Richard J. Herrick, President of the New York State Health Facilities Association and the Foundation for Quality Care. “Programs such as these are critical to the long-term success of skilled nursing facilities in New York State.”

The Long Term Care Leadership Program was designed to provide nursing leaders with an ongoing educational and peer networking program that promotes personal development, core competencies and best practices in the role of long-term care nursing.

“The Institute is even more critical in these times of staffing shortages and increased quality of care and financial pressures in the long-term care profession,” said Richard Patterson, Executive Director of the Foundation for Quality Care. “This program trains the current and most importantly, the next generation of nurse leaders who care for New York’s most frail populations.”

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The 21 participants who have completed the First Line Nurse Manager Program are:

Glenn Albrecht, RN Supervisor, Huntington Hills Center for Health & Rehab., **Melville**

Antoinette Aubourg, Oak Hollow Nursing Center, **Middle Island**

Carol Bradke, RN Supervisor, Sands Point Center for Health & Rehab., **Port Washington**

Leizel Bugtai, RN Supervisor, Haven Manor Health Care Center, **Far Rockaway**

Rosa Chafizov, Head Nurse, Trump Pavilion Nursing Home, **Jamaica**

Michele Charles, RN, Port Jefferson Healthcare Facility, **Port Jefferson**

Lynette Chin, Unit Manager, Rockville Nursing Center Inc., **Rockville Centre**

Christine Corry, Charge Nurse, White Oaks Nursing Home, **Woodbury**

Kelly Godberson, RN Unit Manager, Oak Hollow Nursing Center, **Middle Island**

Rochelle Ico, Oceanside Care Center, **Oceanside**

Jeanne-Marie Macchio, Brookhaven Health Care Facility, **East Patchogue**

Rose Marie Paige, Unit Coordinator, Huntington Hills Center for Health & Rehab, **Melville**

Diana Petro, RN, Woodbury Center for Healthcare, **Woodbury**

Carol Radziejewski, Nursing Supervisor, Port Jefferson Healthcare Facility, **Port Jefferson**

Ashley Ryan, Registered Nurse, St. James Healthcare Center, **St. James**

Claudia Schreck, Nurse Manager, Carillon Nursing and Rehab. Center, **Huntington**

Kritika Singh, Director Inservice Education, Ditmas Park Care Center, **Brooklyn**

Deborah Staples-Waarst, Nurse Manager, Our Lady of Consolation Geriatric Care Center, **West Islip**

Emelynda Terhune, ADN, Smithtown Center for Rehab & Nursing Care, **Smithtown**

Jacqueline Vaughan-Moscatiello, RN, Cedar Lodge Nursing Home, **Center Moriches**

Lucia Willis, Nurse Manager, St. James Healthcare Center, **St. James**

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