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LOCAL COUPLE RECEIVES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. – Phil and Theresa English of Cheektowaga, NY received the 2010 Senior Adult Volunteer of the Year Award for their volunteer service at ElderWood Health Care at Maplewood in Cheektowaga yesterday. The award from the New York State Health Facilities Association (NYSHFA) was presented at the 2010 Volunteer of the Year Awards program during the association’s annual convention in Lake Placid, NY.

Mr. and Mrs. English have volunteered at ElderWood Health Care at Maplewood for 12 years, spending more than 1,800 hours in the past 12 months running the facility gift shop and transporting and visiting with residents.

“Phil and Theresa’s commitment and dedication to our residents is greatly appreciated,” said Scott West, administrator of ElderWood Health Care at Maplewood. “Their volunteerism is truly exemplary and deserving of this prestigious award from NYSHFA.”

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 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.