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**LEADINGAGE NEW YORK AWARDS HIGHEST HONOR TO AILEEN BALITZ,  
PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE CENTERS AT ST. CAMILLUS**

(SYRACUSE, NY) **LeadingAge New York** recently announced that it has awarded its highest honor, the **Lawrence E. Larson Memorial Award of Honor**, to **Aileen M. Balitz**, President and CEO of The Centers at St. Camillus in Syracuse, NY.

LeadingAge New York represents not-for-profit, mission-driven and public continuing care providers, including nursing homes, senior housing, adult care facilities, continuing care retirement communities, assisted living and community service providers. The organization's highest award honors the late Larry Larson, the association's first chairman, and pays tribute to his distinguished service, dedication and foresight in aging services. The award is given to a member who has made outstanding contributions to the field and is a recognized leader at the state and national level with a reputation for humanitarian achievement and professional vision.

Aileen Balitz began her career as a speech therapist in Jacksonville, FL, which soon brought her to the then-named St. Camillus Health & Rehabilitation Center in Syracuse, NY. There she was then promoted to Director of Speech & Audiology Services, followed by Director of Professional Services, and Assistant Administrator. In 1991, Aileen was appointed to her current position as President and CEO of The Centers at St. Camillus.

LeadingAge New York chose to bestow its highest honor on Aileen because she inspires her colleagues with her steadfast compassion, commitment to quality, and dedication to the individuals St. Camillus serves. In addition, she leads by example and by doing, and is known and highly respected for her work ethic. She is equally active in day-to-day operations as she is in long-term planning.

At the heart of Aileen's vision is her innate desire and commitment to help individuals maximize their potential. It is her vision that has helped St. Camillus grow from its beginnings as a nursing facility to the comprehensive health care community it is today.

While working to ensure the success of The Centers at St. Camillus, Aileen has been actively involved in community and state organizations, such as Leadership Greater Syracuse, the Long Term Care Executive Council, LeadingAge New York, the Healthcare Financial Management Association, the Foundation for Long Term Care, the Long Term Care Coalition, and Project Home.

Aileen earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from St. Bonaventure University, and two graduate degrees, a Master of Science Degree and a Master of Business Administration Degree, from Syracuse University. She resides with her husband David in Jamesville, NY.



Aileen-Balitz, President and CEO, The Centers at St. Camillus

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*The Centers at St. Camillus is a not-for-profit health care facility offering comprehensive inpatient, outpatient and home care services, including brain injury rehabilitation, continuing care, subacute rehab, outpatient therapies, medical transport, adult day health services, and more. Since its founding in 1969, St. Camillus has been a leader in rehabilitative health care dedicated to caring for life.*

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