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**NEWS RELEASE: Second group of CNA Apprentices complete their training at Cabrini of Westchester**

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Dobbs Ferry, NY (September 15, 2023) — On Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, Cabrini of Westchester celebrated a second group of Nursing Assistant Apprentices as they completed five weeks of training in order to become Certified Nursing Assistants! In February 2023, we began partnering with the 1199 National Benefit Fund to bring a Nursing Assistant Apprentice Program to Cabrini. This allowed us to bring on eleven additional staff members that received training through a grant initiated by the 1199 National Benefit Fund who contracted with Westchester Community College. All of the eleven staff remain employed full time and all but one are now certified nursing assistants in New York State! The remaining Nursing Assistant Apprentice that has not yet passed the CNA exam will have up to three chances to pass.

The second group of ten began their training in June 2023, and seven now remain employed on a full time basis. They will take the nursing assistant exam this month. This addition to our workforce has helped tremendously to ensure we have the staff necessary to care for our resident population. The success of this collaboration with 1199 and Westchester Community College has allowed us to achieve staffing goals and we are currently offering training to a third group of Nursing Assistant Apprentices! This third group began on September 11<sup>th</sup> as we welcomed sixteen new staff members to Cabrini of Westchester! A fourth group is anticipated to start in late October. There are also plans to include clients of Cabrini Immigrant Services in the fourth class!

Many thanks to 1199 SEIU, 1199 National Benefit Fund and SUNY Westchester Community College for being wonderful partners and for making this Cabrini CNA Apprenticeship Program possible!

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Congratulations to the second group of CNA apprentices as they complete their training! Seen here at the celebration are: (l to r) Nohra Gaitan-Quinones – Labor Management Consultant, 1199 National Benefit Fund; Simone Smith - Vice President of Human Resources, Cabrini of Westchester; Apprentices: Arline Veus, Elizandare Brutus Belizare, Roodine Seide, Mavis Dankwaa; and Crysta Jones - Assistant Director, The Ossining Center-WCC



Seen here are several members of the second group of apprentices, Arline Veus, Elizandare Brutus Belizare, Roodine Seide, Mavis Dankwaa.