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NEWS RELEASE: Sandra Gaynor Awarded Employee of Distinction Award from LeadingAge New York

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Dobbs Ferry, NY (November 23, 2021) — Sandra Gaynor, Certified Nursing Assistant at Cabrini of Westchester, was presented with the 2021 Employee of Distinction Award from LeadingAge New York, part of a national association of 5,500 not-for-profit organizations. Ms. Gaynor graciously accepted the award on November 10<sup>th</sup> at a celebration held in her honor. This prestigious award is given to an employee who excels in their profession and who has served with distinction and made significant contributions to the betterment of services for the aged and infirmed.

James Clyne, President and CEO of LeadingAge New York, although not able to be present for the occasion, sent a pre-recorded video message extending his congratulations to Ms. Gaynor. In his message, he shared, "The Employee of Distinction Award recognizes the extraordinary dedication of staff who have positively affected the quality of life of those who are served. The award enables member organizations to recognize and express appreciation to those who have dedicated themselves for the caring of others. I am pleased to present this 2021 Employee of Distinction Award for your dedication and commitment to the field of aging services."

In addition to Mr. Clyne's comments, Winonah Josephs, Director of Nursing shared, "When Leading Age asked us to nominate an employee for this award, we had no doubt that it would be Sandra Gaynor. Sandra has been an outstanding employee since she started at Cabrini of Westchester in 2007. During last year's COVID-19 Pandemic, Sandra went above and beyond her duties by willingly accepting the challenge to work on the COVID-19 wing and caring for the residents that were infected with the virus. She demonstrated compassionate care while following safe work practices and came to work ready to face the challenges of what the day might bring. Sandra values her strong relationships with the residents, their families and her team. She is highly respected and appreciated and her performance is beyond measure. Her dedication to her work and to Cabrini is truly inspiring. When asked to share her thoughts about Sandra, one of the residents in her care stated, 'Sandra is an angel. She is always there when I need her.'"

Congratulations, Sandra, on your well-deserved recognition!

Cabrini of Westchester is a not-for-profit Catholic ministry sponsored by the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and is dedicated to caring for people of all faiths through programs and services which promote independence, dignity, and well-being. Cabrini of Westchester offers short-term rehabilitation, sub-acute care, respite care, skilled nursing care, palliative care, Alzheimer's and dementia care, pastoral care and home care throughout Westchester County and the Bronx. For more information about Cabrini of Westchester or to support its mission, please call (914) 693-6800 x 502 or visit www.cabrini-eldercare.org.

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