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EPISCOPAL SENIORLIFE COMMUNITIES CELEBRATES ANNUAL EMPLOYEE & VOLUNTEER SPECIAL AWARDS

Each year ESLC celebrates and presents annual special employee awards, as well as the Generations Award which highlights volunteers who excel in their volunteering role. We were excited to surprise all of this year's winners!



Canon St. Julian Simpkins Employee of the Year: Vicki Wilson-Frith, Resident Care Assistant at Ashley Woods

Exhibits: Dedication, Compassion, Friendliness and Respect

Bio: Vicki, a dedicated and compassionate caregiver at Ashley Woods, received multiple nominations for the prestigious Canon St. Julian Simpkins Award from coworkers, residents and family members. She is known for her warm and welcoming personality, providing care and a friendly ear to residents, serving as a confidant and role model to coworkers, while offering compassionate support to families. Vicki's commitment to resident independence, personalized care and ongoing workforce development sets her apart. Beyond her daily responsibilities, she actively contributes to Ashley Woods' IDEA Committee and ESLC's Health and Wellness Committee, making her a shining example of the award's ideals and a true star at the community.

Catherine Johnson Caregiver of the Year: Cherish Justice, Resident Care Assistant at Brentland Woods



Exhibits: Dedication, Loyalty, Caring to those in need

Bio: Cherish, part of the Brentland Woods care team for the past eight years as Resident Care Assistant (RCA), has garnered widespread recognition and nominations for this award from both coworkers and residents. In her overnight RCA position, Cherish diligently ensures the completion of laundry, housekeeping, medication audits, and resident safety, all while maintaining a humble and dependable demeanor. Cherish's rapid response to call lights, thorough safety checks and emergency preparedness distinguish her. Her welcoming personality and meticulous attention to individual resident preferences, along with her

leadership and teamwork skills, make her a standout team member. Cherish's dedication to assisting others and her loyalty to ESLC have earned her praise from residents and staff alike. Her commendable work embodies Catherine Johnson's caregiving philosophy and continually enhances the lives of those she serves and the entire care team.



Austin E. Hildebrandt Award of Honor: Sally Radell, ECH Assistant Director of Nursing

Exhibits: Conviction, Humility, Inspiration and Compassion

Bio: Sally, the recipient of the Austin E. Hildebrandt Award, epitomizes humility, compassion and inspiration. Her presence at ECH is a constant source of leadership and vision, as she readily extends a listening ear, a helping hand or a kind moment to residents. Nominated by her colleagues, Sally's compassion, humor, and dedication to serving residents and their families shine through her thirteen years of service at ESLC. Her positive outlook in even the most challenging situations is a testament to her character, making her an exemplary member of the nursing team and a trustworthy source of inspiration for all. Sally's diligence in providing the

highest quality of care to residents reflects her belief in ESLC's mission and sets a high standard for all. We are privileged to have her as a leader who inspires and uplifts all those she encounters.



Loren J. Ranaletta Award of Honor: Maureen Williams, Director of Resident Services, Seabury Woods

Exhibits: Faithfulness, Creativity, Self-confidence, Sincerity

Bio: Maureen Williams, the Loren J. Ranaletta Award of Honor recipient, stands out through numerous nominations and her impactful contributions. Since her recruitment in 2002 to launch Seabury Woods' life enrichment and memory care program, Maureen has pioneered innovative initiatives, offered dementia care training programs, and curated engaging events, benefiting residents, families and staff. Beyond her outgoing nature, she is a leader in Alzheimer's and dementia care, facilitating family support groups, and training staff in up-to-date care approaches. Maureen's relentless dedication and passion for enriching the lives of older adults make her a

remarkable and deserving awardee.



Generations Award: Patty Gillett, Volunteer at the Episcopal Church Home

Exhibits: Dedication, Compassion, Vision, Volunteerism

Bio: Patty Gillett has faithfully served ESLC for more than a decade, accumulating an impressive 2,000 hours of service. Her presence at the Church Home brings joy to the residents and her cheerful nature is infectious. Over the years, Patty has forged deep and meaningful

connections with residents and staff. A notable example of her compassion and commitment is the special training she sought to safely transfer residents from their wheelchairs to a car, enabling them to attend worship at their home church.

Patty is one of many devoted volunteers from St. Peter's Episcopal Church and has evolved into a trusted resource and a "go-to" person for fellow volunteers. ESLC is truly blessed to have Patty and her trusty miniature dachshund and sidekick, Mini-Cooper, at ECH every week to brighten the day of anyone who frequents the Tip Top Shoppe.



Generations Award: Volunteers from St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Volunteers at Upper South Street
Exhibits: Dedication, Compassion, Vision, Volunteerism

Bio: St. Michael's Episcopal Church volunteers consistently offer warmth and support to Upper South Street residents. Marylou Boynton, Treasurer at St. Michael's, has been gracious in coordinating volunteers and planning events. Together, parishioners provide hot meals on weekends, a monthly community dinner, craft

days, music and other gatherings to bring the community together. The joy they bring during the holiday season is especially festive and fun! The church has also collaborated with students from SUNY Geneseo to assist with household tasks such as housekeeping and running errands for residents. The volunteers' ongoing commitment nurtures a long-time connection between the residents of Upper South Street and St. Michael's Episcopal Church. We are very grateful for this partnership and the dedication of each volunteer who share their gifts and light to enhance the lives of those who call Upper South Street home.