



EISENHUT AND IPPOLITO, VHS, RECEIVE HERKIMER BOCES' 2019 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD

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Herkimer, NY – Valley Health Services' Administrator, Kathy Eisenhut, and Director of Nursing, Melissa Ippolito, were honored to accept Herkimer BOCES' 2019 Community Partnership Award on Tuesday, April 4, 2019 at the Herkimer BOCES complex, Gros Blvd., Herkimer.

Valley Health Services and Herkimer BOCES strong partnership of over 20 years has been successful for high school junior and senior students gaining an academic and hands-on career component in Resident Assistant, Certified Nurse Assistant and Licensed Practical Nurse occupations.

Students do their clinical experience at Valley Health Services, more than 100 working hours, working with residents and helping with feeding, ambulation and personal care – such as dressing and bathing. The students get hands-on experience and are able to practice the skills they need for their certification exam. “The clinical visits allow students to do basic nursing care, which is where everyone starts,” says Kathy Eisenhut, VHS Administrator. Not only does it give students great experience for the careers they're continuing, it also benefits VHS with finding strong candidates for jobs.

“This award is a nice way to recognize the longstanding partnership, and we are so honored to accept this Community Partnership Award,” says Eisenhut.

Picture from left to right: Kathy Eisenhut, Administrator, and Melissa Ippolito, Director of Nursing
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About Valley Health Services

Valley Health Services (VHS), is a privately owned, not-for-profit organization located in Herkimer, New York. A 160-bed long-term care and rehabilitation facility, VHS is a major health care provider and vital community asset. VHS provides care to a largely rural population. Learn more at <http://www.valleyhealthservices.org/>.

About Bassett Healthcare Network

Bassett Healthcare Network is an integrated health system that provides care and services to people living in a 5,600 square mile region in Upstate New York. The organization includes six corporately affiliated hospitals, over two dozen community-based health centers, 20 school-based health centers, two skilled nursing facilities, including Valley Health Services in Herkimer, and other health partners in related fields. Bassett Medical Center, the foundation of the network, is a 180-bed acute care inpatient teaching hospital located in Cooperstown, NY. To learn more about services available throughout the Bassett Healthcare Network, visit www.bassett.org. Follow Bassett on Facebook and Twitter at facebook.com/Bassett.Network and twitter.com/BassettNetwork.

