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Wayne County Nursing Home staff and residents recently celebrated Nursing Home Week May 12 – May 18, 2019. This was an opportunity to celebrate the joys of working with the elderly and to enjoy the camaraderie between residents and staff. The theme this year was children's story books. Each unit selected a theme and decorated in their related theme. Residents and staff had fun dressing up based on their department/unit theme. Fun events for the week included: Crazy hat day, crazy hair day, dress like twins, dress in the character for the unit, plaid day, happy hour, relay race, costume parade, camp fire, fashion show, and employees appreciation day.

A Fashion Show, sponsored by Peebles, in Newark, gave residents a chance to show off the latest fashions. Residents were also treated to a wonderful musical performance from Kay Oosterling.

Additionally, an employee recognition service was held to recognize employees for their years of service. County Administrator, Rick House, Chairman of the Board Steven LeRoy and Town Supervisors: Kenan Baldrige (Rose); Laurie Crane (Huron), Lynn Chatfield (Wolcott), and Steve Groat (Galen), attended to express their appreciation for staff's dedication. The following employees were given awards:

*5 years of service:* Megan Alward, Noelle Barto, Irene DeRoo, Katie Hall, Ashley Harper, Cheryl Judd, Antonia Nava-Cervantes, Kaylee Schetrompf, Amanda Sloughter, Lori Smith, Ebony Sturiale, Vicki Tournois, Shaquana Tucker, Jennifer Tyler, and Tanisha Whitfield

*7 years of service:* Collyn Algier, Robert Cardinale, Mariya Carpenter, Cynthia Davis, Rebecca Granger, Melissa Hoffman, Sherry Kolczynski, Jenni-Lyn Reeves, Theresa Shaffer, Amber Smolinski, Laurie Thomas, and Alexandra Volpe

*10 years of service:* Amy Algier, Gloria Baldwin, Heidi Bruni, Alicia Huff, Kayla Kulijof, Jennifer Morris, Cherie Murray, and Ellen Powell

*15 years of service:* Jacqueline Battle, Tasha Butler, Jennifer Pallister, Carol Putman, and Laura Wigfield

*20 years of service:* Judith Blaszak and Freida Gunter

*25 years of service:* Patricia Baird, Deena Boyer, Terry DeCola, Donna Forjone, Lori Nudd, and Alyce Smith

*30 years of service:* Debbie Feiock

*35 years of service:* Amy Jones

*Perfect Attendance Award:* Wanda Boughton, Anne Church, Terry DeCola, Lisa DeRue, and Amy Lawson

During the ceremony the nurses who were recently honored by the Association of Administrative Nurse in Long Term Care (AANLTC) were recognized. The staff included were: Amy Algier, LPN; Heidi Bruni, LPN; Patty Bullock, RN; Donna Forjone, RN; Cassandra Ross, LPN; Audra Shangraw, LPN; Shelley Sloane, LPN; and Tanisha Whitfield, LPN . These individuals were chosen by their peers and were previously recognized at a luncheon held in Rochester on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

The following was announced: The Certified Nursing Assistants selected to attend the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Certified Nursing Assistants Recognition Luncheon on June 14<sup>th</sup> in Rochester are: Whitney Bowerman, Elaine Swartwood, Susan Wild, and Angela Wright. The event is hosted by Lifespan of Rochester. It was announced that the LeadingAge Employee of Distinction 2019 will be awarded to Gina Fasano. A separate ceremony will be held later.

Staff also had an opportunity to nominate their peers for the WCNH People's Choice award. This award is for individuals who provide great quality care and are truly compassionate towards the residents. The following staff persons were nominated: Anne Church, Kathy Chapin, Dawn Howes, Pattie Jones, Susie Wagoner, Shaniah Jones, Kendra Ake, Jennifer Morris, Rachel Pallister, Rebecca Granger, Deb Feiock, Mariya Carpenter, Amy Jones, Stacy Reinwald, Alicia Huff, Michelle Pangburn, Jen Marlow, Rebecca Streeter, Terry DeCola and Desiree Notebaert. Honorary mention was awarded to Shaquana Tucker, runner up was Dawn Howes, and final winner was Scott Martin.

The nursing home would like to thank everyone who supported the events. The residents and staff were so enthusiastic about the week that plans are already being made for next year. The week's success is a wonderful example of how the nursing home is true to their mission statement: "We're Working Together to Help You Feel at Home."

