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PRESS RELEASE: Cabrini of Westchester Social Worker Receives Prestigious Eldercare

Advocacy Award

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

(Dobbs Ferry, NY, February 12, 2019): Vincent J. Zucchetto, Social Worker at Cabrini of Westchester was recently presented with the "Dr. Mary Ann Quaranta Early Career Elder Adult Advocate Award" at the "Reframing Palliative Care: Education, Research, and Advocacy" conference held at Calvary Hospital, Bronx, New York.

The award is named in honor of Dr. Mary Ann Quaranta, a passionate advocate for education and leadership throughout her entire life. She was a founder of the Collaborative for Palliative Care in Westchester and the New York State Southern Region.

The Collaborative continues Dr. Quaranta's legacy by bestowing awards in her name to recognize distinguished community service. Dr. Quaranta's daughter, Mary Beth Quaranta Morrissey, Esq., PhD, MPH, who is a health care attorney and an aging and health researcher as well as a leader of the Collaborative for Palliative Care, presented Vincent with the award stating the following: "I created the award in my mother's name and am honored to present it to Vincent as he exemplifies the qualities that my mother found so meaningful in social work practice - namely, always being an advocate *for* the vulnerable person. In Vincent's work in the nursing home setting, he demonstrates the moral courage to stand up for older persons' rights as well as needs. Vincent has distinguished himself through his shining character very early in his career and I know will continue to blossom as an exemplary leader in the social work profession."

Sandi Schreier, MSW, Cabrini of Westchester's Director of Social Services and Vincent's supervisor stated: "Working with Vincent has been a pleasure. I have come to know him quite well, professionally as well as interpersonally. He is sensitive, genuine, giving, warm, and compassionate. He puts his heart and soul into the relationships he develops with residents and their families. He is a true advocate, always going out of his way to find out what matters most to the resident, and helping to ensure that their wishes becomes a reality." Ms. Schreier added, "I couldn't think of anyone more deserving of this honor."

About Cabrini of Westchester:

Cabrini of Westchester is rated a five star nursing home by the New York State Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. 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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Vincent Zucchetto (c) receives his award at Calvary Hospital. Joining him are (l to r) Patricia Krasnausky, President and CEO of Cabrini of Westchester, Dr. Michael Brescia, MD, Executive Medical Director of Calvary Hospital, Dr. Mary Beth Quaranta Morrissey, Director of the Collaborative for Palliative Care in Westchester, Sandi Schreier, Director of Social Services at Cabrini of Westchester and Gregorey Runey, Director of Rehabilitation at Cabrini of Westchester.