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Salem Hills Rehabilitation and Healthcare Celebrates Marites Anderson, BSN-RN, DON, as Registered Nurse of the Year 2025 for Outstanding Leadership and Dedication

PURDYS, NEW YORK – May 8, 2025 – Salem Hills Rehabilitation and Healthcare is thrilled to announce that Marites Anderson, BSN-RN, DON, has received the esteemed Registered Nurse of the Year award from the New York State Health Facilities Association (NYSHFA). This honor recognizes her exceptional dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to providing outstanding care to our residents.

Marites has been an integral part of our skilled nursing facility for 19 years, progressing through various roles and currently serving as the Director of Nursing. Her compassionate leadership has significantly enhanced the well-being of both residents and staff. Known for her hands-on approach, she often collaborates with her team to ensure the highest standards of care are upheld.

Her remarkable ability to mentor and inspire newly licensed nursing home administrators and nurse aide trainees has transformed our facility into a hub for professional development. Under her guidance, our proactive work processes and systems have earned both Bronze and Silver AHCA/NCAL National Quality Awards in the past two years.

Marites's dedication extends beyond her professional role; she is a crucial source of support for her colleagues, always ready to provide guidance and foster a positive work environment. Her meticulous attention to detail and commitment to continuous improvement set a benchmark for excellence within our organization.

"We are incredibly proud of Tess for her well-deserved recognition as Registered Nurse of the Year," said Joshua Halpern, Administrator. "Her tireless work ethic, leadership, and compassion make her an invaluable asset to our team and the entire field of skilled nursing."

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[Salem Hills Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center](#) provides quality care for older adults that preserve their dignity and independence. The center offers a range of medical, skilled nursing, pain management, restorative therapy, and related support services to help residents maintain optimal health as they age.

The New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA | NYSCAL) is a member-driven association of providers of long-term care services, caring for individuals of all ages in proprietary, not-for-profit, and government-sponsored skilled nursing, post-acute, rehab, adult care and assisted living communities across the state of New York. NYSHFA | NYSCAL is dedicated to assisting its members in achieving excellence in the provision of efficient and effective quality long term care services through leadership, professional development, and active involvement in the shaping of public policy.

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