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DAVID G. EPSTEIN NAMED NYAHS A PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR
Pediatric Center Human Resources Director Awarded for Contributions to Chronically Ill

(SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY) On May 21, 2008, David G. Epstein, Director of Human Resources at the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center was presented the prestigious Professional of the Year Award by the New York Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (NYAHS A) during their Spring Training Institute at the Saratoga Hilton Hotel and Conference Center in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Mr. Epstein was nominated for this award by Patricia A. Tursi, Chief Executive Officer of the Pediatric Center, noting in her nomination his accomplishments in nursing recruitment and retention, implementing policy changes, dedication to the mission to “cherish all children,” overwhelming compassion for our residents, and extensive experience as a published writer and labor relations professional. Letters of support were also submitted by Carol Barnes, S.C. – Chairperson of the Board, Stephen J. Macri, Esq. – Labor Counsel, Judith Bianca – Director of Nursing, Lisa Poskanzer - Administrator, and Ali B. – a very special former resident now deceased whom David helped to personally meet a number of the stars of World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE).

As stated in the award letter, Mr. Epstein’s accomplishments exemplify what NYAHS A looks for in determining recipients for this award. While accepting the award, Mr. Epstein noted that the Pediatric Center represents many ethnic backgrounds and faith traditions coming together to serve the underserved, medically fragile and poor. He offered thanks to his family as well as the children, staff and leadership of the Center. Quoting both a portion of the Pediatric Center’s mission statement and the words of Saint Elizabeth Seton, Mr. Epstein described the inspiration for his contributions, “At the Pediatric Center we live each day helping others in participation with our sponsors, the Sisters of Charity, believing in the **‘healing power of loving relationships,’** and in the inspirational words of Saint Elizabeth Seton **‘...All are welcome.’”**

The Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center is a healthcare organization providing quality specialized nursing and rehabilitation care to medically fragile children birth to 21 years of age admitted from throughout the New York tri-state area. These resident children and their families are the focus of all that we do.

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The Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center and John A. Coleman School are committed to changing the lives of medically fragile children, one child at a time. All programs are centered on the children we serve and their families, respecting individual cultural beliefs and practices. Each child admitted to the Center enters a “Neighborhood” where they receive team-based trans-disciplinary care, including medicine, nursing, social services, palliative care, mental health, rehabilitation, education, nutrition, child life/therapeutic activity, pastoral care and more. To learn more please visit www.setonpediatric.org.