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PEDIATRIC CENTER CNA AWARDED FOR EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE

Patricia Parris-Martinez receives the NYAHS A Long Term Care Employee of Distinction Award

On Tuesday, December 11, 2007, Carl Young, President of the New York Association of Homes and Services for the Aging visited the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center to present Patricia Parris-Martinez, Certified Nursing Assistant, with the Association's 2007 Long Term Care Employee of Distinction Award. The presentation of this award was attended by fellow staff, family, friends and the resident children to whom Ms. Parris has dedicated the last 17 years of her professional life.

As stated in the NYAHS A Award Letter, "This award is an acknowledgment of the extraordinary efforts on the front line staff working in the Association's member organizations. The purpose of this award is to provide patients, residents and other employees the opportunity to recognize those individuals who have demonstrated a willingness to make personal sacrifices to improve the lives of others; those who go beyond the expected and bring a special compassion and personal commitment of excellence to their job each day."

Ms. Parris-Martinez was nominated for this award by Judith Bianca, Director of Nursing at the Pediatric Center. As a part of the application process testimonials were written by Dr. Gordon Hutcheon, Medical Director, Dr. Molly Thomas, Medical Staff and Ali B, a terminally ill resident now passed for whom Pat Parris selflessly volunteered her time as a care giver and companion on special trips to sporting events in Los Angeles, Chicago and Detroit.

Pat has stated that she is "overwhelmed and honored to be chosen for this award. I am very thankful to Judy, Dr. Hutcheon, Dr. Thomas and Ali." All of her colleagues at the Pediatric Center offer their sincere heartfelt congratulations to Patricia Parris-Martinez as the recipient of this professional honor and for her excellence in the provision of pediatric nursing care.

The Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center located in Chelsea in New York City is a healthcare organization providing quality specialized nursing and rehabilitation care to medically fragile children 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.

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