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**22 NURSES COMPLETE NURSE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
Exclusive Program Trains Rising Leaders in Skilled Nursing Facilities**

(ALBANY, N.Y.) – Twenty-two nurses from northern metro area skilled nursing facilities have completed the Foundation for Quality Care’s First Line Nurse Manager Program, an exclusive leadership program for nurses in senior management roles who aspire to become or remain leaders in the long-term care profession.

The First Line Nurse Manager Program is part of the Long Term Care Leadership Institute, which was developed by the Foundation for Quality Care, a non-profit research and educational foundation affiliated with the New York State Health Facilities Association. The innovative program, assisted by funds from the New York State Department of Health and Labor - Health Workforce Retraining Initiative and the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration - Nurse Education, Practice and Retention Programs, provides college-level credits through the State University of New York Institute of Technology’s (SUNYIT) School of Nursing and Health Systems in Utica.

“No one is more important to the delivery of quality care than nurses and nurse leaders. We need to do everything we can to support them,” said Richard J. Herrick, President of the New York State Health Facilities Association and the Foundation for Quality Care. “Programs such as these are critical to the long-term success of skilled nursing facilities in New York State.”

The Long Term Care Leadership Program was designed to provide nursing leaders with an ongoing educational and peer networking program that promotes personal development, core competencies and best practices in the role of long-term care nursing.

“The Institute is even more critical in these times of staffing shortages and increased quality of care and financial pressures in the long-term care profession,” said Richard Patterson, Executive Director of the Foundation for Quality Care. “This program trains the current and most importantly, the next generation of nurse leaders who care for New York’s most frail populations.”

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The 22 participants who have completed the First Line Nurse Manager Program are:

Julie Alteri, Head Nurse, Golden Hill Healthcare Center, **Kingston**

Judy Caffrey, RN Supervisor, Northern Dutchess RHCF, **Rhinebeck**

Irene Caldwell, Nursing Supervisor/Infection Control, Bon Secours Charity Health System, **Warwick**

Kathleen Daudier, CPN, Asst. Director of Nursing, St. Mary's Healthcare System for Children, **Ossining**

Jamie Lynn Dawson, Nurse Manager, Achieve Rehab. and Nursing Facility, **Liberty**

Denise Demuro, Head Nurse, Field Home Holy Comforter, **Cortlandt Manor**

Linda Gallelo, Nurse Manager, Field Home Holy Comforter, **Cortlandt Manor**

Yvonne Goldman, Unit Manager, The Mountain View Nursing and Rehab. Centre, **New Paltz**

Theresa Grady, Supervisor, Campbell Hall Rehabilitation Center, **Campbell Hall**

Brandy Keller, Nurse Manager, Achieve Rehab. and Nursing Facility, **Liberty**

Carrie Maher, Nurse Care Supervisor, Valley View Center for Nursing Care & Rehab., **Goshen**

Mary McClean, Resident Care Coordinator, Salem Hills Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, **Purdys**

Christina Oszmanski, NCS, Valley View Center for Nursing Care & Rehab., **Goshen**

Cherry Poliquin, Nurse Manager, Putnam Ridge Nursing Facility, **Brewster**

Georgina Revilloza, Supervisor, Cedar Manor Nursing & Rehab. Center, **Ossining**

Nancy Scalzo, Resident Care Coordinator, Salem Hills Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, **Purdys**

Lucinda Segal, Unit Manager, Ten Broeck Commons, **Lake Katrine**

Linda Shea, Unit Manager, Elant at Fishkill, **Beacon**

Malika Smith, Unit Manager, Wingate at Dutchess, **Fishkill**

Mary Sweeney, Northern Dutchess RHCF, **Rhinebeck**

Ellen Tucker-Roman, Unit Manager, Wingate at Ulster, **Highland**

Frances Velazquez, Putnam Ridge Nursing Facility, **Brewster**

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