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## **Christian Health Care Center Employee Honored as Legend of the Year**

**WYCKOFF, NJ ...** Belinda Buggs, CNA/Driver/Activities Assistant for Christian Health Care Adult Day Services of Wyckoff, was recently surprised at Christian Health Care Center's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Service Awards Banquet at Macaluso's in Hawthorne, when it was announced that she was the recipient of the Center's Legend of the Year award. Mrs. Buggs is a resident of Haledon.

This fall, Mrs. Buggs was honored as a Legend Quarterly All Star at Christian Health Care Center (CHCC). She was honored for exemplifying the mission and values of CHCC in an outstanding and easily recognizable manner, contributing exemplary service for the benefit of those served at CHCC and beyond, and for demonstrating behavior above and beyond expectations.

Ms. Buggs was nominated by her co-workers.

"Belinda truly loves what she does and shows tremendous compassion for the clients and their families," said Mary Mariconda, Hillcrest Director and Christian Health Care Adult Day Services of Wyckoff Administrator. "Her positive attitude and sense of

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humor are contagious. Clients and caregivers consider her a part of their extended family.”

On her own time, Ms. Buggs picks up medications for housebound clients and brings meals to those whom she knows does not have anyone to help them. She is often the nurse’s eyes and ears when it comes to detecting if a client needs attention. For example, she recognized the symptoms of a urinary tract infection and notified the nurse. This prevented a hospital admission for the client.

“Belinda is equally attentive to families,” said MJ Paulison, Christian Health Care Center Adult Day Services of Wyckoff Assistant Administrator/Activities Director. “She may notice a family struggling to care for a client and suggests that the social worker call to provide information on home care. If she is aware of financial difficulties that the family is facing, she will notify the social worker so that the family can be aware of available grants.”

CHCC provides a broad continuum of high-quality, compassionate care, offering superior mental-health, elder-care, residential living, and rehabilitation services. As a non-profit organization, we deliver care to our community based upon the Christian principles on which we were founded more than a century ago.

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Pictured, from left, are Douglas A. Struyk, CPA, LNHA, Christian Health Care Center President and CEO; Belinda Buggs, CNA, Legend of the Year; Heather Porcaro, MSW, CSW, Heritage Manor Nursing Home Social Worker and co-chair of the Legends Team; and Sandra Ondrof, Gift Shop Manager and co-chair of the Legends Team.