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CHCC celebrates National Social Work Month, appreciates staff

WAYNE – Christian Health Care Center (CHCC) celebrated National Social Work Month in March and honored its Social Work Council and the 30 social workers who are on staff to recognize their daily work providing support for its residents, patients, clients, consumers, and their families. The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) is a professional organization of social workers throughout the United States. This year the NASW celebrates its 60th anniversary and created this year's theme, "Social Work Paves the Way for Change."

The theme was selected to convey the importance of the NASW and the social-work profession in general, and the difference social workers have made to help and nurture people since the NASW was founded in 1955.

CHCC values its social workers and all staff all year long, but National Social Work Month gave the social-work staff a chance to share information about their profession with others and enjoy special events throughout the month.

Social workers are an integral part of care provided in virtually

all of CHCC's programs and are valuable members of the interdisciplinary team of professionals who care for those we serve. At Heritage Manor Nursing Home, social workers help newly admitted residents and their families adjust to living in a long-term care environment and address any concerns that they have. Once the residents settle in, social workers provide ongoing support and also work closely with family members to address any issues that may arise.

In The David F. Bolger Post-acute Care Unit, patients are often

admitted after a hospitalization, with the goal of transitioning back to the place they call home healthy and safe. Social workers are among members of the care team who help determine when patients are ready to be discharged, and also attend to any concerns they have as patients on the unit.

Social workers are also valued members of the care teams at both Christian Health Care Adult Day Services of Wayne and Wyckoff. They provide support for the clients and their families. Adult day services provide families with the ability to keep their loved ones at home for as long as possible. Clients enjoy activities, nursing services, and door-to-door transportation, while families receive much-needed respite. When additional care is required, social workers will work with families to help them transition to assisted living or other long-term care programs.

Social workers are also very important members of the care team in the Mental Health Services Division. Many of the therapists and the director of Christian Health Care Counseling Center are licensed clinical social workers, and there is a social worker on staff at the Ramapo Ridge Partial-hospitalization Program. Social workers are also instrumental in providing care to patients at Ramapo Ridge Psychiatric Hospi-

tal and residents of Southgate behavior-management unit, as well as supporting their families during times of crisis. Additionally, the pastoral care director at CHCC is a licensed clinical social worker and is another valuable resource to patients, residents, and families.

Two social workers also provide several monthly Caregiver Support Group meetings open to the community to provide support to people caring for a loved one. Attendees have an opportunity to share their feelings and share knowledge with others facing similar issues. For more information about this and other events, visit the CHCC website at www.ChristianHealthCare.org.

"We value and recognize the amazing work that our social workers do each and every day," said Denise Ratcliffe, LNHA, executive vice president and COO. "Their contributions to CHCC's person- and-family-centered care demonstrates their commitment to service excellence and our overall mission to foster health, healing, and wellness for people of all ages."

CHCC provides a broad continuum of high-quality, compassionate care, offering superior senior-life, short-term rehab, and mental-health services.

For more information about any of CHCC's services and programs, visit ChristianHealthCare.org.