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Volunteer Commended for Extraordinary Service Huntington Resident Receives Dorothy & Dr. David I. Schachne Award

Commack, NY— Mr. Gary Robinson was recently honored by Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center with the Dorothy & Dr. David I. Schachne award for extraordinary volunteer service. A volunteer with the Gurwin Jewish Adult Day Health Program, Mr. Robinson is the 12th recipient of the award, which is presented annually to an outstanding volunteer at Gurwin.

Mr. Robinson spent his youth in Huntington and Glen Cove and has ties to Long Island's Shinnecock reservation. After graduating from high school, he became a trained mechanic for Grumman and worked on the F-14 fighter jet program. Now retired, Mr. Robinson devotes much of his time to the Adult Day Health Program, a community program housed on the Gurwin campus in Commack that provides healthcare services and socialization for those with chronic illness and cognitive or physical challenges in a safe and stimulating environment. The program also offers access to on-site clinical services, meals, transportation and respite for caregivers.

Commenting on Gary's dedication and service, Kathleen Donnelly, Gurwin's Director of Volunteer Services, said, "Gary has devoted more than 2,000 hours over a two-year span to our Adult Day Health Program registrants. He is well-known on the Gurwin campus for the kindness, patience and sensitivity he shows to all. Gary is a "people person" who believes that his volunteer work gives him as much joy as those he helps."

Director of the Adult Day Health Program, Jeraldine Fedoriw, was pleased that Gary was rewarded for the difference he makes with program registrants. "Gary has a great sense of humor and his musical abilities are enjoyed by both the staff and our registrants. He has an innate sense of music and movement and often can be seen dancing, singing and playing guitar, much to the delight of all around him," she said.

"Gary's personality and professionalism embody the spirit of the Schachne Award, which recognizes volunteers 'whose acts of loving kindness bring joy and comfort to our residents.' We are grateful for his service," Donnelly said.

The Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center is a 460-bed nursing care facility located in Commack, Long Island. Gurwin offers skilled nursing care, short-term rehabilitation, medical/post-surgical subacute care, respiratory and ventilator dependent care, an adult day health program, on-site dialysis, hospice care, home care and assisted living.

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Pictured: Gary Robinson (second from left) receives the Dorothy & Dr. David I. Schachne Award from (far left) Executive Vice President/CEO Herbert H. Friedman, Sydney Schachne, Dorothy Schachne, and Director of Volunteer Services Kathleen Donnelly.