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**Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center Nurse
Honored at United Hospital Fund Tribute to Excellence in Health Care
*Sherryann Rampersad-Lalchan, RN (Brentwood) Tabbed as Quality Champion***

Commack, NY— Sherryann Rampersad-Lalchan, RN (Brentwood), Transitions Nurse Educator at Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Commack, was among 51 honorees at the inaugural United Hospital Fund (UHF) *Tribute to Excellence in Health Care*, recognizing the personal efforts of top quality improvement personnel in hospitals and long-term care facilities throughout the metropolitan region to improve quality of care, patient safety and the patient experience.



Sherryann Rampersad-Lalchan, RN, Transitions Educator at Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Rampersad-Lalchan was recognized for her work in creating the *Transitions Program* for short-term residents at the 460-bed nursing and rehabilitation center. As part of the program, each resident is followed during their stay by Rampersad-Lalchan as a Transitions Educator, helping them to understand their diagnoses and working with them to understand what they will need to care for themselves during their transition home. In her role, she follows up with the patients and families for at least four weeks post discharge from the facility, lending support and encouragement during what can often be a fragile “transition” period. In just one year of running the program, indications are that patient satisfaction has increased while rehospitalization rates have decreased among discharged patients.

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The Tribute was held at Cipriani's in Manhattan. According to UHF president Anthony Shih, MD, MPH, "The Tribute is both a celebration of personal leadership and an occasion to amplify and elevate vital work underway to make our health care system more patient-centered, safe and effective."

Stuart B. Almer, President and CEO of the Gurwin Healthcare System, of which the Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center is a part, congratulated Rampersad-Lalchan on the honor, and thanked UHF for celebrating efforts to improve quality of care across acute and long-term care. "Our goal is always to provide the highest quality of care to our residents. Innovative ideas like our Transitions Program help our residents not only when they are directly under our care, but in the time during their transition home. This is person-centered care at work; we are proud of Sherryann and her efforts."

Rampersad-Lalchan has been with Gurwin since 2017.

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The Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center is a 460-bed nursing care facility located in Commack, Long Island, and is part of the Gurwin Healthcare System, a renowned health-care provider offering a full continuum of healthcare and senior living services for the frail and elderly. The Center was named by Fortune Magazine as the #1 Best Workplace in the nation for Aging Services, and is the 2019 Best of Long Island award winner for rehabilitation, adult day care, health aides and assisted living. Services provided at the Center include skilled nursing care, rehabilitation therapy, advanced care, ventilator and respiratory care, on-site dialysis and infusion therapy, memory care, and palliative and hospice care, as well as both medical and social adult day programs and home care programs. The 34-acre campus is also home to Gurwin Jewish Fay J. Lindner Residences assisted living community, and a proposed independent living community, Fountaingate Gardens. For more information, visit www.gurwin.org, Follow Gurwin on Facebook (bit.ly/GurwinNursingRehab) and on Twitter ([@GurwinJewish](https://twitter.com/GurwinJewish)).

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