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GURWIN CHIEF NURSING OFFICER RECEIVES UNITED HOSPITAL FUND TRIBUTE TO EXCELLENCE AWARD

Commack, NY—Lynette Rutherford, RN, BSN, MSA, MSN, Chief Nursing Officer at Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center (Commack, NY), has been honored with the United Hospital Fund’s 2020 Tribute to Excellence Award.

UHF’s annual award recognizes individuals in healthcare in the New York metropolitan area who have made great strides to improve the experiences, quality care, and safety of patients in their facility. The honorees were celebrated with a virtual awards presentation earlier this summer.

Ms. Rutherford was recognized for two quality patient-centered care programs which she instituted at Gurwin’s 5-star nursing and rehabilitation center. With an eye on enhancing resident experience, Ms. Rutherford created the Gurwin Concierge Program, which serves to welcome new residents, providing orientation and assistance with basic care needs within the first hours of admission, helping to ease the transition, provide comfort and lessen anxiety.



**Lynette Rutherford RN, BSN, MSA, MSN and
Chief Nursing Officer at Gurwin**

The Center’s Transitions Education Program, also Rutherford’s idea, was another area of merit for the honoree. Directed by an RN/Transition Nurse Educator, the program is designed to provide thorough education regarding the resident’s health, including self-care and a treatment plan, to prepare for discharge. Complete support is provided from admission through discharge and for the 30 days post discharge, with the ultimate goal of improving

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resident compliance and outcomes and to ensure a smooth transition back to the home. Since implementation of the Concierge and Transitions Education programs at Gurwin, hospital readmissions have been significantly reduced and overall resident satisfaction has increased.

“We are grateful to Lynette’s outstanding leadership and commitment to quality care. We are pleased that her efforts have been recognized by the United Hospital Fund,” said Stuart B. Almer, President and Chief Executive Officer of Gurwin Healthcare System, of which Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center is a part. “Her innovative thinking has had a direct impact on both our facility operations as well as on enhancing the care we provide to our residents.”

About Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

The Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center is a 460-bed nursing care facility 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 frail and medically complex individuals. 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 the Gurwin Jewish~ Fay J. Lindner Residences assisted living community, and a proposed senior independent living community, Fountaingate Gardens. For more information, visit www.gurwin.org. Follow Gurwin on Facebook (bit.ly/GurwinNursingRehab) and on Twitter (@GurwinJewish).

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