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**HANY PRESENTS ITS TOP HONOR, THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD,  
TO NEW YORK STATE’S HEALTH CARE AUXILIANS**

ALBANY, N.Y. – Hundreds of health care leaders from throughout the state gathered Wednesday evening in Lake George as the Healthcare Association of New York State (HANY) presented its 30<sup>th</sup> annual Distinguished Service Award, its highest honor, to New York State’s health care auxiliaries. Since 1979, HANY has awarded the Distinguished Service Award to individuals who demonstrate their extraordinary commitment to improving health care through service to their community.

In virtually every community in the state, health care auxiliary members contribute tirelessly to their health care institutions through advocacy, fundraising efforts, community outreach programs, and volunteerism. In all these capacities and more, health care Auxilians serve as valuable links between their communities and the institutions they serve.

HANY President Daniel Sisto said: “Whether it’s running the gift shop, advocating to elected leaders or helping a patient’s family members find their loved one’s room, New York’s health care Auxilians are an essential and irreplaceable element of their health care organizations. They are the caring faces and ardent supporters who make the bonds between their communities and facilities even stronger.”

“We believe it is a fitting tribute to their service and commitment to recognize all of them across the state with this prestigious award,” Mr. Sisto said. “We are thankful for their service and their spirit.”

*HANY, the only statewide hospital and continuing care association in New York State, represents more than 550 non-profit and public hospitals, nursing homes, home care agencies, and other health care organizations.*