

June EVERYDAY HEROES Nominees



Jhonny Celestine

Buckley's Residence

Jhonny has been nominated for the excellent work he does with the individuals that we serve. He has worked for our agency for four years with the uttermost respect for his peers and management, we couldn't have asked for a better employee. **Jhonny** has long waited for this moment to be classified as one of our most outstanding workers. He goes out and beyond his work duties; this is what makes him such an asset to HeartShare. Being nominated as an Everyday Hero is the first step to congratulating him on a job well done.



Magdalene Bowers

Clermont Residence

Magdalene has worked at the Clermont Residence since October 2001. Since her first day with the Clermont family she, fondly known as Alix, has shown a caring and concern for all the consumers that stands out in a very special way. Her advocacy on behalf of each person reflects their individual needs especially in the area of community integration. As our hero, Alix advocated for one of our female consumers whose mother's absence in her life created a major void, to establish a unique friendship with a fellow church member - now making our consumer a very happy lady especially on Sundays.



Eudene Simmons

Clinton Residence

Eudene is an energetic woman with a very positive attitude. She is reliable and is always ready to help the program out with whatever event might be going on. **Eudene** is motivated and takes the initiative creating activities that the consumers benefit from. She promotes Community Inclusion and has assisted the consumers with making ties in their immediate community. For example, the owner of Tejada Deli on Myrtle Ave. knows most of the guys by name, and they know him as well. James who is non-verbal will sign what's up when he walks into the store. Staffs at Royal price also know our consumers. **Eudene** has recently introduced John to our local bar which he enjoys at least twice a month. **Eudene** is working on enhancing the lives of our consumers.



Lumarie Sanchez

Dr. White Residence

Lumarie has been working at Dr.White Residence for the past 3 ½ years as a Residential Counselor/Housekeeper. She is known as Mary Lu, Lulu and Lumie by peers and Mary by some of our clients. Short in stature yet carries a big kind heart. Her cheerful voice and laughter brings joy throughout the residence and is projected to our 10 clients and peers. **Lumarie** wears many hats depending on the occasion: she goes on clinic appointments, accompanies clients on community inclusion outings, cooks, and all other duties that may be required in our residence.



Inez Boyd

Ferraro Residence

What makes someone an Everyday Hero? An Everyday Hero is a person who goes above her duty to perform her job in a manner that produces multiple rewards. **Inez** is the Everyday Hero of the Ferraro Residence for all the different hats she wears. **Inez** is dependable to both the consumers and her fellow co-workers. **Inez** has an ability to make a routine task become a learning experience that is tons of fun.



Carol Codrington

Giannattasio Residence

In our time of need, you're there;
we cry, you shield us;
we get hurt, you have the medicine;
we feel betrayed, you yell at them.
Thank you for being more than a Hero to us **Carol**.

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Cathy Figuccio

Sharkey II Residence

Cathy is our Everyday Hero because she goes beyond the call of duty to keep the residents entertained and safe. **Cathy** is doing things for and with individuals in the community such as bingo and church. She goes above and beyond for them. **Cathy** is very committed to her job and our individuals.



Leon Kizer

Short Residence

Leon started working for HeartShare in February 2002. He worked as a Residential Counselor, Senior AMAP and Shift Supervisor. In all of these positions he gave 100% to our consumers always putting their needs above anything else and even going that extra mile to make life meaningful and comfortable for them. He exemplifies leadership and that is what makes him an Everyday Hero.



Koren Huggins

Torre Residence

Koren is a respectful, kind, caring and warm-hearted young woman with a great disposition who is a positive role model not only for the consumers but for the staff she works with. She is a strong advocate for the consumers and a great team player and leader, she always goes above and beyond the call of duty whenever she is needed, and is always ready to take on any challenge that comes her way. We are very proud to nominate her as our Everyday Hero.



Jenny Faria

Brooklyn Day Hab

Jenny is a kind-hearted and loving individual. She is an excellent advocate and presents herself in a respectable and professional manner. Although **Jenny** has only been at Brooklyn Day Hab for eight months, she has created warming relationships with the participants she serves. Relationships built on trust, respect and understanding that will last a lifetime.



Amanda Garcia

PACT Day Hab

Amanda is the PACT Everyday Hero. Although **Amanda** has only been with us for four months, she has fit right in along side the other staff. **Amanda** is a very soft spoken young lady who shows great interest in her job and concern for the consumers' well being. She is very thoughtful and kind hearted and we are excited to have her here.

We love you **Amanda**!!!!!!



Betty Green

Queens Day Hab

Betty is very dedicated and interactive with all consumers. They enjoy her company and respect her greatly. She is always making consumers laugh and be engaged in interaction with one another. **Betty** created an entertainment club in which our consumers enjoy singing and dancing. She always being there for the consumers and has supported them for years.

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Margaret Enriquez

Aiello Day Hab

Margaret has been with Aiello for 11 years. She takes the initiative in developing creative activities that are of interest to the individual consumer. She is actively involved with their daily community inclusion activities. **Margaret** takes Michael to the Brooklyn Terminal Market and assists him with purchasing his plants, soil, and pots for his greenhouse project. Michael's greenhouse is set up in his group room. During holidays, such as mother's day, he sells his plants in the community. **Margaret** takes Eric who is very sociable to meet and greet the employees of a local mini mart store. She has made Eric's dreams come true and has helped Michael develop his gardening skills. **Margaret** is our special hero.



David Allen

Kaleidoscope Program

David has been an asset to the consumers of this program since its inception. He goes far and beyond the call of duty by providing services that enhance the lives of the consumers on a day to day basis. Although he has been employed to work as a 1:1 staff for the Day Hab Without Walls, he has taken the initiative, because of staff shortages, to fill in whenever and wherever other program staff are not available so the consumers can enjoy their day to day activities. **David** has also been responsible for introducing the consumers of both programs to new and rewarding experiences in the community. For example, he assisted his 1:1 consumer to ride the Staten Island Ferry for the first time in his life at the consumer's request.



Latonya Welcome

Lavin Day Hab

Latonya has been working for Lavin Day Services for two years. She is a great asset going above and beyond the call of duty. When we were down a group leader in a very difficult class **Latonya** stepped up to the task and did a wonderful job. She is very patient and lets her guys work at their own pace. She never gives up and tries to find different ways to get the consumer to reach his/her maximum potential. These attributions are the reasons why she was selected as Lavin's Everyday Hero.



Christine Durham

35th Avenue Residence

Christine is a woman who brings smiles and laughter to our residence. She is a strong advocate for our residents and is always on the look out for places and things for our residents to do. **Christine** will take each resident out on her day off to spend time with him or her. An example of her dedication to our residents was when a resident was going through a very difficult time dealing with two family deaths; **Christine** as able to get in touch with an uncle. She was able to take the resident over to his house so he could help her put some closure to her grief. She is truly an advocate for our residents.



Maria Zambrano

145th Street Residence

Maria has been employed at 145th Street since January 2002. She is the only original staff remaining since the residence opened. **Maria** shows genuine concern for the ladies and is a good listener when they need someone to talk to. Over the years, she has assisted the ladies in becoming more independent with their activity of daily living skills. Although it was not an easy task, with perseverance, **Maria** managed to help the ladies succeed. She often takes the initiative to bring new ideas to the ladies with regards to community inclusion; for that reason the weekends are never boring at 145th Street.



Deborah Clark

Abatemarco Residence

Deborah has been a staff at Abatemarco Residence for about two years. She is a hardworking and dedicated individual. **Deborah** makes community inclusion number one on her agenda. She tries to find different activities and events for the guys in the residence to participate in. For example, so she knew that one of the guys at the residence was very interested in computers, she used her student ID to have him participate in computer classes that were opened to students. Her presence at the residence is greatly appreciated by the staff as well as the individuals who live here.

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Joseph McCrae

DeSola Residence

Joseph works mainly with one consumer who, because of behavior issues does not go out to program daily, but participates in the Kaleidoscope Program. **Joseph** has done extremely well with this consumer by integrating him into the community and getting him to accomplish tasks that are a necessary part of his daily routine. Sometimes it is a struggle but **Joseph** perseveres and they get the job done. This does not limit **Joseph** to just one consumer, as he is always ready and willing to assist other consumers wherever he is needed. He gets along well with all consumers and his co-workers. **Joseph** is very creative and has wonderful artistic skills. He participates in the National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals.



Angelina Rodriguez

End Place Residence

Angelina exemplifies everything HeartShare stands for. When it came to selecting an Everyday Hero our choice became very simple, **Angie** (some of the guys like to call her **Angela**) is always there to help the guys with things ranging from helping them with making wise choices for themselves, or just being there to take a stroll around the community to help them feel comfortable in their neighborhood, or to sometimes just let off some steam. In short **Angie** always seems to go the extra mile, not because she has to but because she wants to. That is why we are honoring **Angelina** as End Place's Everyday Hero.



Frances Boyd

Hart Street Residence

Frances has been a Residential Counselor at Hart Street Residence for a number of years. She is an outstanding member of the staff and to the consumers an Everyday Hero. **Frances** does not just come to work, do her shift responsibilities and punch out. She works hard to better the lives of the guys living at Hart Street both in the community and in the residence. **Frances** demonstrates what community inclusion is all about. She enthusiastically takes the guys to neighborhood barbecues and introduces them to everyone. When in stores or walking in the neighborhood she helps the guys engage in conversations with people in the community. **Frances** consistently goes above and beyond to help create meaningful relationships for the residents.



Roslyn Ervin

Hagerty Residence

Roslyn is a motivated young woman who has been an employee of HeartShare for 10 years. She is the Sr. AMAP for Hagerty and DeSola and has shown her love, caring and dedication for the residence throughout the years. She is out in the community with the consumers almost every day on a clinic visit to ensure that their needs are being met medically. While the residents' needs are being met, **Roslyn** is also encouraging then advocating for themselves when speaking to the doctor and enhancing their social skills with peers, or people that they may come in contact with in the community. Through Roslyn's encouragement many of the residents have become more outgoing and socialable. **Roslyn** is a superb person and that why she is the Everyday Hero for Hagerty Residence.



Anthony Gary

Scibelli Residence

Anthony is Scibelli's Everyday Hero because he has motivated and enhanced the quality of community inclusion for the men and women of Scibelli Residence. Joshua is an individual who does not like to go out in the community at times. He voted **Anthony** to be our Everyday Hero by saying "I like to go on activities with **Anthony** because he makes me happy." **Anthony** treats our men and women with dignity and respect which in return motivates them to go out in the community and do the activities that they enjoy doing.

Sharkey I Residence

Natasha has been with HeartShare for 10 years. As Senior AMAP she ensures that appointments are kept and community inclusion is incorporated. She is a respectful and dedicated individual. She goes beyond and above the call of duty. Often times she would forgot her engagements to ensure that the consumers needs are met. **Natasha** has a good rapport with all her co-workers and motivates those around her. She truly cares for her consumers and put them first at all times. Her visits to the Queens Center Mall and the relationship she forges with Mall staff enables her consumers to be known on a first name basis. With her assistance consumers are able to communicate using their eyes and hands in interacting and making choices.

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Natasha Assanah

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Arthur McMillan

Bay Ridge Day Hab

Arthur is a wonderful employee who gives his undivided attention to the consumers he helps. He is always sharing jokes and stories with them. When he enters a room, it is like a movie star coming in- everyone yells out his name. The bond he shares with the consumers as well as his co-workers is what anyone would want from an employee. **Arthur** comes to work ready to make a difference and it is his energy that makes him special. Arthur does not just come and do a job but he has made HeartShare his family. He is a terrific role-model for everyone.

Hoffman Day Hab

Meshion holds the position of Day Habilitation Group Leader. The reason for choosing **Meshion** for our Everyday Hero is due to her dedication, commitment and consistent hard work. She believes strongly in the individuals she works with and treats them with respect and confidence. For example, in the absence of the Recreation Coordinator, she assists with making certain that the community inclusion trips are carried out to the fullest. She has also worked diligently with one consumer in her group room (Jose C.) with picking up objects and extending his hands in order to give the object to another consumer and/or staff. Once Jose C. mastered that skill, **Meshion** then brainstormed the possibility of Jose C. selling beverages at Hoffman. Jose likes to drink and often signs that he is thirsty. **Meshion** and her staff developed this activity which includes Jose purchasing his beverages. With self-determination and confidence Jose can now accomplish this task; she helped to make his dream a reality. He has flourished with his entrepreneurship and to his credit he has also learned socialization and communication skills



Meshion Phillips

Attardi Residence

Matthew is a dedicated staff member who truly cares for the men and women in the Attardi Residence. He knows each of our residents inside and out and always advocates for their individual tastes and preferences. Everyone who lives in Attardi Residence knows **Matt's** schedule by heart, and by 3:30 on the days he's scheduled to work at 4, it's not unusual to see all of the residents standing out on the porch looking up the block, waiting for **Matt's** arrival. When **Matt** arrives at Attardi, he is greeted like a rock star; the joy he brings to our Residence brightens our days. **Matthew** is truly an Everyday Hero to the men and women of Attardi Residence.



Matthew D'Ambrosio

Cuite Residence

Maureen was chosen by the staff and the 10 men and woman that live at the Cuite Residence to be their Everyday Hero, because she portrays what an Everyday Hero should be each and every day whether she's working or not. **Maureen** has been with the Cuite Residence from day one, when the house first opened, in 1981. She lives in the area and has sat on the Neighborhood Advisory Committee. She has advocated for the residents with people and functions in the community. **Maureen** is a hard worker who makes time for the residents and is always coming up with ideas for the individuals to enjoy themselves out in the community. She is a very cheerful person who greets the everyone each evening with a big smile, hello and how was your day when they come home from program. **Maureen** enjoys her job and the men and woman at the Cuite Residence are very lucky to have her on board.



Maureen Wallace

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Dilborca Baidi

Moore Residence

Dolly has been with Moore Residence for several years now and has always been a great asset to the house. She is an outgoing and a caring person whom everyone enjoys working with. Hardworking, dedicated, fun and energetic, **Dolly** isn't just a staff member but a friend as well. She is always lending a helpful hand or a listening ear. She advocates strongly for the ladies as well as assists them in advocating for themselves. **Dolly** is our Everyday Hero because she exemplifies the true qualities of what an Everyday Hero should be.



Stephanie Boggy

Supported Apts.

Stephanie has been instrumental in establishing consistency in the life of the consumer she works with. Everyday he looks forward to seeing her. **Stephanie** has assisted him in going out in the community and as a result of this trust has been built. **Stephanie** arrives at work with a smile and it seems to be contagious with the people she works with. She continues to always provide positive support and words of encouragement to both our consumers and staff.



Kevin Chalmers

Supported Apts.

Kevin shows respect and special attention to the consumers he works with. He takes them to new and exciting places. **Kevin** interacts very well with the consumers and is willing to go the next level and aid them in living a productive life. It seems to come naturally to him. From the first week he started he has fully understood the meaning of community inclusion. With that knowledge and courage he has, slowly overtime, helped the consumers get to know people where they live. This is not an easy task, but **Kevin** seems to put forth the effort that has been needed to really make a difference both in the community and in the lives of the consumers he works with.



Darren Eady

Supported Apts.

Darren has been with HeartShare for over two years and he has earned his place as a full time counselor. He thinks outside the box when it comes to community inclusion activities. The consumers he works with rely on him greatly. **Darren** advocates well for them and they trust sharing all that happens in their lives with him as a result of that trust. **Darren** was an easy pick for an Everyday Hero because he exemplifies all that an Everyday Hero is. He assists four consumers on a daily basis in living not just a productive life, but a life full of fun and adventure. Since he started with Supported Apartments he has been an asset to our department.

Doonan-Drake Residence

Shelldy was chosen by the Doonan-Drake team as our Everyday Hero, because of his consistency with the consumers we serve. **Shelldy** played a significant role in encouraging individuals to become more involved in the community. He advocated for inclusion opportunities while employed at HeartShare and initiated skills with individuals and introducing them to local vendors in the neighborhood. Some vendors that they were already familiar with, he made a point to formally introduce and frequent their business. This opened up opportunities for our consumers to shop and browse in familiar places, with neighbors that would greet them by name. It was a pleasure to see how involved he was with the consumers everyday living skills.

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Shelldy Isibor