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Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. and Sally Sanderson Honored

Dunkirk – Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. Alzheimer’s Community Service Program and Alzheimer’s Specialist, Sally Sanderson were recently honored at the Alzheimer’s Association of Western New York’s 26th Annual meeting, held at the Fairdale Banquet Center in Amherst, New York.

Sanderson, who has provided Alzheimer’s education to both individuals and groups throughout the community since 2003, was selected to receive the distinguished 2007 William P. Gillick Quality of Life Award. The program, administered through Chautauqua Opportunities, and funded by the New York State Department of Health, allows for Sanderson to provide education, information and support to caregivers and families, making significant contributions to improving the quality of life for persons with Alzheimer’s Disease.

“Sally has served as a strong advocate for excellence in service for persons with dementia and their families, educating them and the professionals who help them. She has worked with people in their homes and at Chautauqua Opportunities to help families access needed services, by working with caregivers and their physicians to assure proper clinical care, and ease transitions into placement, when necessary. By actively recruiting employers to help serve their employee caregivers, she has reached many individuals, sometimes one family at a time, and never giving up in trying to find a solution for a challenging situation”, states Linda Sabo, Executive Director of the Alzheimer’s Association of WNY.

Sanderson can be contacted for further information about the program at 366-3335 or on the web at www.chautauquaopportunities.com

Support groups are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 2:30pm at Steger Apartments in Dunkirk, and all services available through this program are free of charge. Educational sessions are available to all health care providers and emergency responders.

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