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## **LAVOIE HONORED BY STATE ASSOCIATION FOR THE AGING**

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island, May 25, 2009: Michael Lavoie of The Saint Elizabeth Home has been singled out among his peers statewide and recognized for his exceptional dedication and commitment to his coworkers and the elderly residents in his care.

Lavoie received the sixth annual John Hedderson Award for Exceptional Employee Excellence at the 2009 Rhode Island Association of Facilities and Services for the Aging (RIAFSA) Quality of Life Awards luncheon in Providence last week. Lavoie was among thousands of employees of non-profit senior housing, assisted living, nursing homes and home and community-based services that were eligible to be nominated for the award.

In bestowing the award, RIAFSA President Kevin McKay noted that Lavoie “pays so much attention to the little things that mean a great deal to the residents and their family members at The Saint Elizabeth Home. He is one of those people who look for any opportunity to be helpful and make a difference.” Lavoie was nominated by staff and residents alike for the award.

In nominating Lavoie, Saint Elizabeth Home resident Bea Wainwright wrote, “I did hear that life is a whirl wind and time goes faster with each passing year. Mike is making each moment count. [He is] a man so full of love, so very aware of each one’s needs. He never thinks of himself—always of others.”

Lavoie has been employed for four years as a maintenance technician for The Saint Elizabeth Home. He resides in Warwick with his wife, Denise.

RIAFSA was founded in 1989 and represents the continuum of long term care providers in Rhode Island, including not-for-profit nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and senior housing providers, as well as adult day health centers. The mission of the association is to advance excellence in the field by fostering innovation, collaboration, and ethical leadership; advocating for sound public policy; providing education, collaboration, and professional development; valuing older people and their right to make choices; and promoting a continuum of services. RIAFSA is an affiliate of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging.

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