



# HEATH VILLAGE

A UNIQUE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

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## **Heath Village Employee Receives Excellence in Professional Advancement Award**

Washington Township, Morris County – We are proud to announce that Gina Martinez, Heath Village’s Clinical Coordinator/Infection Preventionist, has received Leading Age of NJ/DE’s 2025 *Excellence in Professional Advancement Award*. This award celebrates individuals who have assumed progressive leadership responsibilities within their organization and has worked to build a shared vision, develop robust relationships and enhance organizational capacity.

Gina Martinez began her career at Heath Village in February 2003 as a CNA in the long-term care center. In 2005, Gina received her LPN license. Always a fast learner and detail oriented, Gina excelled as a floor nurse. She is a determined individual who continually seeks and embraces opportunities for advancement and professional development. She returned to school and earned her RN degree in 2011. Gina is a natural leader, and in 2012 was promoted to unit manager where she raised the bar on resident care, assisted in educating staff to meet the needs of more complex patients.

In 2019, Heath Village expanded her role to that of clinical coordinator where she oversees resident needs throughout the campus and provides staff education. She also became certified by the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) as an infection preventionist. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, she was a constant source of information, education and reassurance to residents and staff, while strictly monitoring adherence to infection prevention guidance. Gina continues to strive to learn more, and in November 2024 passed the Certified Assisted Living Administrator exam.

“Heath Village congratulates Gina on this well-deserved recognition. We are very grateful for her hard work and tenacious spirit over these last 21 years, and we have no doubt she will continue to grow in our organization,” said CEO/Executive Director Mary Ellen Bove.



*Featured in the photo (Left to Right): Jim McCracken, President Leading Age NJ/DE, Gina Martinez, and Mary Ellen Bove, Heath Village CEO/Executive Director*

*About Heath Village Retirement Community*

Heath Village is a full-service retirement community located at 430 Schooley's Mountain Road in Washington Township, Morris County. For further information, please call 908-852-4801 or visit us on our website at [www.heathvillage.com](http://www.heathvillage.com). Like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/heathvillage](http://www.facebook.com/heathvillage).

*About Leading Age NJ/DE*

LeadingAge New Jersey & Delaware is a bi-state association of primarily not-for-profit, mission-driven senior care and housing organizations dedicated to advancing quality aging services in New Jersey and Delaware through advocacy, education, and fellowship. Founded in 1931, LeadingAge New Jersey & Delaware and its members believe in affirming the enduring value of our elders to society, to family and to the community; promoting quality, stewardship and choice in aging services; advancing mission-driven values, compassionate services and public trust; being accountable to those we serve; and developing ethical leadership.

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