



**Monroe
Community
Hospital**

**MONROE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE
MICHELLE WALKER RECOGNIZED WITH ROCHESTER BUSINESS JOURNAL'S
HEALTHCARE HEROES AWARD**

Monroe Community Hospital (MCH) is proud to announce that a member of its outstanding Rehabilitation Department, Physical Therapy Aide Michelle Walker, is being recognized by the Rochester Business Journal (RBJ) with a Healthy Heroes Award. Walker will accept the award at RBJ's annual recognition celebration on February 29. The Health Care Heroes awards recognize excellence, promote innovation and honor the efforts of organizations and individuals making a significant impact on the quality of health care in our area. Walker, who is being honored in the Health Care Staff category, was cited for her unwavering dedication to providing compassionate care along with the positive attitude, supportive personality and spirit of collaboration she brings to her work each day.

"Michelle is the epitome of growth, determination, and leadership," said Monroe County Executive Adam Bello. "She started her career as a Certified Nursing Assistant, and has developed into an outstanding leader for MCH and our entire community over the course of her two plus decades of exemplary service. We salute her continued good work, and congratulate her on this wonderful recognition!"

"MCH residents continue to be cared for by the best and brightest in the field," said Executive Health Director Alyssa Tallo, head of MCH. "Michelle truly cares about each and every resident, and making sure that they get the very best care possible. She has a consistently positive attitude and our residents genuinely enjoy working with her, which helps them progress in their treatment plans. She is an asset to our facility and to the wider community. This is a well-deserved honor. Congratulations, Michelle!"

During the height of the COVID pandemic, Walker served in her role helping lead the Maintenance Therapy Program, while also serving as an integral part of our COVID testing efforts for both residents and staff. During a time of tremendous stress, Walker was an excellent role model for her colleagues, consistently coming in on nights and weekends to assist with testing and ensure the safety of our residents.

MCH is the seventeenth largest standalone skilled nursing facility in the United States, and largest in Western New York, operating 566 skilled nursing beds.

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