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## **Local Physical Therapist Honored as New York's "Hero in the Home"**

Schenectady, NY—A physical therapist for the Visiting Nurse Service of Schenectady received a "Heroes in the Home" Award today as New York's 2006 outstanding in-home hero in the professional category.

Susan Jones accepted the award from Phyllis Wang, President of the New York State Association of Health Care Providers, Inc. (HCP), sponsor of the Heroes in the Home Statewide Caregiver Recognition Program. The program was established in 2000 to recognize and honor those dedicated workers who provide thousands of hours of home care every day. Awards are given annually in both the professional (Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses) and paraprofessional (home health aides and personal care aides) categories. Initial nominations by home care agencies throughout New York State are reviewed by a statewide workgroup and finalists are selected by an advisory board of nationally-recognized health care industry and policy leaders.

The recipient receives a crystal award engraved with her personal information, a US Savings Bond, a specially-designed Hero in the Home Pin and a Physician's Desk Reference

Jones has worked for VNS for 22 years, handling cases both simple and complex and receiving many accolades from clients and co-workers. Her restorative physical therapy plan takes a holistic approach and she is

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known for recognizing and responding to the whole range of client needs and recruiting others, such as social workers, to help when necessary. One client of hers said, “Sue restores my hope in the health care system . . .it doesn’t seem like a job to her; it’s a passion, she cares.”

HCP is an Albany-based statewide trade association representing the full spectrum of home care and hospice agencies in New York State. November is National Home Care Month.

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*(High resolution photos from the event are available at [www.nyshcp.org/press](http://www.nyshcp.org/press).)*