

# **PRESS RELEASE-FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Circles of Mercy Honors Virginia L. Golden...**



***Photo Caption (IMG 9153-2) - Photo by Sister Barbara Roman, RSM): Honoree Virginia L. Golden (left), former President of St. Peter's and Albany Memorial Hospitals, poses with the 2019 Hope and Hospitality Award, after receiving it from Richard S. Zazycki, Executive Director and Mercy Associate of Circles of Mercy (right).***

Circles of Mercy and the Sisters of Mercy Northeast Community recently honored Virginia L. Golder, the former President of St. Peter's and Albany Memorial Hospitals, with their annual ***Hope and Hospitality Award***.

Mrs. Golden received the recognition during "A Taste of Mercy" annual fund raising gala recently held to celebrate "Catherine's Circle of Friends, Continuing the Mercy Tradition..." The gala was to benefit Circles of Mercy and to honor Virginia who completed an exemplary 48-year career at St. Peter's Hospital. During that period she has shared her time, talent and treasure, serving people who are socially disenfranchised, suffering from poverty and especially those who are sick and in need of medical care. Most recently she served in the role of president for both hospitals from April 2016 to July 2018. We are very happy to recognize Mrs. Golden's work with our annual award and offer our sincere congratulations and best wishes.

Circles of Mercy is an out-reach center for those in need, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy Northeast Community. It was established in 1997 in the City of Rensselaer and has a 21 year tradition of offering programs and services to provide hope, hospitality and empowerment to individuals living in the Rensselaer Community, especially women and women with children.

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