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## HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

*Donna Beal*

Donna Beal currently serves as Executive Director of Mercy Care for the Adirondacks, a renewed mission of the Sisters of Mercy in the Adirondacks located in Lake Placid, New York.

Mercy Care's mission is to enhance the fullness of life of elders living in their community. Mercy Care pursues its mission through partnership and collaboration with Adirondack health and human services agencies, philanthropists, Tri-Lakes school community service programs, faith communities and statewide aging services organizations to strengthen the voice of Adirondack elders.

As Mercy Care's Executive Director, Ms. Beal facilitates the work of the Caregiving Working Group of Essex and Franklin counties and the Tri-Lakes Aging in Place Task Force. She is a member of the Franklin County Long Term Care Council, and serves as a member of the Essex County Office for the Aging Advisory Council and the Essex County Human Services Coalition. Ms. Beal is an invited member of the newly established AARP Rural Livability Lab.

Ms. Beal serves as a co-leader of the Home Care Workforce Shortage Crisis Campaign in the Adirondacks. She previously served as a member of the Adirondack Health Institute Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Workforce Recruitment and Retention Committee working group. She served on the NYS Office for the Aging Steering Committee to study the feasibility of creating a NYS Office of Community Living. She served as a Working Group Member of the NYS Legal Services Initiative. Ms. Beal also served as Executive Director of the Holstein Foundation, Director of Development for Mercy Uihlein Health Foundation, and as Administrator of the Adirondack Council.

Ms. Beal currently serves as a member of the Sponsor Council of the Sisters of Mercy Mid-Atlantic Community, the Ballard Park Foundation Board of Trustees, and the Cloudsplitter Foundation Human Well-Being Advisory Group. She served previously as a member of the Westport Central School Board of Education and the Depot Theatre in Westport.

***Donna Beal was selected as a  
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