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**VAN DYK MONTCLAIR HIRES CHRISTINA VASSALLO AS PART OF
ONGOING EXPANSION OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS**

Newly Appointed Nurse Practitioner Joins Award-Winning Staff

MONTCLAIR, NJ (July 27, 2016) – Van Dyk Health Care has named Christina Vassallo as its first-ever nurse practitioner in Montclair, expanding its capabilities in primary care as the company finalizes plans to launch a groundbreaking memory care center in Hawthorne.

“For us, every investment in our staff strengthens the health of our community,” said Jacqueline Cousins, who serves as the administrator at Van Dyk Montclair, as well as the company’s Vice President of Data Strategy. “Adding a full-time nurse practitioner has been a top priority, and Christina is a welcomed addition to our team.”

Vassallo, who served four years as a nurse practitioner at the Endocrine & Diabetes Center and seven years in a similar role at the Jersey City Medical Center, will work closely with Van Dyk Montclair Medical Director Dr. Marc Morresi and the nursing staff to keep patients out of the hospital and remain safely in their homes longer. She has provided extensive assessments, diagnoses, education and treatment to patients in a vast range of care.

“We now have the ability to provide more primary care services with Van Dyk’s hallmark commitment to quality,” Cousins added. “It assures physicians that our award-winning team can handle the needs of their patients.”

Vassallo joins a Van Dyk Montclair staff that has qualified three consecutive years for the American Health Care Association’s “Quality Initiative” for cultivating highly satisfied, well-trained and committed staff.

“Our Montclair staff has consistently proven that we can find solutions to better health and quality of life, and it shows with our strong patient outcomes and low re-hospitalizations,” said CEO Bob Van Dyk. “You can’t put a price on giving patients and families the peace of mind of knowing that we are committing the best medical and nursing professionals to serve any needs that may arise.”

Van Dyk Health Care remains active in offering new programs throughout its local communities. The inaugural Van Dyk Memory Care Center, dedicated to the growing number of individuals with dementia or cognitive impairment, will open this fall in Hawthorne. This service will be available weekdays, promoting advancements in memory care while giving families and caregivers a much deserved break each day.

As part of the company’s holistic approach across the continuum of care, At Home with Van Dyk’s remains one of its most popular services, offering short respites or long term care in homes throughout the community. The company’s home health aides offer individualized care for families seeking support for their loved ones’ medical, social and emotional needs.

About Van Dyk Health Care at Montclair

Van Dyk at Montclair is one of three distinguished facilities within the VDHC family, along with Van Dyk Ridgewood and Van Dyk Park Place. Founded in 1953, the organization has built an unsurpassed reputation for excellence in care, beginning with founder Marvin Van Dyk and continuing today with his son Robert Van Dyk and the company’s dedicated staff, all of whom share a mission of finding solutions to better health and quality of life. Van Dyk Health Care offers the full continuum of care services, including post-acute, assisted living, skilled nursing and long-term chronic care, home care and memory day care. The company works closely with its partnering hospitals and physicians to ensure its short-stay patients return home quickly and safely. Learn more at vandykhealthcare.com or 973-783-9400.

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