



Staff and volunteers of the Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association hold a small reception at the White Hart Inn to mark the award the group recently received. Seated, from left, are Bill Fox, Executive Director Michele Gorat and Maggie Croghan. Standing are Tanya Tedder, Marilyn Yerks, Dorita Devitt, Joyce Ferrentino, Gina Butts, Donna Pequignot, Joyce Kost, Mary Cary, Teresa Tuz, Cathy Reid, Brenda Fife, Pat Thorney and Tracie Shannon.

SALISBURY — Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association has again been named a top agency of the 2014 Homecare Elite, a recognition of the top performing home health agencies in the United States.

The program identifies the top 25 percent of Medicare certified agencies out of 10,000. Winners are judged on a variety of measures, such as quality outcomes, best practice implementation, patient experience, quality improvement and consistency and financial performance.

Michele Gorat, SVNA's executive director, credits the agency's dedicated employees for the honor. "Our employees truly care for our patients; their commitment to providing the best possible service to our patients is evidenced in our achieving this recognition for a second consecutive year. You won't find a more skilled and caring team of home health providers than the team here at SVNA."

A reception to mark the honor was held at the White Hart Inn last week. At that event, Gorat heaped praise of the employees, volunteers and board members, saying, "You all do an awesome, awesome job."

Rae Paige Schwarz, president of the board of directors, called the designation "a spectacular achievement."