## **Mary Underwood**

Social Worker with 32 years of experience in the field of senior care, with a primary focus on memory care

Worked in a variety of settings including adult day programs, nursing homes, and assisted living.

Have presented at Statewide Education Conferences (Alzheimer's Association) in Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Florida.

Also have presented at the National Conference (Chicago) and World Congress (Washington DC)

Have received the Outstanding Caregiver of the Year Award on 2 occasions (Alzheimer's Association)

Received the Connecticut Assisted Living Distinguished Service Award (2014 and 2019); the Best Practice in Resident Care Award (2014); and Best Practice in Recruitment and Retention Award (2017)

Past Board Member Connecticut Assisted Living Association

Past Board Member Orchard House Adult Day Care

Inducted into Mark T. Sheehan High School Hall of Fame (Wallingford CT) for work in the field of Alzheimer's care

Certified Dementia Practitioner

Certified Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care Trainer

Certified Montessori Dementia Care Professional

Currently the Vice President of Memory Care Services for Artis Senior Living.