

# COVID-19 HEROES



**Faith Mazzone**  
*Director of Nursing*  
ACLD

Faith Mazzone, who has more than 28 years of experience in the nursing field, is director of nursing for ACLD, a nonprofit organization serving adults and children with autism, intellectual disabilities and other developmental disabilities.

In this role, Mazzone ensures adequate nursing oversight for all service recipients based on their healthcare needs and program requirements. For ACLD's residential program, which supports 400 adults, Mazzone's role is especially crucial in coordinating medical care with internal and

external providers. Managing the nursing department at ACLD, Mazzone coordinates with the nutritionists to ensure consistent implementation of dietary modifications and orders and develops policies and best practices across the department.

As part of her duties, Mazzone is tasked with analyzing trends in the healthcare industry, and she closely followed the developments in December 2019 of the new novel coronavirus on the other side of the globe. Her proactive steps early on, including establishing protocols in ACLD residences to mitigate the spread, implementing strict disinfecting procedures and requiring working staff in masks and full personal protective equipment at all times, made her almost prescient of what was to come. In coordinating the care and strict protocols put in place at ACLD's temporary Bethpage Respite Center for COVID-positive patients not requiring hospitalization, overseeing the antibody testing in late spring for 400 residents and helping to guide reopening measures, Mazzone showed fierce dedication to the people ACLD supports.

While battling her own twin health crises of cancer and a COVID diagnosis that led to her hospitalization during the past year, Mazzone's commitment and work ethic has never wavered.

Outside of work, Mazzone's other passion is her family. She lives in Shirley with her husband, and they have two children, who both work in the healthcare industry, plus a granddaughter and another on the way.