



ASSOCIATION FOR  
HEALTHCARE  
FOODSERVICE

## AHF Past Award Winners

*Descriptions of the winner's project are given where applicable  
Updated 12/2017*

### Lifetime Achievement Award

- 2017 Dan Heroid** ([click here for his video](#))  
UCSF Health  
San Francisco, CA
- 2016 Julie Jones** ([click here for her video](#))  
OSU Wexner Medical Center  
Columbus, OH
- 2015 Beth Yesford** ([click here for her video](#))  
Providence Hospital  
Washington, DC
- 2014 Patti Oliver** ([click here for her video](#))  
UCLA Medical Center  
Los Angeles, CA
- 2013 Denisa Cate**  
Henry County Medical Center  
Paris, TN
- 2012 Laura Watson**  
Utah Valley Regional Medical Center  
Provo, UT
- 2011 Kris Schroeder**  
Swedish Health Services - First Hill  
Seattle, WA
- 2010 Deanne Carlisle**  
Portland VAMC  
Portland, OR
- Bruce Thomas**  
Geisinger Health System  
Danville, PA
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## **Making a Difference**

- 2017 Mark Lewandowski** ([click here for his video](#))  
General Mills  
Minneapolis, MN
- 2016 Maureen Leugers** ([click here for video](#))  
Gordon Food Service  
Grand Rapids, MI
- 2015 Todd Griffith** ([click here for his video](#))  
Alto-Shaam, Inc.,  
Menomonee Falls, WI
- 2014 Dick Hynes** ([click here for his video](#))  
Hobart Corporation  
Troy, OH
- 2013 Cindy Parker**  
Basic American Foods  
Walnut Creek, CA
- 2012 Marty Rothschild**  
Aladdin Temp-Rite  
Hendersonville, TN
- 2011 Barbara Kane**  
Ecolab, Inc.  
Elk Grove Village, IL
- 2010 Marie Nelson**  
Marshall, MN
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## **Benchmarking Award of Excellence**

**2017 Steve Cerullo** ([click here for his video](#))

Geisinger Medical Center  
Wilkes Barre, PA

**2016 Jeanine Drake** ([click here for her video](#))

Flagstaff Medical Center  
Flagstaff, AZ

**2015 Marge Kipe** ([click here for her video](#))

Reading Hospital  
Reading, PA

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**Exemplary Leadership** (for their role in the continued success of their chapters and their facilities)

**2017 Randy Sparrow** (Wisconsin Chapter)  
ProHealth Care Hospital  
Waukesha, WI  
([click here for his video](#))

**2016 Veronica McLymont** (New York Chapter)  
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center  
New York, NY  
([click here for her video](#))

**2015 Tony Almeida** (Greater New Jersey Chapter)  
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital  
New Brunswick, NJ

**2014 Joyce Hagen-Flint** (Florida Chapter)  
HCA West Florida Division  
Largo, FL

**2013 Eric Eisenberg** (Washington State Chapter)  
Swedish Health Services – First Hill  
Seattle, WA

**Betty Perez** (Greater New Jersey Chapter)  
NYU Langone Medical Center  
New York, NY

**2012 Becky Amt** (Hoosier Chapter)  
Indiana University Health Morgan Hosp.  
Martinsville, IN

**2011 Mimi Wang** (Greater New York Chapter)  
VA New York Harbor HC System  
Brooklyn, NY

**2010 Mark Eggleston** (Washington State Chapter)  
Overlake Hospital Medical Center  
Bellevue, WA

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## **Future Horizons**

**2017** **Greg Andrews** ([click here for his video](#))

Geisinger Lewistown Hospital  
Lewistown, PA

**2016** **David Edwards** ([click here for his video](#))

Elmhurst Memorial Hospital  
Lombard, IL

**Mary Ruzzi** ([click here for her video](#))

Geisinger Health System  
Scranton, PA

**2015** **Timothy Gee**

Robert Wood Johnson University  
New Brunswick, NJ

**2014** **Nicholas Mercogliano**

Robert Wood Johnson University Medical Center  
New Brunswick, NJ

**2013** **Aatul Jain**

Saint Clare's Health System  
Denville, NJ

**2012** **Yusie Kim**

NYU Langone Medical Center  
New York, NY

**2011** **Tamara Almquist**

Geisinger Marworth  
Waverly, PA

**2010** **Cedric Junearick**

Huntsville Hospital  
Huntsville, AL

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## **Partnership in Leadership Award**

- 2017 Cheryl Shimmin** *(She worked together with CEO Fred Manchur, to build Boulevard Bistro in their cancer center.)*  
[\(click here for her video\)](#)  
Kettering Health Network  
Kettering, OH
- 2016 Angela O'Neill** *(She worked together with SRVP to pursue the vision of a café from the ground up.)*  
[\(click here for her video\)](#)  
Hunterdon Healthcare  
Flemington, NJ
- 2015 Deedra Hoffart** *(She was hired with the intent to overall the nutrition services department and raise patient satisfaction scores)* [\(click here for her video\)](#)  
Avista Adventist Hospital  
Louisville, CO
- 2014 Martha Rardin** *(The facility initiated a construction project in which Martha's expertise was encouraged resulting in a well designed commercial kitchen)* [\(click here for her video\)](#)  
Hendricks Regional Health  
Danville, IN
- Thomas Thaman** *(The new Eskenazi Health campus includes a major expansion of the food and dining services for patients, staff and visitors)* [\(click here for his video\)](#)  
Eskenazi Health  
Indianapolis, IN
- 2013 Operator Julie Jones and Administrators Randy Allen, Kent Hess & Mary Angela Miller**  
[\(click here for their video\)](#)  
*(The team was honored for their efforts in the 12 million dollar reinvention of nutrition services as part of a 1.2 billion medical center expansion plan over eight years)*  
Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center  
Columbus, OH
- 2012 Operator Jim Behnke and Administrator Jay Dennard** *(The team converted the facility from contract management and added room service)*  
Gwinnett Medical Center  
Lawrenceville, GA
- 2011 Operator Angelo Mojica and Administrator Melvin Hurston** *(The team transitioned two retail venues to self-operation and generated a profit)*  
University of North Carolina Hospitals  
Chapel Hill, NC
- Operator Cyndi Roberts and Administrator Scott Seaborn** *(The team added room service and raised patient satisfaction scores more than 25 percentile points)*  
Saint Joseph Memorial Hospital  
Murphysboro, IL
- 2010 Operator Robert Darrah and Administrator Jerry Joyce** *(The team converted facilities from contract management to self-operated)*  
Legacy Retirement Communities  
Lincoln, NE
- Operator Nancy Geffre and Administrator Kay Santema** *(The team persuaded administration*

*to remain self-operated and added room service)*  
Sandford Medical Center  
Sioux Falls, SD

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## **Spotlight Award**

- 2017 Jennifer Larson and Sara Ashbeck** (*They implemented a “Culture of Kindness” that positively impacted their workplace and employees’ lives.*) ([click here for their video](#))  
Gundersen Health System  
La Crosse, WI
- 2017 Mark Dunn and Kas Logan** (*They created a retail share point site to share valuable resources across their health system.*) ([click here for their video](#))  
Providence Health and Services  
Portland, OR
- 2016 Becky Amt and Evelyn Sexton** (*They assisted with the development of the IU Bloomington and Purdue University internship program with the goal to recruit the younger generation to healthcare foodservice careers.*) ([click here for their video](#))
- 2015 Michael Atanasio** (*He assisted in the development of “Bee Healthy” program is intended to deliver a message to children about eating healthy and sustaining natural resources*) ([click here for his video](#))  
Overlook Medical Center  
Springfield, NJ
- Ami Bhow** (*She work on the development of a patient centric system that allows for bedside meal selection which is fully integrated with the electronic health record*) ([click here for her video](#))  
UCSF Medical Center  
San Francisco, CA
- 2014 Crystal McVey** (*She assisted in the development of an adult malnutrition program*) ([click here for her video](#))  
Huntsville Hospital  
Huntsville, AL
- Lisa Poggas and Daniel Skay** (*They created a destination restaurant within their facility*) ([click here for their video](#))  
Castle Rock Adventist Hospital  
Castle Rock, CO
- 2013 Dan Henroid** (*He developed the Smart Choice Smart U project*) ([click here for his video](#))  
University of California – San Francisco Medical Center  
San Francisco, CA
- Angelo Mojica** (*He developed a Restaurant Delivery program*) ([click here for his video](#))  
UNC Hospitals  
Chapel Hill, NC
- 2012 Steve Howell** (*He created a flexible part-time workforce from inexperienced high school students*)  
Lexington Medical Center  
West Columbia, SC
- Tom Thaman** (*He assisted in the design and implementation of Café Soleil*)  
Wishard Health Services  
Indianapolis, IN
- 2011 Amy Miller** (*She focused on healthy food in her facility*)  
Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital & Clinic  
Prairie du Sac, WI
- 2010 Dan Henroid** (*He created a convenience retailing business with two concepts*)  
University of California San Francisco Medical Center



San Francisco, CA

**Khaleed Khan** (*He assisted in the development of the healthy Trendz café*)

Alberta Health Services

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

**Annemarie Price** (*She assisted in the development of the “Waste Watchers” program*)

VA Medical Center

Martinsburg, WV

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## **Presidential Special Service**

### **2017 Christine Guyott**

*(Leading the development of the new 2017 Sponsorship and Marketing Program; Participation on the Technology Advisory Board)*

Rippe Associates  
Minneapolis, MN

### **Rob Geile**

*(Leading the new 2017 Sponsorship and Marketing Program)*

Ali Group  
Vernon Hills, IL

### **Nicole Charbonneau**

*(Serving on the Technology Advisory Board)*

US Army  
Gatesville, TX

### **Dan Henroid**

*(Serving on the Technology Advisory Board)*

UCSF Health  
San Francisco, CA

### **Matt Otchet**

*(Serving on the Technology Advisory Board)*

Computrition  
West Hills, CA

### **Joanne McMillian**

*(Participating in the AHF Financial Transaction)*

Saint Clare's Hospital  
Denville, NJ

### **Cyndi Roberts**

*(Participating in the AHF Financial Transaction)*

St. Joseph Memorial Hospital  
Murphysboro, IL

### **Cynthia Parker**

*(Inaugural leaders for AMG (Association Management Firm) transition)*

Basic American Foods  
Mill Valley, CA

### **Randall Sparrow**

*(Inaugural leaders for AMG (Association Management Firm) transition)*

ProHealth Care  
Waukesha, WI

### **2016 Larry Altier**

*(Presented on behalf of AHF at the National Restaurant Show "Non-Commercial" segment workshop)*

Lee Memorial Health System

Fort Myers, FL

**Mary Kimbrough**

*(For her work with serving as a resource and assisting the Conference Planning Committee with planning the pre-conference activities at the annual conference.)*

**Mary Angela Miller**

*(Presented on behalf of AHF at the National Restaurant Show “Non-Commercial” segment workshop)*

Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center  
Columbus, OH

**Drew Patterson**

*(Presented on behalf of AHF at the National Restaurant Show “Non- Commercial” segment workshop)*

Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center  
Columbus, OH

**Marty Rothschild**

*(Along with Laura Watson led the vetting process of determining if a new association management firm was needed and what company would lead our organization.)*

Aladdin Temp-Rite  
Hendersonville, TN

**Sandra Sydnor**

*(For her work with introducing healthcare as a viable employment option within college & university hospitality programs.)*

Purdue University  
Lafayette, IN

**Ann Travis**

*(For her work along with the efforts of the Texas AHF Chapter to assist as host to the 2016 Annual Conference in Dallas and make our attendees feel welcomed.)*

Children’s Medical Center Dallas  
Dallas, TX

**Laura Watson**

*(Along with Marty Rothschild led the vetting process of determining if a new association management firm was needed and what company would lead our organization.)*

Intermountain Healthcare  
Provo, UT

**2015 David Reeves**

*(He demonstrated excellent leadership on the conference planning team and his initiatives to make new members part of the AHF family, as well as sharing information on the Listserv)*

Elmhurst Memorial Healthcare  
Elmhurst, IL

**Laura Watson** *(She served as a mentor to AHF President Lisette Coston, developed a succession planning tool for the national board and worked on the strategic plan)*  
Intermountain Healthcare  
Provo, UT

**2014 Elizabeth Boone** *(She was a major player in the implementation of the revised Benchmarking EXPRESS™ program throughout the first year)*  
Aultman Hospital  
Canton, OH

**Nicole Charbonneau** *(She very active in keeping the education committee busy throughout the year with establishing new member benefits including the Regional Networking Meetings)*  
San Antonio Military Medical Center  
San Antonio, TX

**Beth Yesford** *(She led a team of leaders to get AHF's brand in front of the attendees at the ACHE Congress)*  
Providence Hospital  
Washington, DC

**2013 Dexter Hancock** *(Led team to create the AHF Standards for the Operation of Food and Nutrition Services in Acute Care Hospitals in the United States)*  
Retired from DCH Health System and currently consulting  
Tuscaloosa, AL

**Scott Saklad** *(Helped to spearhead a new member offering, the S.O.Lution Center)*  
Computrition, Common CENTS, and DFM – Dietary Food Management  
West Hills, CA

**Andrew Shakman** *(Helped to spearhead a new member offering, the S.O.Lution Center)*  
LeanPath, Inc.  
Portland, OR

**2012 Todd Griffith** *(He was a member of the Alliance Committee who reached out to several associations regarding collaboration with AHF)*  
Alto-Shaam, Inc.  
Westminster, MD

**Dan Henroid** *(He brought forward new ideas for membership structure and worked with Julie Jones on a plan to provide members with updated information on food safety)*  
UCSF Medical Center  
San Francisco, CA

**Julie Jones** *(She represented AHF at an FDA institutional roundtable and worked with Dan Henroid on providing members with information on food safety)*  
Wexner Medical Center at Ohio State University  
Columbus, OH

**2011 Marie Nelson** *(She focused on the operator and business partner relationship)*  
Schwan's Home Service, Inc.  
Marshall, MN

**2010 Marge Beasley** *(She worked on the AHF bylaws)*  
(Retired) Bloomington Hospital  
Bloomington, IN

**Mary Spicer** (*She worked on the AHF bylaws*)  
Texas Health Resources  
Plano, TX

**Walter Thurnhofer** (*He worked on the AHF bylaws*)  
University of Washington Medical Center  
Seattle, WA

**Publication Award**

**2012 Jim McGrody** (*“What We Feed Our Patients”*)  
REX Healthcare  
Raleigh, NC

**2010 Tim Bauman** (*“The Food Service Managers Tune-up Book”*)  
Wood County Hospital  
Bowling Green, OH