



ASSOCIATION FOR  
HEALTHCARE  
FOODSERVICE

## AHF Past Award Winners

*Descriptions of the winner's project are given where applicable  
Updated 11/2018*

### Lifetime Achievement Award

**2018 Tony Almeida** ([click here for his video](#))

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital  
New Brunswick, NJ

**2017 Dan Henroid** ([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**

**2018 Christine Guyott** ([click here for her video](#))

Rippe Associates  
Minneapolis, MN

**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

## **Benchmarking Award of Excellence**

**2018 Randall Sparrow and the ProHealth Care Team** ([click here for their video](#))  
ProHealth Care  
Waukesha, WI

**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

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

**2018 Thomas Thaman**  
Eskenazi Health  
Indianapolis, IN  
([click here for his video](#))

**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**

**2018 Michael Kasperek** ([click here for his video](#))

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital  
New Brunswick, NJ

**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**

### **2018 Cheryl Koch and Linda Paren**

*(Linda, director, worked with Cheryl, administrator to move their health system comprised of six hospitals from a dual contracted model to a self-operated model)*

[\(click here for her video\)](#)

Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center  
Baltimore, MD

### **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**

### **2018 Margaret Kipe, Kristen Brudereck, Rachael Wehn**

*(They implemented the robotic technology (TUGS) in the Reading Healthplex building to assist with room service delivery)*

[\(click here for their video\)](#)

Reading Hospital  
West Reading, PA

### **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.)* [\(click here for their video\)](#)

IU Health Bloomington Hospital  
Bloomington, IN

### **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**

### **2018 Bill Marks**

*(For his dedication and efforts in leading the Membership, Organization, and Dues task force. His work led to a successful relaunch of our membership and dues structure for operator members.)*

### **Cindy Parker**

*(For her dedication and efforts in leading the Membership, Organization, and Dues task force. Her work has led to membership data capturing efforts that will lead to a better understanding of our operator membership.)*

### **Randy Sparrow**

*(For leading our conference attendance promotion efforts on behalf of the Board.)*

### **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