



### **Rhondda Cynon Taff Council Scoops apetito Prize Draw**

Rhondda Cynon Taff Council's Community Meals team were handed a Christmas bonus this week when one member of staff received a cheque for £100 to donate to a charity of her choice as a result of winning a competition.

At the National Association of Care Catering (NACC) annual conference, frozen food manufacturer Apetito hosted a prize draw for a lucky recipient to win the donation by tasting their food and subsequently providing feedback. Lynne Evans from Rhondda-Cynon-Taff Council's meals on wheels provider was the name drawn from the hat and picked up her cheque from Tim Watkins of Apetito and the NACC.

Mrs Evans decided to donate the cheque to Community Cancer Care Services in Tonypany who provide transport services to people with terminal illnesses voluntarily. Lynne hopes the money will go some way to repaying the tremendous work that the charity arm provides to people like Lynne's own mother who benefited from the service. She says: "The work they do in driving cancer sufferers to local hospitals to have their treatment and then driving them back home all free of charge is crucial and enables people like my mum to get to their treatment appointment when people like me are at work and unable to do it all the time."

Mr Watkins, South West and Wales catering consultant said Apetito were delighted the donation was going to a cause with a similar objective to their own. He said: "Many of the people this service affects are based in the local community and some of them will likely receive community meals. We can fully appreciate how important it is to provide services such as this which truly make a difference and enable people who may otherwise be confined to residential or hospital care to stay in their homes for as long as possible – something that by their very nature the Community Cancer Care Services are helping to pioneer."

Jacqlyn Spence, Welsh Chair for the NACC commented: "Congratulations to Lynne Evans for winning the competition and special praise for this vital service for the many local people who rely on Tonypany's dedicated Community Cancer Care Service".