



The care catering sector celebrates exceptional and inspirational individuals and teams

Professionals from the care catering sector gathered at the National Association of Care Catering (NACC) Awards 2014 last night to celebrate exceptional achievements and inspirational contributions by individuals and teams that champion continued excellence and best practice.

The uplifting and esteemed awards honour the incredible work of care providers and caterers to ensure those entrusted to their care receive the very highest standards of catering appropriate to individual needs, from nutrition through to social wellbeing.

Amongst the widespread celebrations, the NACC Midlands Region revelled in double triumph scooping both the *Community Meals Marketing Award* and the *Region of the Year Award*.

The NACC Awards is a highlight of the NACC National Training & Development Forum. This year's winners were celebrated in front of 230 peers at a special dinner held on Thursday 2 October the East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham.

Neel Radia, Chair, NACC comments: "The care catering sector is privileged to be represented by professionals that exude sheer excellence and dedication, as the winners and finalists of this year's NACC Awards clearly demonstrate. It is a real honour and highlight to be able to present the deserved and inspirational winners with their awards. I wholeheartedly congratulate them all on behalf of the NACC and their industry peers.

"Care catering is a specialised area that demands specific skills and knowledge and over the past 12 months we have seen some amazing examples of people going above and beyond to deliver excellence, raise the standards and profile of care catering, and inspire others. The incredibly high calibre of this year's finalists showcases the fantastic quality and creativity that is consistently delivered for residents and customers across the sector, with care and respect."

The 2014 NACC Awards winners are:

- **Care Establishment of the Year Award – Tenlands Care Home – HC-One**
 Victoria Lee and her team at Tenlands Care Home were praised by the judges for demonstrating an advanced understanding of nutrition but more specifically how it applies to the medical needs of residents.
- **Community Meals Marketing Award – NACC Midlands Region**
 The judges singled out the NACC Midlands Region for its effective contact with the media that created a genuine interest in the Community Meals Service for the future.
- **Catering Team of the Year Award – County Enterprise Foods – Nottingham County Council**
 The County Enterprise Foods team scooped the Catering Team of the Year Award after impressing the judges as an outstanding team whose dedication and commitment is very widely recognised.
- **Sustainability Award – Sunrise Senior Living**
 The judges singled out Sunrise Senior Living for showing that it clearly takes sustainability very seriously and demonstrating a model approach.
- **Catering Manager of the Year – Tracy Williams – Glanffrwd Nursing Home, Bridgend – HC-One**
 The judges crowned Tracy Williams Catering Manager of the Year, agreeing with the nominator who had observed how the efforts of one person can truly make a difference – namely Tracy.
- **Regional Award – Midlands**
 In this hotly contested category the judges declared the Midlands the winning region following an intense year of activity and commitment that certainly raised the profile of the NACC.

- **Pam Rhodes Outstanding Service Award – Bev Puxley, Immediate Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Cooks**

Bev Puxley was bestowed this award for Outstanding Service by the NACC National Executive Committee, in recognition of his services and commitment to the NACC and the care catering industry.

During his career that spans some 60 years, Bev has committed his considerable talent to delivering excellence to a range of hospitality sectors, including care catering and has become a close and valued friend and colleague of the NACC. He has provided wise council and practical guidance to enable the NACC to forge progressive links between the care catering sector, hospitality education, associated professional bodies and the wider industry.

The award was created in memory of Pam Rhodes who was a loyal and committed friend to the care catering and wider care sector and a name synonymous with the NACC.

- **Chairman's Award 2014 – Ros Speight, Business Support Manager, Leicestershire County Council**

This special gift of the NACC Chairman for exceptional commitment to the NACC was presented to Ros Speight who has been actively committed to the NACC for over, holding both regional and national positions. Ros has been a key figure in putting together many of the NACC guidelines and recommendations and whenever there is a job to be done or help and advice to offer, she is always ready and willing.

For further information on the NACC Awards 2014 and the NACC contact info@thenacc.co.uk / 0870 748 0180, or visit www.thenacc.co.uk.

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Notes to editors:

The National Association of Care Catering (NACC) is a progressive organisation representing professionals providing catering to the care industry. They are recognised by Local Authorities, independent providers, the charitable sector and Government departments as a prime source of information and opinion on all aspects of catering within the care sector and whose primary aim is to improve standards.

The NACC works with a number of partners to:

- To promote and enrich the standard of catering within the care sector, whether that catering be provided by Social Care Departments or other Caring Agencies
- To provide a forum for debate among individuals, companies and organisations of all kinds involved in catering for the care sector
- To facilitate the exchange of information, experience and expertise
- To promote the development of professional standards among those involved in catering for the care sector
- To commission research into matters relating to catering for the care sector
- To publish guidelines, policy papers and authoritative statements on all aspects of catering for the care sector

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