



The NACC and care sector honour excellence in care catering

NACC Awards 2015 winners

The National Association of Care Catering (NACC) and the care sector honoured excellence, dedication and inspirational achievements in catering at the NACC Awards 2015 last night.

The prestigious awards spotlight the continued exceptional work undertaken by care providers and caterers. Every winner exemplifies true commitment to ensuring that those entrusted to their care receive the very highest standards of catering that meet individual needs, from nutrition and special diets through to social wellbeing, in a respectful manner.

The incredible work of individuals and teams was recognised and celebrated in front of 200 peers at a special dinner on Thursday 1 October 2015 at the East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham.

Neel Radia, National Chair, NACC comments: “Congratulations to all our winners. Once again, all the finalists demonstrate the fantastic standards of catering within the care sector. Every individual and team has pushed the boundaries to deliver excellence and give service users the very best catering care available. We should all be very proud of the talent within our sector and the intrinsic commitment to doing the best job possible for those in our care.

“Catering in care environments demands specific knowledge and skill. From nutrition and hydration to special diets and feeding limitations, care providers and caterers must consistently deliver at all levels, whilst also ensuring the dignity of every individual. Over the past 12 months we have seen incredible examples of catering provision that meets every need and more, and respects the exact requirements and character of each and every person. Catering within the care sector continues to go from strength to strength and the NACC Awards exemplify the great work being carried out by care caterers every day. I am incredibly honoured to be able to highlight and celebrate such fantastic successes with industry peers.”

The 2015 NACC Awards winners are:

- **Care Establishment of the Year Award – Sunrise Senior Living of Eastbourne**

The judges singled out Sunrise Senior Living of Eastbourne as a great example of turning an establishment around to achieve success in the shortest possible time.

- **Community Meals Marketing Award – Monmouthshire Meals Service**

It was clear to the judges that the increase in meals take up in two years indicates well-directed marketing and this secured the team the Community Meals Marketing award.

- **Catering Team of the Year Award – Four Seasons Health Care – Christine Hamilton and David Richards**

The judges praised the Four Seasons Health Care catering team for being a very solid team in all respects and for working to sound systems.

- **Sustainability Award – Contract Services London Borough of Tower Hamlets**

The judges described the London Borough of Tower Hamlets' sustainability practices as a model for others to follow.

- **Catering Manager of the Year – David Blackwood, Meallmore Ltd.**

In a hotly contested category, David Blackwood stood out as the worthy winner.

- **Regional Award – Northern Region**

With every region demonstrating progressive activity throughout the year, the judges agreed that the Northern region had pulled out all the stops to bring the best value and experience to its members.

- **Pam Rhodes Outstanding Achievement Award – Stuart Long**

Stuart Long has been an active supporter and friend of the NACC since its launch in 1988 (as the ABSSC) and his outstanding contribution has been honoured with the Pam Rhodes Award.

An original instigator of the association and first National Chair, Stuart has supported many events, run regional meetings, held the posts of National Deputy

Chair (1993-1995) and South East Chair (1995-1997) and introduced the national circulars, now fondly known as the NACC Yearbook. As an honorary member of the NACC, Stuart Long is well-known as the formidable chair of the NACC Training & Development Forum.

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 2015 – McCullough Moore**

The special gift of the NACC National Chair for exceptional commitment to the NACC was presented to the specialist events company McCullough Moore, a most popular choice with the audience. McCullough Moore has been instrumental in all NACC operations and events for the past decade, including the successful NACC Training & Development Forum.

McCullough Moore was praised for its incredible work, professionalism and unwavering commitment and loyalty to the association. With an intuitive understanding of the association and a progressive, adaptable approach, McCullough Moore has consistently exceeded expectations and delivered excellence in all services to produce outstanding opportunities and outcomes.

For further information on the NACC Awards 2015 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:

- Promote and enrich the standard of catering within the care sector, whether that catering be provided by Social Care Departments or other Caring Agencies
- Provide a forum for debate among individuals, companies and organisations of all kinds involved in catering for the care sector
- Facilitate the exchange of information, experience and expertise
- Promote the development of professional standards among those involved in catering for the care sector

- Commission research into matters relating to catering for the care sector
- Publish guidelines, policy papers and authoritative statements on all aspects of catering for the care sector

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