

## AHF Past Award Winners

*Descriptions of the winner's project are given where applicable*

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### Lifetime Achievement Award

**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

### Making a Difference

**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**

**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)

**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

## **Future Horizons**

**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

## **Partnership in Leadership Award**

**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

## **Presidential Special Service**

**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 Listserve*)  
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

### **Spotlight Award**

**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