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**Healthcare Foodservice Workers Week™ is October 6 - 12**

*Honors those who Provide Nutrition Services to Promote Health and Wellness*

**Louisville, KY (October 6, 2014)** – The Association for Healthcare Foodservice (AHF), the only professional society for healthcare food and nutrition professionals in self-operated facilities, will celebrate Healthcare Foodservice Workers Week™ October 6-12, 2014.

The Healthcare Foodservice Workers Week™ tradition was started in 1985 by a legacy association that is now part of AHF. Through their efforts, the U.S. Congress declared that the first full week of each October would be a time to recognize the integral role that foodservice staff have in helping the employees and patients of healthcare facilities stay well-nourished and healthy. Today the importance of excellent nutrition has been established and documented, but it is even more critical to those individuals in healthcare facilities. This week is an excellent opportunity to recognize and thank those dedicated individuals who provide food and nutrition services in healthcare.

This year, AHF members nominated individuals in their foodservice departments who go above and beyond. These honorees are listed on the [AHF website](#).

“This special week is for everyone on the self-operated foodservice team,” says AHF President Lisette Coston. “Just like a chain, each link - each team member - is integral to the whole process. When one team member is missing or under-appreciated, the chain is weak. But when the team is working together, the impact on our organizations is tremendous. Our foodservice workers make and deliver food, of course, but they also represent all that is good about self-op: commitment to mission, quality, creativity, flexibility, and caring.”

Additional information regarding Healthcare Foodservice Workers Week is available on the [AHF website](#).

**About AHF:**

*The Association for Healthcare Foodservice (AHF) is the preeminent professional society dedicated to advancing self-operated healthcare foodservice as industry best practice. AHF develops healthcare foodservice professionals, assuring food and nutrition services are valued as an essential contributor to the healthcare organization's mission. For more information, please visit [www.healthcarefoodservice.org](http://www.healthcarefoodservice.org)*