

## AATUL JAIN RECEIVES “FUTURE HORIZONS” AWARD

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#### *AHF Honors the Retail Operations Manager, Chef at Saint Clare’s Health System*

Louisville, KY. (June 10, 2013) – The Association for Healthcare Foodservice (AHF) is proud to announce that Aatul Jain, retail operations manager and chef at Saint Clare’s Health System, is the winner of the 2013 AHF Future Horizons Award. This award was presented at the AHF Annual Conference in New Orleans on June 8, 2013.

The AHF Future Horizons Award is presented to members who have practiced in the healthcare foodservice industry for five years or less, who are new to management and who demonstrate a desire for future growth through contributions to their hospitals or community.

Jain recently finished his first year in healthcare foodservice and has been honored for his dedication to the industry. His “hands on” approach to leading has set new levels of customer satisfaction expectations for staff. His strong attention to detail has increased retail sales by double digits, and he has helped raise the level of the entire kitchen staff by teaching concepts of efficiency, batch cooking, freshness and working smart - all of which led to higher satisfaction scores.

“His culinary flair has created quite a following,” said Joanne McMillian, food and nutrition director at Saint Clare’s Health System. “People are always talking about the delicious food he serves and asking, ‘what’s next?’”

Jain has created and developed specialty catering and community education events. To enhance the hospital’s culinary reputation in the community, he executed a flawless catering event on New Year’s Day, “The Mayor’s Inauguration Luncheon,” where Registered Dietitians and other clinicians made comments such as “teach us how you do that.” He has also developed a partnership with the cardiac rehab department to present a series of cooking demos, which received media attention. Jain recently led a healthy cooking demonstration for hundreds of participants at a Saint Clare’s sponsored mall event on cancer prevention and cardiovascular awareness, sharing that healthy foods can be delicious and flavorful. Additionally, Jain is a contributor to AHF’s publication *S.O. Connected* and has shown off his culinary talents in both the 2012 and 2013 AHF Culinary Competition.

#### **About AHF:**

The Association for Healthcare Foodservice (AHF) is the national professional association

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).

**About Saint Clare's Health System:**

Saint Clare's Health System ([www.saintclares.org](http://www.saintclares.org)), which has served the healthcare needs of northwestern New Jersey residents since 1895, is the region's premier provider of community-based healthcare and behavioral health services. Saint Clare's operates hospitals in Boonton Township, Denville, and Dover, and other facilities located throughout Morris and Sussex counties.

Saint Clare's is part of Catholic Health Initiatives, which is a national nonprofit health system with headquarters in Englewood, Colo. The faith-based system operates in 18 states and includes 80 hospitals; 40 long-term care, assisted- and residential-living facilities; two community health-services organizations; two accredited nursing colleges; and home health agencies. In fiscal year 2012, CHI provided more than \$715 million in charity care and community benefit, including services for the poor, free clinics, education and research. With total annual revenues of more than \$10.7 billion and approximately 86,000 employees, CHI ranks as the nation's second-largest faith-based health system.

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