

BETTY PEREZ RECEIVES “EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP” AWARD

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AHF Honors the Senior Director at NYU Langone Medical Center

Louisville, KY. (June 10, 2013) – The Association for Healthcare Foodservice (AHF) is proud to announce that Betty Perez, senior director, NYU Langone Medical Center, is the winner of the 2013 AHF Exemplary Leadership Award. This award was presented at the AHF Annual Conference in New Orleans on June 8, 2013.

The AHF Exemplary Leadership Award recognizes member contributions in their operations as well as to AHF regional, local chapters or networking meetings. The award is given in memory of Don Marsh, a past board member who had a long-spanning career in healthcare foodservice.

Perez has infused her department with a unique energy and passion for excellence. She has put together a team of foodservice professionals from various industries, including classically trained chefs from the hospitality industry that have raised the bar for what is expected in healthcare foodservice.

“Betty’s focus has always been to provide her patients and customers with the best possible dining experience, whether it be a catered event, a meal in the cafeteria or at a patient’s bedside,” said Michael Cocco, senior territory manager at Aladdin Temp-Rite. “The room service program she implemented would fit right at home in the Four Seasons or Ritz Carlton Hotels.”

Always accommodating to help her peers and share her best practices, Perez continues to be an active member and driving force for her local AHF chapter. When Hurricane Sandy hit, over 15 million gallons of water entered the basement and the ground floor where the kitchen facilities were housed, leaving the entire department homeless. Perez put together a plan to reopen and serve in-patients right before Christmas, and at the same time managed to convert the meal delivery system at the 200-bed Hospital for Joint Diseases, located off the main campus, from cook-chill to cook-serve.

“It has always been a pleasure to work with Betty, both in her current role at NYU Langone and with her in her previous position at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey,” said Cocco. “I look forward to seeing what she comes up with next.”

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