

HEALTHCARE FOODSERVICE WORKERS WEEK™ IS OCTOBER 1 - 7

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Louisville, KY (September 11, 2012) – 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 1-7, 2012. 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 week of each October would be a national 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.

“Foodservice and nutrition professionals in healthcare play a vital role in maintaining the well-being of our patients,” said Beth Yesford, President of AHF. “We rely on our foodservice professionals to create and deliver meals that are flavorful and nutritious. Healthcare Foodservice Workers Week is our way to say thank you to the many dedicated individuals who work tirelessly to provide comfort to our patients.”

Additional information regarding Healthcare Foodservice Workers Week, including details for the YouTube contest as well as a customized collection of gifts for foodservice employees is available on the AHF website:<http://www.healthcarefoodservice.org/workers-week>

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