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Castle Rock Adventist Hospitals Team Receives “Spotlight” Award

AHF Honors Lisa Poggas and Daniel Skay

Louisville, KY (May 8, 2014) – The Association for Healthcare Foodservice (AHF) is proud to announce that Lisa Poggas, MS, RD, Nutrition Services Director and Daniel Skay, Nutrition Manager and Executive Chef at Castle Rock Adventist Hospital, are the winners of the 2014 AHF Spotlight Award. This award will be presented at the 2014 AHF Annual Conference in Orlando, Fla.

The AHF Spotlight Award is presented to operator members who have enhanced operations through technology, program development, implementation, innovation and/or creative use of managing finances. Criteria include project complexity and scope, project initiative and leadership, resourcefulness, collaboration and use of AHF tools, results, and timeliness and applicability of the project for other AHF members.

Poggas and Skay were approached three years ago to design the foodservice areas of a new community wellness oriented hospital being built in Castle Rock, Colo. They envisioned an atmosphere where customers could go to relax, de-stress and enjoy a high-quality, healthy meal, whether it be staff, patients or community members.

The result was a paradigm shift in healthcare foodservice. Manna was created and is a full service sit-down restaurant with something for everyone – wait staff, call ahead ordering via Manna on the Move and a variety of selections within Manna Market. The paradigm shift resulted in a destination restaurant within the community, for fresh, local and healthy food that has exceeded hospital and community expectations. Cash sales in the third month matched Manna’s sister hospital’s sales five years in.

“You can change the paradigm of hospital feeding successfully,” said Poggas. “It does take much convincing and marketing, but it can happen. One of the benefits has been

that the tips collected go to various charities within the hospital or local community. For those hospitals that are building or renovating, this is truly a concept worth considering.”

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.

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