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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CARE CATERING AWARDS 2009

During the summer of 2009 dozens of entries for the NACC Awards 2009 were sent in and judged by industry professionals.

There were 5 categories:

- NACC Hydration and Wellbeing Award Sponsored by the National Patient Safety Agency
- NACC Regional Award Sponsored by E & R Moffat
- NACC Care Establishment of the Year Sponsored by Hobart UK
- NACC Community Meals on Wheels Award Sponsored by apetito
- NACC Innovation Award Sponsored by WRVS
- NACC Chairman's Award

Judges included Caroline Lecko, National Patient Safety Agency, Maxine Cartz, Compass Group, Ginny Storey, Anchor, Garry Allen, E & R Moffat, Rhonda Smith, BAPEN, Neil Porter, LACA, Lynne Berry, WRVS, Funmi Majekodunmi, Caring Business, Philippe Rossiter, Institute of Hospitality, Kevan Wallace, HCA, Roger Kellow, Hobart UK, Pam Rhodes, In-Rhodes Consultancy and Sue Thomas, NHS.

The award winners and finalists were announced on the 10th September at the NACC Awards and Gala Dinner at the annual conference, held at the Hilton Blackpool.

NACC Hydration & Wellbeing 2009

The winner was Suffolk County Council and judges said:

“Suffolk County Council had undertaken a review of current practice and had been visionary in their approach to local procurement. They had introduced new practices and there were clear actions points related to menu development.”

The two finalists were Kathryn Rawling, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council and Sharon Penn, Exemplar Health Care.

NACC Region of the Year Award 2009

The winner was the NACC's South East Region and judges said:

“The presentation of the submission was great and the energy and range of activity from this region is fantastic! Great results, they answered each question/criteria well and had good use of data to back up their statements.”



NACC Care Establishment of the Year Award 2009

The winner was Long Meadow Day Centre and judges said:

“The nominations were of the highest quality, the judges were looking for something special and they found it. The leadership from the manager was exemplary and inspirational, the carers and staff levels were focused and delivered real dignity and care to their service users. The food was exceptional, the environment relaxed and friendly with plenty of activities on offer, if it were possible to book into the Sensory Room for a long weekend we would.”

The two finalists were Douglas Jackman House, Dorchester and Westwood Residential Home, Nottinghamshire.

Community Meals on Wheels Award

The winner was Vivien Rose, London Borough of Redbridge and judges said:

“The outstanding feature of this entry was the impressive range of added extras that benefited service users - in the form of: fire safety checks, bogus caller work, promotion of hydration and healthy ageing. All these features were well evidenced and they also received top marks against all the other judging criteria.”

The two other finalists were Community Meals Service, Sodexo Alliance, County Enterprise Foods Meals at Home Nottinghamshire.

NACC Innovation Award 2009

The winner was Karen Oliver, Nottingham City Council and judges said:

“This was a unanimous decision – it was felt that the service demonstrated the criteria well – it was certainly innovative and exciting in bringing older and younger people together, providing great opportunities for interaction around healthy eating. It is a very worthy winner.”

The finalists were Meals at Home, Leeds City Council and Roy Garland, National Catering Operations Manager, Anchor Trust.

The Chairman’s Award

The winner was Caroline Lecko, National Patient Safety Agency and Sue Ullmann said:

“My choice is due to her total commitment to the importance of nutrition and hydration across the whole care catering sector. Caroline has presented at many National and European conferences on the subject of Nutrition and patient safety and has had several articles published in nursing, dietetic and catering professional journals.

It has been an absolute pleasure to work along side her at many conferences we have either attended together or presented, listening to her at various meetings that we have been invited to attend and participate in her workshops and truly be inspired by her commitment, knowledge and expertise on a subject that she cares passionately about.”

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