



ANFP Celebrates 28th Annual “Pride in Foodservice Week”

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St. Charles, IL – ANFP Celebrated their 28th annual “Pride in Foodservice Week” last month. This celebratory week, designated as February 4-8 by ANFP, recognizes nutrition and foodservice professionals and other members of nutrition services teams for their hard work and dedication to client care.

ANFP members celebrate Pride in Foodservice Week in their facilities across the country in a variety of innovative ways, such as developing special menus, spotlighting foodservice employees on bulletin boards, treating foodservice staff to dinner or collecting food for those in need. This week proudly salutes foodservice departments in community facilities for their professional efforts and vital services given throughout the years.

For this year’s Pride in Foodservice Week, ANFP held a contest to encourage our members to celebrate the week in the workplace with their own staffs, residents and others.

Michelle Watkins, Executive Director at The Inn at Ironwood and Jonathan Chalky, Dietary Supervisor at The Inn at Ironwood were the first-place winners and received \$100 in ANFP Marketplace Credit. They celebrated the week by providing different food-themed gifts for the staff each day, concluding with an appreciation luncheon on Friday.

Events like Watkin’s and Chalky’s help boost morale and show appreciation for foodservice staffs. “The staff was very excited to be recognized each day by their management,” Watkins said. “They appreciated all the fun little gifts that made each day extra special.”

Amarilys Saluk, CDM, CFPP, Directory of Dietary Services at New London Rehab and Care celebrated the week by giving her staff a pizza party and smoothie social. She also handed out key chains and posted every staff member’s name on a flyer. Saluk received second place and \$75 in ANFP Marketplace credit.

Our third-place winner was Debra Canfield, CDM, CFPP, Assistant Food Service Manager at Cedar Ridge Children’s Home & School. She received \$50 in ANFP Marketplace credit for her efforts in celebrating the week, which included daily gifts for her staff.

Nutrition and foodservice professionals are trained in understanding the basic nutritional needs of their clientele, and are responsible for purchasing, storing, preparing and delivering balanced meals, three times a day, 365 days a year.

ANFP is a national not-for-profit association established in 1960 that represents more than 14,000 professional members dedicated to the mission of providing optimum nutritional care through nutrition and foodservice management. ANFP members work in hospitals, long-term care facilities, correctional facilities, and other non-commercial foodservice settings.

For more information on ANFP's Pride in Foodservice Week, please visit www.ANFPonline.org/PIFSW