



NFEF Announces 2025 Foodservice Department of the Year Award Recipient

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St. Charles, IL – The Nutrition & Foodservice Education Foundation (NFEF), the philanthropic arm of the Association of Nutrition & Foodservice Professionals (ANFP), has announced the recipient of the 2025 Foodservice Department of the Year Award.

The Village at Rockville – A National Lutheran Community in Rockville, Maryland, has earned the 2025 Foodservice Department of the Year Award for its innovative and holistic approach to dining services in a Continuing Care Retirement Community. The department integrates wellness, nutrition, and social engagement through strategic partnerships with nursing, connected living, and life enrichment departments, offering resident-driven menus, special events, and personalized dining experiences. They prioritize consistent quality, staff development, and operational excellence with daily team huddles, proactive dietary planning, and strong communication. Their focus on inclusivity, featuring plant-forward, gluten-free, and heart-healthy options, ensures all dietary needs are met. The successful reopening of dining venues post-COVID, fiscal responsibility, and continuous compliance readiness have positioned dining services as a cornerstone of resident well-being and a key driver of organizational success.

To learn more about The Village at Rockville, click [HERE](#).

About The Village at Rockville – A National Lutheran Community

National Lutheran Communities & Services is a faith-based, not-for-profit ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's (ELCA) Delaware-Maryland, Metropolitan Washington, D.C. and Virginia synods, serving people of all beliefs.

Learn more about NFEF Awards criteria [HERE](#).

About NFEF

The Nutrition & Foodservice Education Foundation (NFEF) was originally founded in 1994, as the Dietary Managers Association (DMA) Foundation. It was re-configured as a part of the DMA's re-branding and name change to the Association of Nutrition & Foodservice Professionals (ANFP) in 2012. NFEF engages in innovative research, education, and charitable causes that promote the vital role of the Certified Dietary Manager, Certified Food Protection Professional as the expert in the profession of foodservice management and food safety. NFEF supports the goals of ANFP and works to strengthen the overall nutrition and foodservice profession. As ANFP's philanthropic arm, the Foundation is organized to advance the foodservice and nutrition profession to stay ahead of rapid change by fostering innovative thinking, cutting-edge research, and new ideas. The Foundation's highest priority is research and education for the future.