Kansas Five Star Gracious Dining Award for 2014

Five Star Goals:

*Recognize excellence in food service in long term care.
*Highlight the importance of nutrition in health care for the elderly.
*Dignify dining as a social activity/tool.
*Involve all health care team disciplines in the dining process
*Improve health care dining by sharing innovative and successful ideas.

Who Can Apply?

Applicants can be large or small LTC facilities, traditional, restaurant or creative dining. Entries will be evaluated by a panel of healthcare professionals. Past food service surveys will be reviewed and must be included in the application. All applicants will be notified in writing on outcome. The winner is announced at the spring Kansas Dietetic Association Luncheon on Friday, April 25th, at the Four Point Sheraton Hotel in Manhattan, Kansas. The winner will receive a plaque and statewide recognition. There is a three year waiting period for previous winners to reapply.

Instructions:

Please summit a detailed description of your unique food service practices and how it should be considered for outstanding excellence in the LTC nutrition health of your elders.

Please type all information submitted double spaced. The Food Service Director, and the Consulting Dietitian are to describe special programs, services, etc. that have made a significant improvement in resident nutrition/hydration status and/or food service satisfaction, 1-2 pages from each discipline –FSD/DM & RD. We encourage you to send photos and further descriptions of your unique dining events (up to 3 pages of photos). Do not use staff, or resident names in text/letter or photos. Other supportive information may be submitted with the application.

Do not include independent living or assisted living food service activities.

Send in a copy of your latest state survey.

If sending in a DVD or thumb drive make sure it is in a format that is readable by all. If not readable by committee members, entry will not be considered. Recommend send in paper copy backup.

Send in application form with signatures of Administrator, Dietitian, Food Service Director CDM and current dates.

* The Committee is not responsible for returning entries and entries will not be saved. If an applicant wants their entry returned after the process is complete a prepaid return postage envelope or package needs to be included in the summited application.

*Nomination by Exception: Facility unable to apply due to facility policy. The Dietitian may nominate a facility and send in an entry with supportive material.

DEADLINE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 1, 2014

5 Star Gracious Dining Award Application Form 2014

Sign and print each name and date. Administrator must sign after reading and approving.

Facility name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone # _____

Administrator: _____

Dietitian: _____ KS Lic. #_____ KDA member? Y N

Food Service Director:_____

Return this form with entry by March 1, 2014

Mail entries to: **Five Star Gracious Dining Award-2014**
C/o Karlyn Hake R.D.,L.D.
13313 West Hunters View Street
Wichita, KS 67235

If you have questions you may email them to: kahake@benekeith.com or call my cell: 405-821-2024.

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