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**Rice Home Chef in our Nation's Capitol**

**May 1, 2008 (Columbia)** Rice Home's own Chef Rick Schmitt represented South Carolina as one of 30 attendees at the Dietary Manager Association's (DMA) "Day at the Capitol" in Washington, DC. Members of the DMA were in Washington to gather support for legislation that would provide federal recognition of the Certified Dietary Manager credential. This legislation, if passed, will have significant impact on long-term care facilities.

Currently, the US Department of Health and Human Services does not require specific training for food service directors in long-term care facilities. The only requirement of the US Department of Health and Human Services is that the food service director in a long-term care facility must have supervision provided by a full-time or consulting dietitian.

Rice Home is proud to have two certified dietary managers on staff in our food services department as well as the services of a consulting dietician. Chef Rick is a firm believer in education, as well as experience. Since joining the Rice Home family in 2003, Chef Rick has continually sought out and offered continuing education opportunities to the dining services staff. Savory morsels, nutritional meals and quality ingredients are of the utmost importance to the Rice Home. Chef Rick ensures that food prepared at the northeast Columbia retirement community meets that description.

Located at 100 Finley Road in northeast Columbia, Rice Home is a full service active retirement community offering a comprehensive continuum of care. As a non-profit ministry of Lutheran Homes of South Carolina, Rice Home is committed to providing older adults, life enriching opportunities to be well and "Live Life to its Fullest."

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