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Rice Home Employee Named Activity Director of the Year

Northeast Columbia's own, Melina "MeMe" Bostrom was named Activity Director of the Year during the recent South Carolina Activity Professionals Association's (SCAPA) Annual Conference. Bostrom has been a vital part of the Rice Home, a continuing care retirement community in Northeast Columbia, since 2004. A graduate of Francis Marion University with a degree in Psychology, Bostrom has always been passionate about working with older adults. "I love being able to add quality years to lives through my profession," explains Bostrom.

Rice Home has provided Bostrom with the opportunity to work closely with older adults in various care settings. During her two and one-half years with Rice Home, Bostrom has served as Life Enrichment Director to residents in assisted living, memory support and the skilled nursing program. She works directly with residents to provide them with life affirming activities. "MeMe's positive attitude is contagious. She's an inspiration to the resident's she serves and to her co-workers" stated Ken McManus, Rice Home Administrator.

SCAPA's workshops have contributed to Bostrom's professional growth and continued education in the area of activity therapy during her five years of membership. The South Carolina Activity Professionals Association, established in 1989, is a statewide Activity Professionals organization that strives "To provide Education, Networking, and Professional Support" in order to improve the quality of life for older adults.

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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