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**Rice Home Chef to serve as South Carolina Dietary Managers Association Officer**

Savory morsels, nutritional meals and quality ingredients are of the utmost importance to the Rice Home. Chef Rick Schmitt ensures that food prepared at the northeast Columbia retirement community meets that description. Chef Rick, as he is fondly regarded, does not stop with success in the kitchen – he also believes it is important to share his knowledge and experience with the community. He was elected Vice President of the South Carolina Dietary Managers Association (SCDMA) at their recent Spring Workshop.

The South Carolina Dietary Managers Association is a non-profit association established in the 1970's that has over 220 professionals dedicated "to provide optimum nutritional care through foodservice management." Active Members of the SCDMA must have graduated from a DMA-approved dietary manager program. "Being elected to this office is a great honor to me," explained Schmitt. "I am hopeful that my contributions to the organization will make a profound difference to the folks that we serve."

Schmitt has been a special part of Rice Home since joining the team in December 2003. A graduate of Midlands Technical College, he became a Certified Dietary Manager (CDM), and Certified Food Protection Professional (CFPP) in December of 2004. Schmitt began his career in the food service industry in 1981 and has since traveled the country to further his training. He specializes in regional fare, yet has extensive knowledge in many different dining experiences. "Chef Rick delights our community with his dazzling creations!" stated Ken McManus, Rice Home Administrator.

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."