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Local Chef Honored for His Contributions

Rice Home's own Chef Rick Schmitt, CDM, CFPP was recognized at the Dietary Manager Association's (DMA) 50th Annual Meeting and Expo in Chicago, IL. Bringing back to South Carolina the DMA Platinum State Achievement Award, as well as, awards for Membership Initiatives and Government Affairs. "It was an honor to receive the DMA Platinum Award for excellence in leadership on behalf of the South Carolina DMA (SCDMA) in Chicago, as well as the Government Affairs Award for the third year in a row. These awards, as well as others, that SCDMA received show the quality of leadership abilities that Dietary Managers in South Carolina have, and the commitment to their profession that they hold" stated Schmitt.

Over the past three years, Schmitt has served as the SCDMA as the Legislative Chair, Vice-President, President-Elect and President. The Dietary Managers Association is a non-profit association established in 1960 that has over 280 professionals dedicated "to provide optimum nutritional care through foodservice management."

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.

Located at 100 Finley Road in northeast Columbia, Rice Home offers a full service retirement community with a wealth of life enrichment activities and people to enjoy them with.

Why your readers will be interested:

- Highlights the efforts of local Chef
- Recognizes the work of the Dietary Managers Association
- Features one of the fastest growing segments of the population – senior adults

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