

Holy Trinity Nursing & Rehabilitation Center Receives National Recognition from AMDA/Evercare for "Improving the Quality of Life for Persons Living in Nursing Homes"



Holy Trinity Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Worcester, MA received national recognition on March 25, 2011 when it was awarded an AMDA Foundation/Evercare award for "Improving the Quality of Life for Persons Living in Nursing Homes" at the annual Long Term Care Medicine conference in Tampa, FL. The American Medical Directors Association (AMDA) and Evercare acknowledged Holy Trinity for their "Resident Centered Dining Program", which was implemented last year.

This resident-centered program was recognized for its impact on Culture Change, increased social interaction, greater resident and family satisfaction, improved clinical outcomes, and its ability to be replicated.

Holy Trinity Nursing & Rehabilitation Center is one of three skilled nursing centers that were selected by the AMDA Foundation from submissions from across the nation and intends to invest the \$10,000 award toward other resident-centered efforts.

"On many levels the quality of life for residents has improved, which translates to better care, as indicated by the decrease of supplement use by an average of 33%," said Holy Trinity's Dietary Director Dianne Buckley on the success of the project. Buckley further explains that because of the meal choice project, "the staff members have become less task-focused and have shifted towards a more resident centered approach in other areas of daily care provided as well. This in turn has elevated the relationship between the staff and the residents they serve."

Pictured above, left to right: Karen Laganelli, Executive Director, Holy Trinity Nursing and Rehabilitation Center; Dianne Buckley, Dietary Director, Holy Trinity; Ronald J. Shumacher, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Evercare; and Daniel J. Swagerty, MD, MPH, CMD, Chairman, AMDA Foundation.