

Lori Strickler - 2009 PHCA Excellence in Caregiving Award

Lori Strickler is the dietary manager at Hanover Hall but she is also much more! Lori has been at Hanover Hall and with Wilmac for over 25 years, which shows a true commitment to her profession.

Lori is always ready to lead the charge on a new program or idea to make life better for residents at Hanover Hall. Food is a big part of life and of celebrations at Hanover Hall and Lori always works hard to make it special and develop fun themes like Elvis Day, complete with decorations. Many residents miss home cooking and certain foods or traditions they enjoyed before coming to Hanover Hall.

Lori finds out what they like to make and holds a cooking class to get everyone involved in the fun activity- even if it means peeling, cutting and coring apples to make 180 jars of apple butter for residents to give as gifts to family and friends at holiday time. Lori is always glad to help residents try to make something new and she always tries to accommodate requests. When one resident would only eat Subway sandwiches she went to the shop every day to pick them up.

Lori not only takes good care of residents, but her fellow hardworking staff members as well! Lori comes in at 4 AM on holidays to cook breakfast for the night shift so they can have good hot food even if they have to be away from their families on a holiday. She gives up her own free time to make life a little easier and enjoyable for others and she does this on a consistent basis.

Lori is a friend and a leader to her colleagues and a very special person to Hanover Hall's residents. She does more than feed everyone; she takes care of them in many other ways and cares about their well-being.