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MEET THE WINNERS!
DEMENTIA CARE AWARDS 2016

Outstanding Dementia Care Product 2016
Jorg Roth & Jo Foster, Film Package: My Life Films
The judges chose Film Package: My Life Films because it is an inspirational film product that will ensure carers understand the person they care for. In addition the families and the person living with dementia can celebrate and enjoy wonderful moments and memories.

Outstanding Dementia Care Innovation 2016
James Ashwell, Unforgettable.org, Unforgettable.
The judges chose Unforgettable.org because it’s unique, forward thinking, solving problems with products that make a huge difference to improving the lives of people living with dementia and their carers, their families at home and in care environments. It is ambitious in its reach, accessibility and its future plans and clearly thought through in terms of moving forward. It’s key that people with dementia and carers are a driving force in this innovation.

Best Activities Co-ordinator for People Living with Dementia
Sarah Savage, Admiral Court, Hallmark Care Homes
The judges chose Sarah because she had the edge on a very strong group of finalists. Her approach to providing a service for every single resident included strategies for effective record keeping to an inclusive team approach. The breadth of activity offered and Sarah’s passion shine through.

Best Dementia Nurse Specialist / Dementia Lead 2016
Sarah Monks, University Hospital South Manchester
The judges chose Sarah for her exceptional passion and drive to improve the hospital experience for people with dementia and their families. With energy and tenacity, she has forged links and fought successfully for funding in challenging circumstances. In a very short time she has driven a culture change through the Trust where people with dementia and their families are listened to, through inclusive training for all levels of staff, sustained by the work of dementia champions. Sarah is working in partnership with the university to ensure that dementia knowledge is embedded in nurse training from undergraduate level onwards.

Best Dementia Care Manager 2016
Phil Benson, EachStep Blackburn, Community Integrated Care
The judges chose Phil because he demonstrated strong leadership skills being capable and confident to lead his team and also showed the compassion and understanding for those working in his service and joining them with those in his care. This is bringing great results for residents, relatives and the staff team.

Best Dementia Garden 2016
Hannah Bradford & Andy Keen, Anya Court, Hallmark Care Homes
The judges chose Anya Court because they have created a domestic and familiar outdoor space with personalised opportunities and choice for residents. The garden enables residents and families to engage in planting, sowing seeds, watering and an array of activities, including bringing the garden inside. The garden and the gardeners were wholly integrated in the whole team.

Best Dementia Training Initiative 2016
Stephanie Daley, Time for Demetria, Centre for Dementia Studies (Brighton & Sussex Medical School/ Sussex Partnership Trust) The judges chose Time for Demetria because they are transferring the focus of education of health professionals by putting relationships with families and the heart of understanding what’s really important in care for people living with dementia.

Best Interior Dementia Design 2016
Pauline Shaw & Sanna Laaksonen, Surbiton, The Royal Star & Garter Homes
The judges chose The Royal Star and Garter Homes because of the created ethos of a whole home approach. Residents are free to determine what the environment should be and this demands a dynamic response where staff themselves form part of the whole interior design. This inspiring and innovative approach engages residents and has proved to have a significantly positive impact on those who live in the home, where their lives have been transformed. To quote “He’s Alive.”
Best Resident / Relative Contribution 2016
John Timms, St Luke's, Community Integrated Care
The judges chose John because he has made an enormous contribution to the care home his wife lived in. Not only has John raised a large amount of money by walking 100 miles, he has also created an inspiring garden and visits the residents for a warming chat every week.

Exceptional Contribution by a Person Living with Dementia
Chris Roberts
The judges chose Chris Roberts because of his inspirational achievements in raising awareness on a local, national and international level, working tirelessly to educate people, make the world more inclusive and contribute to research. Chris is also committed to peer support, encouraging others and looking for ways to ensure that the voices of other people with dementia are heard as well as his.

Best Dignity in Care Champion 2016
Dorica Mukuma, Craigielea Care Home, The Holmes Care Group
The judges chose Dorica because she is an excellent role model in promoting the dignity of her residents. She is committed to bringing out the best for both residents and staff consistently demonstrating a respectful approach. Dorica genuinely understands the needs of people with dementia.

Best Dementia Team 2016
Angela Bookham & Kelly Kelleher, Broadwater Lodge Care Home, Care UK
The judges chose the Broadwater Lodge Care Home Team because they were so joyful in talking about their team and so obviously proud of them. There were many real and specific examples of teamwork and a true celebration of the successes of their individual team members.

Dementia Care Inspiring Leader 2016
Lesley Hobbs, Brunelcare
The judges chose Lesley because she has built a team of confident and passionate staff, able to make their own decisions and generate their own solutions to enable residents to live full lives. With her philosophy that everyone has potential, she nurtures and advocates for residents and her staff, proving anything is possible. The judges were impressed with Lesley’s involvement of the local community, schools and volunteers to achieve this.

Best Dementia Care Home 2016
Phil Benson, EachStep Blackburn, Community Integrated Care
The judges chose EachStep Blackburn because of their honest, open and frank “look at dementia” which is inspirational. They have breath taking engagement and commitment with the local community. Each person living at EachStep Blackburn is a blank canvas living a great life, achieving a normal standard of living, beyond CDC’s standard of outstanding. Their focus is more about each person than a diagnosis of dementia.

Dementia Care Personality 2016
Megan Austin, Colten Care
The judges chose Megan because she demonstrated exceptional warmth and consideration for people living with dementia. She inspires others around her by drawing on her own personal attributes and values. Megan appreciates every workers contribution to delivering outstanding dementia care.

Lifetime Achievement in Dementia Care 2016
Joan Sewell, Alzheimer's Society
The judges chose Joan because for over 30 years she has worked with people with dementia and their families to ensure each individual receives excellent dementia care. Joan was one of the first to develop training for family carers and changed the way that day care was delivered. She has inspired younger people and modestly acknowledges their achievements rather than her own. Her colleagues adore her and she remains as passionate now as when she first started.

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