Spokane, WA – September 24, 2018 Rockwood Retirement Communities 2903 E 25th Ave. Spokane, WA 99223



Rockwood Retirement Communities receives the "Best Appetizer" award at the Cooking for a Cause event.

On Friday, September 7 at the Davenport Grand Hotel in Spokane, chefs from area retirement communities, restaurants and caterers competed in the fund raising event Cooking for a Cause. This event raises funds for the Greater Spokane County Meals on Wheels which provides hot meals to disabled and housebound seniors in our area. Guests enjoy a fabulous night of decadent food tastings, auctions, music, and dancing. Each attendee is given sample dishes from each of the competing chefs and then they vote for their favorite. The night ends with the tallying of the votes to name the tasting winners.

Rockwood Hawthorne's Director of Food Service, Branden Moreau and his team, prepared **Butternut Squash Bisque** with Cranberry Crème Fraiche and Spiced Honey Roasted Pepitas, and **Grilled Asparagus Salad** with Shaved Parmesan, Grated Yolk and Preserved Lemon. For Dessert, the team created **Caramel Apple Crème Brûlée** with Cookie Tuile, Cinnamon Whipped Cream, and Green Apple Cotton Candy. After preparing and serving over 300 guests, the votes were tallied and Rockwood Retirement Communities won the Best Appetizer award!





Staff Participating: Director of Food Service at Rockwood Hawthorne, Branden Moreau, Tessa Conrad, Lisa Keetch, Becky Knight, Stacy Weed, Carson Smith, Peyton Smith, Emily Speer, Kyong Stolz, and Jarred Nelson.

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Rockwood Retirement Communities promote independence, wellness and lifelong vitality by providing housing and services to seniors, with a commitment to excellence. Rockwood Retirement Communities owns and operates Rockwood South Hill, Rockwood Hawthorne, and Appleway Court.

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