



Care Awards 2009

Celebrating Quality Care

The Wellsprings Centre of Taunton played host to the 2009 Somerset Care Awards on the 10th October. More than 300 people attended the prestigious awards dinner to recognise and celebrate outstanding employees within the care sector. The event, organised by Care Focus Somerset, is a highlight of the year for the Care providers in Somerset, with finalists for the 12 awards being selected from over 300 nominations from all aspects of health and social care organisations. Back to host for the third time was BBC's Chris Vacher who presented the winners with a glass trophy and floral bouquet. All of the finalists were treated to a goody bag which included engraved paperweights as a keepsake.

The evening champions excellence in all aspects of the Care sector. With approximately 15,000 people employed in a social care setting in Somerset alone, these prestigious awards are certainly an acclaim to be proud of. The entire event was run through the generosity of local businesses providing their support and sponsorship to make the evening possible.

Becky Sprangle, Business Manager for Care Focus and organisers of the event commented "each and every one of the finalists are truly wonderful people. The heart warming stories and the care and compassion they have for other people is second to none. Each finalist is so humble and yet the difference they make to other people's lives is outstanding."

A delicious 4 course meal was provided by well known local caterers Food 4 You and bringing the evening to a close, the crowd took to the dance floor to the ever delightful sounds of local and much acclaimed band "Groove-a-licious".



Awards winners and sponsors in 2009:

1) Outstanding Mentor/Buddy - Sponsored by Hudson & Hughes

- Diana Abel - Care South

2) Outstanding Volunteer - Sponsored by Clydesdale Bank

- Jean Banks - Somerset County Council

3) Support Staff Award - Sponsored by Amicus Solicitors

- Ian Mann - Somewhere House, Burnham on Sea

4) Most Effective Partnership - Sponsored by Dixon Walsh Accountants

- Out of hours Taunton team - Taunton Deane, Somerset PCT, Somerset County Council Adult Social Care & Way Ahead

5) Outstanding Healthcare Professional - Sponsored by R.C.P.A.

- Denise Condick - St Margaret's Somerset Hospice, Taunton

6) Outstanding Support Worker - Sponsored by Somerset College

- Karen Flack - Way Ahead Community Services

7) Outstanding Care Worker #1 - Sponsored by Clearview Windows

- Paul Lambert - Somerset Care at Home

8) Outstanding Care Worker #2 - Sponsored by Premier Leasing and Finance

- Jennifer Deere - Brunelcare

9) Outstanding Team Leader/Supervisor - Sponsored by Skills for Care

- Rita Walburton - Somerset Care

10) Outstanding Manager - Sponsored by Somerset County Council

- Christine Sloman - St. George's Residential Home, Taunton

11) Tim Catley-Day Award - Sponsored by D R Jones

- Helen Haberfield – Candlelight Homecare Services Ltd, Glastonbury

12) Outstanding Contribution - Sponsored by NHS Somerset

- Richard & Lyn Downs – Somerset County Council Adult Placement Carers

A sample of photos from the event in October 2009 can be seen here. Should you wish to view more or purchase any that you had taken on the evening, please contact Martin Hill Photography.

If you were a winner and would like a copy of the photo of you receiving your award, please email Becky bsprangle@carefocussomerset.org



All of the finalists



Christine Sloman - Outstanding Manager
(with Christine Lawrence of Somerset County Council)



The Out of Hours Team
(sponsored by Dixon Walsh)



Iann Mann - Support Staff Award
(with Richard Haste of [Amicus Solicitors](#))



Karen Flack - Outstanding Support Worker
(with Sue Parker of [Somerset College](#))



Denise Condick - Outstanding Healthcare Professional
(with Alyson Martin of the [RCPA](#))



Paul Lambert - Outstanding Care Worker #1
(sponsored by [Clearview Windows](#))



Diana Abel - Outstanding Mentor
(with Rob Davin of [Hudson & Hughes training](#))



Jennifer Deere - Outstanding Care Worker #2
(with Greg Jones of [Premier Leasing](#))