

## *Healthcare Management Composite, Inc. August 3, 2010*

HM Composite, Inc. is proud to announce the winner of the "Award of



Excellence" in Dietary to Julita Corpuz, DSS, Country Oaks Care Center of Santa Maria. Julita was presented her award at the Culinary Workshop in Sacramento on July 8 Lee Tincher, MS, RD, President of HM Composite. John Henning, Administrator of Country Oaks in Santa Maria nominated Julita and stated:

"Julita is always ready to try new things to try to make the meals more appetizing, more appealing, or more nutritious. We have tried many different ideas, and she always approaches them enthusiastically. Her attitude has spread throughout the Dietary Department. She takes pride in the creations of her department, and she always seeks feedback from the residents as to the quality of the meals."

Julita was a board certified Dietitian in the Phillipines before moving to America with her husband. Once in America, she responded to a job opening at an acute hospital for a cook. Seven months later when she left the hospital when she was pregnant with her daughter but soon found another cook position in LTC at Country Oaks. One year later her supervisor retired and Julita was provided the opportunity to move into the DSS role where she has remained for 16 years.

Julita is living out her desire to work in the medical field as a DSS in the dietary department at Country Oaks. The best part of the job is being able to provide quality meals for others. Her residents are treated to home baked breads, rolls, and bread sticks each day. In addition to being an exceptional DSS, Julita is a wife and mother of 3 daughters ages 16,11 & 3.

DSS/DM Honorable mention goes to:

Melanie Balubar, DSS of Golden Cross in Fresno "...dependable, hard-working... open to new ideas..."

Jean Crook, DSS of Windsor Chico Creek Care & Rehab in Chico "...runs an excellent, efficient kitchen...keeps up with clinical work...knows all details about the residents..."

**Ellen Lynott, CDM of Horizon West at the Lake in Lakeport** "... high standard for quality of food delivered from the kitchen... advocate for the residents... encourages feedback..."

**Ginnette Wright, DSS of Evergreen in Bakersfield** *"…juggles time between two facilities, keeps both running smoothly…"* 

**Ruben Calvillo of Saratoga Retirement Community in Saratoga** "...makes time during day to talk to residents and families...shares information with other team members...dedication to resident satisfaction is unwavering..."

HM Composite appreciates the dedication and expertise that these and other dietary staff members contribute to LTC facilities and their residents.