



## **Benchmark Senior Living chefs receive ‘Judges Best Taste Award’ at Rhode Island Alzheimer’s Association Culinary Challenge for 5th Year**

*Chefs from Capitol Ridge at Providence and Greenwich Farms at Warwick add more top culinary awards to company’s growing list.*

**Waltham, Mass.** – Chefs from two Benchmark Senior Living communities, [Capitol Ridge at Providence](#) and [Greenwich Farms at Warwick](#), recently received the “Judges Best Taste Award” at the annual Culinary Challenge for a Cause, hosted by the Rhode Island chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association in Cranston, R.I. This is the fifth year Benchmark chefs have earned top honors in the competition.

The event, which raised \$10,000 for the association’s work, featured nine chefs from local healthcare providers. Each prepared an appetizer, entree or dessert.

Senior Dining Services Director **Steve Morrisette** of Greenwich Farms at Warwick prepared pan seared jumbo white shrimp with sautéed vegetable quinoa, green onion sauce, and micro beet greens with pistachio oil and truffle salt.

Dining Services Director **David Silva** of Capitol Ridge at Providence prepared Puffin Bay scallops with whiskey cream and fried leeks.

**Dan Ortega**, a cook at Capitol Ridge at Providence, assisted both chefs.

“We encourage our chefs to participate in competitions like this for a couple of reasons,” says Benchmark Vice President of Dining and Facilities Guy Hemond. “First, because so many of our chefs come from high-end hotels, country clubs and casinos, and we’re proud for them to demonstrate the creativity and skill they now lavish on our Benchmark residents. Also, they enjoy staying current with food trends and techniques, and competitions like this contribute to that.”

Hemond, an award-winning chef himself, oversees more than 60 Benchmark chefs in seven states.



*Benchmark chefs took top award for fifth year: From left, Senior Dining Services Director Steve Morrisette, Greenwich Farms of Warwick; Dan Ortega, cook at Capitol Ridge at Providence; and Dining Services Director David Silva, Capitol Ridge at Providence.*

In addition to winning the “Judges Best Taste Award,” Benchmark chefs consistently win competitions in local and state challenges, including the 2017 Connecticut Assisted Living Association Culinary Competition, where they placed first in all three food categories.

### About Benchmark Senior Living

Based in Waltham, Mass., Benchmark Senior Living is a leading provider of senior living services in the Northeast. Founded in 1997 by [Tom Grape](#) and celebrating its [20th anniversary](#) in 2017, Benchmark operates 56 senior living communities offering independent living, assisted living, Alzheimer’s care and continuing care in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont. The company will open its first community in the state of New York, Whisper Woods at Smithtown, in 2018. Benchmark has been recognized as a top workplace by *The Boston Globe* for 10 consecutive years as well as by the *Boston Business Journal*, *Connecticut Post*, *Hartford Courant* and *Hartford Business Journal*. It has been named one of the healthiest employers by the *Boston Business Journal* and *Providence Business News*. Visit Benchmark at [BenchmarkSeniorLiving.com](http://BenchmarkSeniorLiving.com)

