

Adrian Silaghi awarded Ancillary Worker of the Year 2018



Princess Christian Head Chef receives prestigious industry award

Adrian Silaghi, Head Chef and Catering Manager at Princess Christian Care Home, is a master chef with a compassionate heart. He is extremely passionate about cooking and consistently strives to enrich the lives of our residents with flavours from around the globe. He is an excellent Manager, leading his team of two other Chefs and six Kitchen Assistants.

Adrian was entered into this year's [Surrey Care Awards](#) for the Ancillary Worker of the Year category, against some very stiff competition. The Awards ceremony took place at Epsom Racecourse on Friday 9 November. His nomination, by **Leo Mathew** (Physiotherapist for Princess Christian), was also supported by three other people, each with their own individual reasons for backing Adrian for this worthy award.

The family of one of Princess Christian's residents said, "He has made a considerable difference in the preparation of food which has enabled our Mum to enjoy her meals once again. We have found Adrian polite, understanding and determined to do the very best he can to make mealtimes enjoyable for all the residents."

The sister of another resident commented, "It goes without saying that Adrian is a competent and highly-skilled Head Chef and Catering Manager, but the position of a Chef in a Care Home requires a person with additional qualities for success. Every day he and his team produce mouthwatering and nutritious meals for the residents. The work is demanding and requires skill, knowledge and imagination."

Also, the daughter of one of our residents said, "Adrian's constant mantra when we have spoken is that if the residents are

enjoying their food, then he is happy. He is quick to recognise when things are not right and strives for constant improvement within his department."

Christine Foster – finalist for Frontline Leader of the Year Award

Christine Foster, Recreation and Well-Being Lead at Princess Christian was duly nominated for the Frontline Leader of the Year Award and supported by **Mario Taherian** (Care Home Manager), **Leo Mathew**, plus a daughter of one of our residents, and the wife of another. Christine and her team were delighted to win a place in the finals but unfortunately did not win. Congratulations Christine on your nomination!

***Sylvia Stock**, the wife of a resident at the Home, said, "Over time, Christine has developed an amazing leadership role and has built a strong and dedicated team around her. With requirements ranging from simple nursing needs to more complex care, I have seen Christine develop a multiplicity of activities to meet the diverse needs of residents, including those with Alzheimer's Disease, different forms of Dementia and those needing palliative care."*

Congratulations Christine and Adrian!

Everyone at **Princess Christian** and the Nellsar Management Team really got behind both Christine and Adrian for this year's **Surrey Care Awards – congratulations to you both**. We look forward to gaining further recognition for our amazing staff team next year!



