2016 SHOWCASE AWARD WINNERS

SOUP CHALLENGE & TASTING

Golden Living Center, Fresno invited the community to a fundraiser to sample and judge more than a dozen homemade soups to highlight the excellent meal service provided in the skilled nursing setting. The People's Choice Award went to the owner of a local home care company with the winning creation of Loaded Baked Potato Soup. The Soup Master award winner was a student at the Clovis Unified Culinary Arts program, with a winning creation of Green Curry Soup. As the prize winner, he donated his winnings to his favorite non-profit—his high school culinary arts program.

ALIVE INSIDE SCREENING

Vienna Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Lodi was one of the first facilities in the state to implement a Music & Memory Program. The facility hosted a screening of the movie "Alive Inside," the inspiration for the Music & Memory Program, which documents the power of personalized music for people with dementia. The event included a catered dinner for more than 200 participants. Ticket sales helped raise \$2,000 which was donated to two local senior programs to help them implement the Music & Memory Program at their centers.

CHOPPER DOG

Residents at Vi at La Jolla Village in San Diego rallied around a beloved and frequent visitor, Chopper Dog, after his therapy license was terminated by an agency that disapproved of his biker costume. After television news coverage and a social media campaign, Chopper Dog was granted a therapy license from a different agency and continues to provide companionship and entertainment to elderly residents—while sporting a variety of outerwear.