

CAMPBELL ST CAFÉ RECEIVES STATE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Campbell St. Café, owned and operated by Pines Village Retirement Communities, was recently honored by receiving the *Excellence in Service* award by the *Indiana Association of Homes and Services for the Aging* (IAHSA). This award recognizes programs and services that are models of excellence, contribute significantly to the quality of life for the people they serve, and demonstrate innovation. IAHSA is an association representing over 170 nonprofit housing and service providers for older adults. Members are driven by a mission of service within their communities.

Campbell St. Café is a unique combination, a public restaurant welcoming all ages and a community center for local adults, age 55+. “Food brings people together. The concept of a café provides the ideal location for socialization and provides opportunities to bridge generations,” says Vicky Gadd, Meridian Woods director.

For a small yearly membership fee, Café members, age 55+, may take advantage of educational programs and events, staffed fitness center, lap top computers with Internet access, and discounts on food and beverages. The Café remains committed to the community at large. “As a nonprofit organization, we are looking for ways to give back to the Valparaiso community. All tips collected are distributed to charities, with a concentration on those that provide assistance to older adults. The Café is the first of its kind in the state and it’s this total package that makes the Café so successful,” says Laurie Mullet, CEO. “We are honored to be the recipients of this award.”