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PHS Clinician Janelle Peterson Named 2007 Nutrition Ambassador

Nestlé Nutrition Institute recognizes dietitians for exceptional commitment and innovative ideas

ST, PAUL, Minn. — Janelle Peterson, RD, LD, CSND, Pediatric Home Service, St. Paul, Minn., was named a winner of the 2007 Nutrition Ambassador Program by the Nestlé Nutrition Institute.

The Nutrition Ambassador Program recognizes professionals in the field of nutritional science who clearly demonstrate an exceptional commitment to clinical nutrition and its practical application. Registered dietitians with more than three years of clinical experience and an emphasis in pediatrics or nutritional support were invited to apply for the Nutrition Ambassador Program Scholarship.

Applicants were asked to submit an essay describing how nutrition support practice could be improved over the next five to seven years. Ten finalists were then selected and invited to Nestlé Nutrition's headquarters in Glendale, Calif. to present their essays to a panel of judges that included last year's winners.

Janelle presented an essay entitled, "Pediatric Short Bowel Consortium" which outlined a proposal for development of a data collections center in regards to medical and nutritional interventions used with pediatric short bowel patients. The idea is similar to that of the Vermont Oxford Network which collects data in regards to medical and nutritional interventions for premature infants.

After the judges carefully evaluated the finalists' oral presentations, Yimin Chin, MS, RD, CNSD, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL., and Janelle Peterson, RD, LD, CNSD, Pediatric Home Service, Minneapolis, MN., were named Nestlé's 2007 Nutrition Ambassadors. Each was awarded a scholarship to attend the 6th Annual Nestlé Clinical Nutrition Course in Montreux, Switzerland, held in June. The course offers an unparalleled opportunity for an international team of nutrition experts to explore both recent scientific advances in the field of nutrition and effective ways to apply them in a clinical setting.

"It is an honor to have earned the prestigious title of Nutrition Ambassador by an organization known for great contributions to our industry," said Peterson. "I am thrilled to have the opportunity to participate in the Nestle event in Switzerland and to make a contribution through my work."

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“In Janelle the judges saw a real passion and energy for the future of her profession,” said Scott Teresi, RD, Innovation Manager of Nestlé Nutrition. “It was inspiring to meet such a forward-thinking clinician.”

For more information about Nestlé Nutrition Institute or the Ambassador Program, visit Nestle-Nutrition.com. For more information about Pediatric Home Service (PHS), visit www.pediatrichomeservice.com or call 651-789-3259.

About Nestlé Nutrition

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About Pediatric Home Service (PHS)

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