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...alongside Medico France or distributed directly to overseas locations, to give the gift of sight to children and adults in developing nations, such as patients supported at the Jomo Kenyatta Optical Clinic in Kenya.

This latest partnership came about after the Keighley Lions Club hosted a stall at Spellman Care's Airedale Seniors Collective event. Designed to bring local organisations, charities, groups and senior citizens together, the Collective is already proving to be a powerful hub for community connection. Supporting Lions International's campaign highlights how the group is already making vital connections that deliver positive outcomes both in the local area and further afield across the world.

Commenting on the launch of the appeal, Philippa Young, Group Operations Manager at Spellman Care, said:

"We are absolutely delighted to be supporting Lions International's fantastic 'Recycle for Sight' campaign alongside Keighley Lions throughout October. It is wonderful to see our Airedale Seniors Collective initiative already bearing fruit. After meeting the Keighley Lions team when they hosted a stall at our recent gathering, we immediately saw a brilliant opportunity to collaborate. By hosting collection points across all four of our care homes, we hope to gather as many unused specs as possible and help turn unwanted glasses into a life-changing gift of sight for people across the globe, while demonstrating the true value of bringing our local community together."



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Allan, Mae and their Children, celebrating their achivements at Craven Nursing Home

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HUSBAND AND WIFE DUO TAKE TOP HONOURS IN OCTOBER EMA'S

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Family-run care group Spellman Care has announced the winners of its October Extra Mile Awards (EMAs), marking an exceptional month of achievements across its four nursing and care homes in North and West Yorkshire. October's awards presented a series of unique milestones that perfectly reflect the group's family-led... (Continued on Page 2)

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...ethos and person-led culture.

The Extra Mile Awards are a central staff recognition scheme created to celebrate team members who go above and beyond in their daily roles, with nominations submitted directly by residents, relatives, and colleagues across all homes. Month on month, the initiative sees a remarkably high volume of nominations, highlighting the continuous dedication, compassion, and hard work of the Spellman Care team.

October's awards proved particularly special as, across both the Extra Mile Awards and its predecessor, the Star Awards, top honours were claimed by a husband-and-wife duo working together at Craven Nursing Home for the very first time.

Care Assistant Allan Calunod was named the October EMA Winner. Allan was nominated for his exceptional dedication, calm composure during challenging situations, and his commitment to delivering deeply personalised care, including bringing in his own equipment to cut a resident's hair when they were too unwell to visit the home's in-house salon.

The Runner-Up position was awarded to Allan's wife, Mae Calunod, who took time out of her day to share her expert knowledge by delivering Neuro Observation training to colleagues at sister home, Springbank.

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Spellman Care is delighted to announce its penultimate charity appeal of the year, following an introduction at the Airedale Seniors Collective.

From the 5th October to the 1st November, the care home group is supporting Lions International's 'Recycle for Sight' campaign alongside the local Keighley Lions Club, collecting unused glasses to send overseas to those in need.



The 'Recycle for Sight' initiative encourages members of the community to donate unused old spectacles, reading glasses, and sunglasses.

Collection bins have been set up in the reception areas across all four Spellman Care homes throughout October:

- Craven Nursing Home, Keighley Road, Skipton
- Ghyll Royd Care Home, New Ghyll Royd, Guiseley
- Springbank Care Home, Howden Road, Silsden
- Steeton Court Nursing Home, Station Road, Steeton

Once collected across the homes, the spectacles will be handed over to the Keighley Lions Club before being sent to one of the Lions recycling centres in Chichester or at Lions National HQ in Birmingham for sorting. Dedicated volunteers carefully check and select suitable glasses, ensuring that none go to landfill and all usable pairs are recycled. The glasses are then washed and re-graded, working... (Continued on page 8)

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Steeton Court Nursing Home Announces Its Very First 'Secret Christmas Shop' to Champion Resident Independence

...Group Operations Manager Philippa Young, who introduced the idea to the home, shared her excitement:

"Christmas is a time for family, thought, and connection. We wanted to create an experience that keeps our residents completely at the heart of the festive giving process, empowering them to choose gifts for their loved ones independently. We are so excited to launch our very first Secret Christmas Shop, and we would be endlessly grateful for any support from our wonderful local community in helping us gather gifts and wrapping paper to stock our shelves."

Members of the public who would like to support the Secret Christmas Shop are warmly invited to pop into the home just off Station Road in Steeton to drop off donations of gifts or wrapping paper.



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...To mark the achievement, Allan was presented with his winner's certificate at Craven Nursing Home, where he and Mae were joined by their children to celebrate as a family.

Reflecting on the achievement, Runner-Up Mae Calunod shared:

"Receiving these awards was such a wonderful and meaningful moment for Allan and me. We were both incredibly happy and proud, and we shared the good news with our children. They were equally happy and proud of us, telling us that we had done well. Their reactions made the moment even more special.

"The appreciation we received from the management, our colleagues, and everyone at Craven was truly heartwarming and fulfilling. There is something incredibly special about working in an environment where you feel seen, appreciated, and valued. It is a feeling that we will always carry in our hearts. We are sincerely grateful to everyone who made these awards possible.

"To us, these awards mean so much more than a certificate or a piece of paper; they represent recognition, encouragement, and the feeling that our hard work truly matters. They have given us a great sense of pride, which we are also happy to share with our children. We want our children to see that we genuinely enjoy and love what we do. Through our experiences at Craven, they have seen how meaningful our work is, whether it is taking part in activities such as playing dominoes with the residents or attending the Summer Fayre. (Continued on page 4)

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...These experiences help them understand that our workplace is not just about our jobs, but also about building relationships, sharing happiness, and making a difference in people's lives.

"For us, Craven is more than just a workplace for the residents and staff; it feels like one big family. Being part of this family, feeling appreciated, and knowing that our contributions matter is something we deeply cherish. We are truly thankful for this recognition and proud to be part of the Craven family."

The month also saw another milestone for Spellman Care with the presentation of its first-ever Special Recognition Award to Donna Price, Head Housekeeper at Steeton Court Nursing Home. Donna received multiple nominations both before and after her promotion, recognising her tireless work ethic, stepping up to support various departments across the home, and picking up extra shifts.

Speaking on the October awards, Group Director Steven Spellman said: "Our Extra Mile Awards were created to shine a light on the extraordinary effort our staff put in every single day. Seeing a husband and wife take our top two spots this month, alongside presenting our first Special Recognition Award, is a wonderful reflection of the warm, family environment we strive to cultivate across all our homes. When our staff feel supported and connected, it directly translates into richer, more meaningful care for our residents."

You can vote for the EMA's on paper in each homes reception area.

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<u>Steeton Court Nursing Home Announces Its Very First 'Secret Christmas Shop' to Champion Resident Independence</u>



Steeton Court Nursing Home is delighted to announce the upcoming launch of its very first Secret Christmas Shop, bringing an extra touch of magic, autonomy, and festive excitement to the home this Christmas.

Designed as a warm and peaceful corner within the home, the Secret Christmas Shop will offer residents a truly meaningful way to maintain their independence. With discreet, support from the care team, residents can visit the shop to personally browse and select gifts for their loved ones, before wrapping them up ready to place under the tree.

Person-led care is at the very heart of everything Spellman Care does, and this wonderful initiative ensures that the festive period remains as personal and independent as possible, allowing residents to experience the joy of giving thoughtful presents to their families, just as they always have.

To bring this magical pop-up shop to life, Steeton Court Nursing Home is now calling on the kind-hearted local community for support. The home is currently collecting a wide variety of gifts and wrapping paper to stock the shelves. Whether it is cozy socks, scarves, chocolates, games, novelty gifts, handmade crafts, or any other small present, every single donation will help make this initiative a success for the residents.

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