When Dorian and Rick Maples started their family of home care businesses in 1995, their stated goal was “to enrich the lives of the clients and employees.”

They must be doing something right. Angel Corps won its sixth Best Home Care title, while Home Nursing Services was voted Best Place to Work.

Angel Corps is a non-medical personal services agency. Home Nursing Services is a home health agency. Both provide in-home care and are licensed by the Indiana State Department of Health.

“We are so grateful for our staff of dedicated managers, nurses and caregivers. They are just amazing,” says Dorian Maples, RN, co-owner of the businesses. She is the driving force behind many of the companies’ unique initiatives.

“It is a very competitive industry so it’s important to try to distinguish ourselves from our competitors. Dorian seems to come up with a new idea every month,” said Rick Maples, her husband and business partner.

One of those ideas was to build a teaching kitchen and require all employees to take cooking classes. “We want our clients and our employees to be as healthy as possible. An important element is eating right.”

They received some early resistance from their over 250 employees, almost all of whom are women. Now they can’t wait to take the next class.

“Chef Beth is a terrific instructor and the employees have a lot of fun cooking and reviewing the basics of nutrition, food safety, special diets, etc.”

The primary focus of the business is to provide high quality care to allow older adults and people with disabilities to stay in their homes as long as possible.

Providing a great place to work allows the managers, nurses and caregivers to provide great care. “If we take good care of our employees, they will take good care of our clients.”

It must be working.