AWARD WINNERS

Our communities and workplaces are filled with people who devote their time, talent and hearts to serving others.

EXCELLENCE IN PRACTICE AWARDS
These awards recognize and share promising practices, ideas and initiatives across our field to advance and transform the way we serve older adults. Attend the sessions to learn more.

QUALITY
Falls Initiative
Trillium Woods, Plymouth
Session #213, Wed., Feb. 5, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION
Annual Sidewalk Sale – 30 Years and $300,000 for Community Benefit
Charter House, Rochester
Session #312, Wed., Feb. 5, 3 – 4 p.m.

STAR WORKPLACE
Defying Tradition: Redefining the CNA as the Clinically Needed Advocate
Carris Health Care Center, Willmar
Session #213, Wed., Feb. 5, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

INNOVATION
(Stay) Dry Martini Party: Innovative Incontinence Education
Friendship Village of Bloomington
Session #312, Wed., Feb. 5, 3 – 4 p.m.

STATEWIDE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Caregiver of the Year
Amanda Gruber
Household Coordinator
Three Links, Northfield

Volunteer of the Year
Craig Stewart
Ecumen Meadows, Worthington

Board Trustee of the Year
Dr. Sharon Aadalen
Jones-Harrison Residence, Minneapolis

Kal Michels Outstanding Leadership
Jennifer Pfeffer
Senior Regional Director
Ecumen, Shoreview

Spirit of Aging
Harold Hansen
Saint Therese of Woodbury

DISTRICT SPIRIT OF AGING RECIPIENTS

District C
Emmy Rosen
Perham Living, Perham

District D
Marilyn Beaudine
Assumption Community
Faith in Action, Cold Spring

District F
Gladys Bolton
Northfield Manor, Northfield

District G
Geraldine “Gerry” Sanson
Augustana Regent at Burnsville, Burnsville
Together, we are **Better Together.**

### DISTRICT CAREGIVER OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS

**District A**
Mary Stortroen  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Riverview Care Center, Crookston

**District B**
Deborah Bettcher  
Nursing Assistant  
Aitkin Health Services, Aitkin

**District C**
Marie VanZee  
Care Attendant, Nursing Assistant Registered  
Parkview Court Assisted Living, Glenwood

**District D**
Terry Hampton  
Home Health Aide  
Shepherd of Grace, Becker

**District E**
Cindee Krzmarzick  
Life Enrichment Coordinator  
Oak Hills Living Center, New Ulm

**District F**
Emily Drees  
LPN  
Mayo Clinic Health System - Lake City Care Center

**District G**
Christopher Adhanja  
LPN/Memory Care Nurse  
The Glenn Minnetonka

### DISTRICT VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS

**District B**
Lois Stinogel  
Auxiliary Board President  
PioneerCare, Fergus Falls

**District C**
Lois Stinogel  
Auxiliary Board President  
PioneerCare, Fergus Falls

**District D**
Tom Jones  
Assumption Community Faith in Action, Cold Spring

**District E**
Ellie Aalderks  
Renvilla Care Center, Renville

**District F**
Sherry Heydt  
Field Crest Care Center, Hayfield

**District G**
Liam Sheeley  
The Glenn Hopkins DayBridge Adult Day Center, Hopkins