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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. This year’s recipients are being honored for their response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Attend the educational session to learn more.

Cassia Redeemer Residence, Minneapolis; and Chapel View Care Center, Hopkins
COVID Support Units

Minnesota Veterans Home Adult Day Center, Minneapolis
Vets Club “On the Road”

Session 205, Wednesday, February 9, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
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STATEWIDE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Caregiver of the Year
Mohamed Wasuge
Home Health Aide
Augustana Regent at Burnsville

Rising Star
Tiffani Kortenbusch
Director of Nursing
CentraCare Melrose Care Center, Melrose

Board Trustee of the Year
Rev. Dr. Gary Wilkerson
Board Chair
Cassia, Edina

Volunteer of the Year
Gigi Rysdahl
Oak Hills Living Center, New Ulm

Outstanding Leadership
Jill Gustafson
Director of Nursing
Lake Ridge Care Center, Buffalo

Spirit of Aging
Mary Baker
The Glenn Minnetonka

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### District Award Recipients

| District A | District B Caregiver of the Year | Jenelle Connors  
Nurse Manager  
Guardian Angels Health & Rehabilitation Center, Hibbing |
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| District B | District D Caregiver of the Year | Geri Boecker  
Health Unit Coordinator  
CentraCare Melrose Care Center, Melrose |
| District D | District E Caregiver of the Year | Glenda McGaffee  
Activities Assistant  
Tuff Memorial Home, Hills |
| District E | District F Caregiver of the Year | Patrick Feely  
Maintenance Technician and Bus Driver  
Vista Prairie at Goldfinch Estates, Fairmont |
| District F | District G Caregiver of the Year | Danielle Cross  
Director of Life Enrichment  
Walker Methodist Westwood Ridge, West St. Paul |
| District G | District F Volunteer of the Year | Joanie Betsinger  
Spring Valley Living, Spring Valley |
| District F | District G Volunteer of the Year | Marie Christianson  
Augustana Regent at Burnsville |