

**Congratulations to our  
2022 Stars Among Us Award recipients!**

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# Stars Among Us

## **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 B Caregiver of the Year



**Jenelle Connors**  
Nurse Manager  
Guardian Angels Health  
& Rehabilitation Center,  
Hibbing

### District G Caregiver of the Year



**Danielle Cross**  
Director of Life Enrichment  
Walker Methodist Westwood  
Ridge, West St. Paul

### District D Caregiver of the Year



**Geri Boecker**  
Health Unit Coordinator  
CentraCare Melrose  
Care Center, Melrose

### District F Volunteer of the Year



**Joanie Betsinger**  
Spring Valley Living,  
Spring Valley

### District E Caregiver of the Year



**Glenda McGaffee**  
Activities Assistant  
Tuff Memorial Home,  
Hills

### District G Volunteer of the Year



**Marie Christianson**  
Augustana Regent at  
Burnsville

### District F Caregiver of the Year



**Patrick Feely**  
Maintenance Technician  
and Bus Driver  
Vista Prairie at Goldfinch  
Estates, Fairmont

