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LeadingAge Minnesota Announces 50 for the Next 50 *Forward-Looking Influential Leaders Transforming Older Adult Services*

SAINT PAUL – (Sept. 21, 2017) – LeadingAge Minnesota today recognized 50 innovative and influential leaders who are charting the course for the next wave of older adult services that will empower Minnesotans to age well and live fully.

“50 for the Next 50 are pioneers, challenging the status quo to transform and enhance the experience of aging” said Gayle Kvenvold, President and CEO, LeadingAge Minnesota. “These leaders are making forward-looking innovations in service delivery, elevating the profession of caregiving and best preparing Minnesota for the future needs of its aging population. We are energized by what lies ahead with the mix of these experienced and next generation leaders at the helm.”

The leaders represent a broad array of professionals who work on behalf of older adults in independent senior living, assisted living, adult day services, home care and skilled nursing as well as organizations that support long term services and support throughout Minnesota.

50 for the Next 50

- **CRAIG ABBOTT**, President, Health Dimensions Group, Minneapolis
- **JENNIFER ANDERSON**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Mirabelle Management/Educare, Plymouth
- **MARK ANDERSON**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Knute Nelson, Alexandria
- **MARK ANDERSON**, Chief Executive Officer/Administrator, Three Links, Northfield
- **CHRISTINE BAKKE**, Chief Executive Officer/Administrator, Madonna Living Community, Rochester
- **JODY BARNEY**, Campus Administrator, Ebenezer – Martin Luther Campus, Bloomington
- **MATT BEECHER**, Managing Member/Owner, Millennium Adult Day, St. Louis Park
- **JIM BETTENDORF**, Chief Executive Officer, Vista Prairie, Hopkins
- **KALEECA BIBLE**, Director of Nursing, Augustana Care, Minneapolis
- **SARAH BOETTNER**, Home Care Director, Stuart Co – Shepherd Park Home Care, Saint Paul
- **CHRISTY BRINKMAN**, Senior Administrative Leader, Essentia Health Oak Crossing, Detroit Lakes
- **ANGELA BROWN**, Vice President of Human Resources, Elim Care, Eden Prairie
- **SARAH BROWN**, Executive Director, Empira, Eden Prairie
- **JESSICA CHENZE**, Director of Nursing Services, Pelican Valley Senior Living, Pelican Rapids
- **BOB DAHL**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Elim Care, Eden Prairie
- **DODIE DERYNCK**, Chief Nursing Officer and Long-Term Care Administrator, Avera Marshall Regional Medical Center, Marshall
- **DAN DIXON**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Guardian Angels, Worthington
- **ANNETTE GREELY**, Administrator, Park View Care Center, Buffalo
- **JANET GREEN**, Regional Executive, Ecumen, Detroit Lakes



- **CHERYL GUSTASON**, Administrator, Field Crest Care Center, Hayfield
- **MICHELLE HAEFNER**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Bethesda, Willmar
- **JEFF HEINECKE**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Lyngblomsten, Saint Paul
- **ALICIA HILK**, Director of Education, Auburn Homes & Services, Waconia
- **ERIN HILLIGAN**, Corporate Director of Health Care Services, Ebenezer, Minneapolis
- **JENNIFER HOWEY**, Director of Social Services, Perham Living, Perham
- **MOLLY JENSEN**, Director of Nursing, Lake Winona Manner, Winona
- **NATHAN JOHNSON**, Executive Director, Eventide Senior Living, Moorhead
- **DAN JOHNSON**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Eldercare, Minneapolis
- **ANDREA JUNG**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Guardian Angels Home Care & Hospice, Elk River
- **KRISTI KANE**, Director, Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging, Duluth
- **BARBARA KLICK**, Chief Executive Officer, Shalom, Minneapolis
- **MARK LANDREVILLE**, Executive Vice President, Herbert J. Sims & Co., Bloomington
- **DANIELLE LESMEISTER**, Director of Community Services, St. Francis Health Services, Morris
- **JON LUNDBERG**, President, Ebenezer/Fairview Senior Services, Minneapolis
- **MARYSUE MOSES**, Dimensions Program Coordinator, Ebenezer, Minneapolis
- **KYLE NORDINE**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Northfield Retirement Community, Northfield
- **RYAN NOVACZYK**, President and Chief Financial Officer, New Perspective Senior Living, Eden Prairie
- **ANNELIESE PETERSON**, Vice President of Operations, Walker Methodist, Minneapolis
- **CAROL RAW**, Chief Executive Officer, St. Francis Health Services, Morris
- **SCOTT RIDDLE**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Walker Methodist, Minneapolis
- **JON RIEWER**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Eventide, Moorhead
- **ROBERT RODE**, Attorney, Voigt Rode and Boxeth, Minneapolis
- **GAIL SKOGLUND**, Director of Adult Day Services, Augustana Care, Minneapolis
- **MIKE STORDAHL**, Administrator, Clara City Care Center, Clara City
- **NANCY STRATMAN**, Senior Services Director, Cuyuna Regional Medical Center, Aitkin
- **ROBIN THEIS**, Administrator, Housing and Community-Based Services, St. Benedict's, St. Cloud
- **JOEL THEISEN**, Chief Executive Officer/Founder, Lifesprk, Minneapolis
- **ANGIE URMAN**, Chief Operations Officer and Senior Vice President, Knute Nelson, Alexandria
- **BEVERLY WERDER**, Owner/President, Compassionate Care & Cottages, Willmar
- **JOHN ZWIERS**, Chief Executive Officer, LB Homes, Fergus Falls

The 50 for Next 50 were recognized as part of LeadingAge Minnesota's 50th Anniversary. Founded in 1967, LeadingAge Minnesota is the state's largest association of organizations serving older adults. Together with more than 50,000 caregivers, our members provide quality, compassionate services and support to nearly 70,000 older adults every day in all the places they call home.

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