



Past Award Recipients

As of June 2013

At the two-day Age & Disabilities Odyssey conference, the Minnesota Department of Human Services and the Minnesota Board on Aging recognizes organizations and people who have made significant differences in the lives of people who are aging or who have disabilities.

Individuals or organizations are recognized for their work related to:

- **Community** — Recipient has improved policies, services or quality of life practices for people who are aging or have disabilities and their communities.
- **Innovation** — Recipient has championed innovations in direct services, coordination of services, community-based partnerships and increased the resilience, independence and quality of life for people who are aging or have disabilities, and their communities.
- **Policy** — Recipient has demonstrated public policy leadership which resulted in improving the quality of life for people who are aging or have disabilities and their communities.
- **Service** — Recipient has promoted exemplary practices, services and/or advocacy for people who are aging or have disabilities and their communities.

Past award recipients have included:

YEAR	Community Award	Innovation Award	Policy Award	Service Award	Special Recognition
2013	1. Barb Fonkert, Department of Public Safety – Homeland Security Emergency Management 2. Katy Boone, Carver County Public Health Department	3. Debra K. Schipper, West Metro Learning Connections, Inc. 4. Northwoods Caregivers	5. ACT on Alzheimer’s	6. VINE Faith In Action, Mankato 7. Sarah Mruz, Mains’l Services, Inc. 8. Dr. Terrance Capistrant, Capistrant Center for Parkinson’s	

2011	1. Senior Program of the Neighborhood Involvement Program	2. Developmental Disabilities Unit of Anoka County 3. RISE, Incorporated	4. Colleen Wieck, Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities	5. Mikenzi Hebel, New Richland Care Center	6. Debbie Townsend, Clownfish Swim Club
2009	1. The Rochester/Olmsted County Falls Prevention Coalition	2. Karen Conrath, Dakota County Social Services	3. ElderCare Rights Alliance: Vulnerable Adult Justice Project	4. Polly Owens, PossAbilities of Southern Minnesota	
2008	1. Gillette Lifetime Specialty Healthcare	2. Erna Krueger, Waseca Medical Center – Mayo Health System / Volunteer Services Program	3. The Arc of Minnesota	4. Bridget Seeland, Country Care Adult Foster Care Home	
2007	1. Grand Portage Reservation, Elderly Nutrition Center/Wisdom Steps	2. Diane Sprague, Lifetime Home project, Minneapolis, MN	3. Mary Hartnett, Minnesota Commission Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing People	4. Nicholas Truso, outreach student worker, Minnesota Office of the Secretary of State	
2006	1. Jordan Faith in Action 2. Dakota County Board of Commissioners	3. Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Rural Bundled Services, Deliver Model 4. Minnesota Association for Persons in Supported Employment	5. Brain Injury Association of Minnesota 6. City of White Bear Lake 7. Courage Center	8. Ana Diaz, Payne-Phalen Living at Home/Block Nurse Program 9. Candy Hanson-Yerigan, Chisago County Health & Human Services	10. Senior LinkAge™ Line and Disabilities Linkage™ Line Staff of Minnesota 11. Social Security Administration-Minnesota Offices
2005	1. St. Elizabeth's Medical Center	2. Region 10 Quality Assurance 3. Alex Bartolic, Hennepin County Human Services	4. Minnesota Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities	5. Linda Morrow, Elder Circle 6. Mark Hughes, Host, Disability Viewpoints	