

2005-2010 Award Winners

2010



Maureen Davidson is Director of Senior Services at the West 7th Community Center, where she has worked for the past 18 years. During her tenure she has overseen the development of numerous programs including the West 7th Block Nurse Program and the Homemaking (chore service) Program.

2008



Mary McGurran and Anita Raymond have worked together as Protective Services' Social Workers for the past 14 years. Working directly with seniors and their families, they impact the lives of over 800 individuals every year through the information, advice, referrals, consultation, assessments, and case management they provide.

2007



Heather Kittok is Household Coordinator of a memory care household and Assistant Chaplain at the Elim Care and Rehab Center in Princeton, MN. Her career with the elderly began in 1985 as the first Social Services Director of Milaca Elim Home.



Kris Orluck is Senior Coordinator for the Maple Grove Parks and Recreation Board. Over ten years ago, Ms. Orluck initiated and launched the Maple Grove Senior Program, which provides education, fitness, creativity, social and recreational programs to nearly 28,000 seniors annually.

2009



Marge Thurin spent nearly 20 years with Hennepin County, first as a Senior Social Worker and then as a Social Work Supervisor. She reentered the field after several years of retirement to continue with advocacy and education at ElderCare Rights Alliance. Through her career, she has provided direct help to families navigating the long term care system as a coach, educator, and local and national advocate.

2006



Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly (LBFE) is an international non-profit volunteer-based organization committed to relieving isolation and loneliness among the elderly. The services provided by LBFE help extend the independence of elders who are healthy enough to live at home, and help seniors in nursing homes participate in the daily flow of living to the fullest extent possible.

2005



Diane Coleman has dedicated the last seventeen years to the residents of St. Therese S.W., where she works as a resident assistant. She makes a meaningful bond with the residents from connecting with an isolated senior who had been reluctant to leave her apartment to bringing coffee and classical music to a resident with dementia.



Ruth Kildow is the City of Minneapolis Director of Senior Services and Ombudsman, providing advocacy, mediation, assessments, and information to seniors in Minneapolis. As Director, she provides staff to the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee to the Mayor and the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities and oversees the Skyway Senior Center.