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ARRM Cares Awards recognize 111 exceptional caregivers who support people with disabilities

Bloomington, Minn. – The Association of Residential Resources in Minnesota (ARRM) honored six outstanding direct support professionals (DSPs) from around the state during its ARRM Cares Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at the DoubleTree Bloomington-Minneapolis at noon. The 2015 the ARRM Cares Awards were presented by ARRM Board president Darlene Scott, President & CEO of The Phoenix Residence, Inc. The winners included:

- Lisa Buckentin - Dungarvin Minnesota
- Amy Heigel-Opportunity Partners
- Jessica Klimesh-REM South Central Services
- Tarren Davis-Volunteers of America Minnesota
- Steve Pistukla-MBW Company
- David Gaarder-Opportunity Partners

The ARRM Cares Award program was started in 1996 to recognize professional caregivers who provide exemplary services to people with disabilities. Recipients of this award have demonstrated that they are committed to providing innovative, professional services to people with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities. Each year, six outstanding Minnesotans are selected from a field of over 100 nominees. This year 111 direct support professionals were nominated. The winner criteria is:

- Professional Integrity: maintaining high standards to benefit consumers, co-workers, and the organization and supporting individuals while maintaining professional appropriate boundaries
- Networking Supports: advocating to connect consumers with natural support systems
- Creative, Innovative, Proactive Approaches to Services: personalizing services, demonstrating an ability to develop and implement new approaches and sharing successful result

“Year after year, our selection committee is bowled over by the inspiring stories of support these caregivers provide to people with disabilities,” said ARRM CEO, Bruce Nelson.

“That’s why at ARRM, we believe that every person nominated is a winner.”

About ARRM

ARRM is a statewide association of more than one hundred private disability providers that support people with developmental and physical disabilities, autism, brain injuries and mental illness in their pursuit of meaningful lives. To learn more about ARRM, visit www.armor.org and follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/armor) and Twitter [@ARRM](https://twitter.com/armor).

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