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Six DSPs Receive Top Award for Extraordinary Care

EAGAN, MINN. – ARRM, an association representing over 200 direct care providers and supporting service providers for people with disabilities in Minnesota, is proud to recognize six Direct Service Professionals (DSPs) with the ARRM Cares Award, which is given each year to honor the top care workers in the state.

Award winners have significantly enhanced the life of a person, or persons, whom they support, and demonstrate an outstanding level of professional integrity, creative and person-centered service, and ability to connect their clients with family and community support networks, called 'natural supports'.

Like all DSPs, ARRM Cares honorees perform a diverse array of job functions, from healthy lifestyle support to employment assistance to health care, but regardless of their work award winners represent the highest standard of quality.

The 2022 ARRM Cares winners are:

- Sarah Clay, Sevita - REM Ramsey
- Julie Jacob, Living Well Disability Services
- Denise Kohls, Presbyterian Family Foundation
- Elise Lakin*, CCRI
- Jackie Poldoski*, DRCC
- Michelle Voigt, Thrive Behavioral Network

**Denotes winners of the ARRM Cares Rising Star Award. The Rising Star Award was created in 2021 and is specifically reserved for Direct Support Professionals with three years or less of service.*

"The past few years have been incredibly challenging for Direct Support Professionals and the people they support. Throughout it all, these incredible DSPs showed an inspiring level of commitment, drive, and compassion in every aspect of their work. They represent the gold standard in Direct Care," said ARRM President Stacy Roe.

Association members nominate their top DSPs for the ARRM Cares Award, from which winners are selected by a committee of member representatives. In 2022, 178 nominations were received, from every corner of the state.

Each ARRM Cares winner is being recognized at an event hosted by their employer throughout September.

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About ARRM (The Association of Residential Resources of Minnesota)

ARRM is a nonprofit association of more than 200 provider organizations, businesses and advocates dedicated to leading the advancement of home and community-based services supporting people living with disabilities in their pursuit of meaningful lives.

Founded in 1970, ARRM continues to lead advocacy and training for positive industry reforms that support Minnesotans with disabilities. To learn more, visit arm.org, and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).