



# Minnesota Women of Today

2023-2024 MNJOTS CIP  
Community Connections

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## #MNWT

### What is a Local Program Manager (LPM)?

The job of a Local Program Manager is to share information on the area they are overseeing. She receives information from the state and district program manager, presents ideas and information to the chapter, and oversees activities and projects in the area and also reports chapter activity to the SPM. An LPM DOES NOT chair all the projects that fall under her area. A great way to get started is to complete the LPM Fast Start. This is due July 15<sup>th</sup> to the the State Program Manager (SPM) for your area.

- ✓ Attend an LPM orientation
- ✓ Set and write down your goals for the year
- ✓ Write a letter of introduction to your state program manager and district director (and your chapter programming vice president or president)
- ✓ Submit a preliminary report on your area
- ✓ Review the Local Program Manager Manual – if you don't have one from your chapter – the manual is available on the website at [mnwt.org](http://mnwt.org)

Even though we don't currently have an SPM for this area, you can still submit as PVP Mary will oversee this area until it is filled.

## Welcome

Hello, Community Connections Local Program Managers,

Welcome to the 2023 – 2024 year. We are looking for the right person to fill the role of our Community Connections State Program Manager. What does it involve? A willingness to learn, to share ideas, completing two Chapter Information Packets, participating in the Project Fair at Fall State, attending Executive Council meetings/conventions and reporting on this area. If someone does not step forward by the end of first trimester, the area will remain vacant.

To be a State Program Manager, you must have served as a chapter president and on the district level, be a member for at least two years and have the backing of your chapter. What does the Community Connections area cover - most of the programming chapters do that don't fall under the Priority Area (Crescent Cove) and Youth of Today. The Minnesota Women of Today have had a long-standing relationship with True Friends and this area can promote that and the programs they have as well as up to two other areas. The state program manager does patriotic readings after the flags are carried in at conventions and oversees the Person with Determination award and the Community Connections awards. If interested please contact Mary Kaminski, PVP, at 612.998.1381 or [pvp@mnwt.org](mailto:pvp@mnwt.org).

What projects do you run that would fall under Community Connections? Please take time to share your projects – whether you do it as a project of the trimester or to share it, we want to know what you are doing! An email would suffice if the trimester report is overwhelming to you. Some ideas that come to mind:

Walk-a-thons	Local Candidate Forum	Blood Drive
Relay for Life	Adopt-A-Family	Sharing Tree
Back to School Collections	Birthday Boxes	Food Collections
Highway or Park Clean Up	Cards for the Troops or Seniors	
Decorating at Senior homes	Babysitting Clinics	Bell Ringing

## Calendar

### July

- 15<sup>th</sup>: LPM Fast Start due

Please consult the MNWT official calendar at [www.mnwt.org](http://www.mnwt.org), under Events to ensure that other key dates are not missed.

# Person with Determination Award

The Person with Determination Award is designed to honor an individual who has persevered and forged new paths through obstacles to become an integral part of their community. In order to hold a competition, there will be no less than three (3) entries received by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Entry information can be found under the Community Connections area of the MN website.

## Guidelines

- The submission deadline is November 1. **A complete submission includes** - Nomination Information Sheet, Person with Determination Entry Resume, four (4) letters of recommendation (described below), and a \$25 nomination fee.
- Follow the Entry Resume format shown below. Entries not using the appropriate format will not be judged.
- Entry Resume must be typed. Times Roman 10pt is the smallest type allowed. Keep the entry neat and readable, using proper grammar and spelling.
- Type “Person with Determination Entry Resume” at the top of the first page. Type the nominee’s name directly under this heading on the first page and at the top of each consecutive page of the resume. Entry Resume should be written in the third person format (he/she).
- Use outline format for the Entry Resume. Type the Roman numeral and entry heading as shown below (you do not need to type the words in parentheses). Then type your response in outline format.
- Entry Resume is not to exceed four (4) pages. Number pages in the lower right corner. Reduced copies are not allowed. Other materials such as pictures, newspaper articles, etc., are not to be included.
- Be specific and complete, using details. Emphasize the personal initiative shown by the nominee rather than just general involvement. Be specific on new ideas and programs the nominee has promoted and/or assisted with.



## TRUE FRIENDS

True Friends is a nonprofit organization providing life-changing experiences that enhance independence and self-esteem for children and adults with disabilities.

True Friends' programs include camp, respite, retreats, team building, therapy and adaptive riding, and travel, serving over 25,000 individuals annually. True Friends serves individuals in Minnesota and throughout the United States.

There are four camps that make up True Friends: Camp Courage in Maple Lake, Camp Friendship in Annandale, Camp Eden Wood in Eden Prairie and Camp Courage North in Lake George. They offer camps, respite, retreats, teambuilding, therapy and adaptive riding and travel.

The Minnesota Women of Today and True Friends have had a relationship for many years. Our organization built the Boathouse and have done a lot of upkeep on it over the years. There are many ways that chapters can support True Friends – sponsor camperships for campers from your community, volunteer as staff, help with clean up and upkeep. You are encouraged to visit their website to learn more: <https://truefriends.org/experience-true-friends/#get-involved>.

*Chapters can earn points for participation in the Community Connections area every trimester. First trimester, there is bonus points for submitting the trimester programming report. For the full Presidential BONUS points, see President or CMVP CIP.*