

MINNESOTA MONTHLY ANNOUNCEMENTS JUNE 2022



FUN DAYS IN JUNE

June 8: Best Friends Day
June 19: Father's Day
June 19: Juneteenth
June 22: Let it Go Day



Sharing Stories

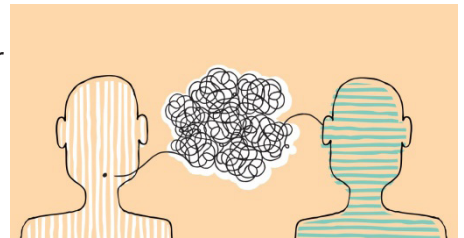


Do you have a story to share about a colleague, a person we support, or a community member?

Does your story share an incredible accomplishment, reach a lofty dream, or make a difference?

Does your story inspire, entertain, inform or change perspectives?

We would love to hear it! Now you can share directly from [THIS LINK](#) or go to the Mains'l website. Our new page format will walk you through telling your story from a multitude of perspectives. At this time photos will need to be sent to Lynn along with a photo release to lskennedy@mainsl.com. We can't wait to hear from you!



Pride Month



Pride Family Fun Day is happening on June 19th from 11am-2:30pm at Como East Pavilion in St. Paul. Food, as well as fun and games for kids will be hosted at this event. For more information please follow this link: [HERE](#)

Juneteenth

In honor of Juneteenth, the BOB Rewards Club is presenting "Juneteenth Minnesota 2022, The Fight For Freedom Continues.." which is an event that focuses on Black Economic Development! This event begins at 8am on Sunday June 19th. For more information check out this link: [HERE](#)

May Compass Award Winners

**Aimee Bahr, Crescent House
Team, Daniel Gittens, Glentrice
Montgomery, Anna Watson, River
St Team, Paula Christian, Brianna
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Want to nominate someone? The form can be found and submitted through the website: <https://www.mainsl.com/compass-nomination/>

Africa Mission Trip 2022

In April the Mains'l Mission Team headed to Zimbabwe for the 11th Africa Mission! Eleven team members spent three weeks working with our partners at The Mother Africa Trust on a variety of projects. Work began in the Matopos area, where we helped put the finishing touches on the second school block at Mgadla Community School. This included plastering the walls, leveling the floors, installing windows, and painting! The next project brought us to the village of Silozwe, where the team worked with community members to complete construction of a brand new hut, using traditional materials and methods, for an elderly couple who lost their home last fall. The materials and labor for the hut, along with supplies such as blankets, utensils and food, were paid for by the generosity of those who donated to the Mains'l Treasure Chest. The team then had the privilege of spending five days at Ethandweni Children's Home, connecting with the kids of all ages! We enjoyed our time as we lived, worked and had fun right along with the kids. The group traveled to the Hwange area where we worked on a variety of projects in collaboration with the Mother Africa Trust. The Hwange projects included building a lion proof boma, spending time at the Dete Old Age Home, and assisting with anti-poaching efforts!



Finally, the mission ended with an exciting visit to one of many Innovation Hubs created as a collaboration between Twin Cities Based Non-Profit, MATTER and software company Jamf. The innovation hubs use technology to teach new skills to students, and help prepare them for future opportunities. The mission was a wonderful reminder that the work we do is all part of a greater community, striving to make the world a better place- one person at a time! For more details, and photos, check out the blog!

Frontline Worker Pay

Have you been hearing about the Minnesota Frontline Worker Pay? Some Mains'l employees may be eligible for this. On April 29th, 2022 Gov. Tim Walz signed a law enabling frontline workers to apply for Frontline Worker Pay. The application process is still being finalized, and Mains'l will provide more information as it becomes available.

Please note that this is a state program and Mains'l will share information with you. Mains'l is not the entity responsible for managing this program or funding. We encourage you to check out the website to learn more about your individual situation.

Attached is some general information we know and some additional resources.

Watch for more to come in the next few weeks! Also, check out the website below to check eligibility requirements and for the most up-to-date information.

Want to add something to the Announcements?

If there is something you'd like to see featured in the monthly announcements, please send the information to our Newsflash email:

newsletter@mainsl.com

Check out the attached flyers!

- [Frontline Worker Information](#)

ANNOUNCING... OUR 2021 ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

An annual award is given to an employee and or team who exemplify the Mains'l mission, vision, and core values and align with award criteria of leadership, teamwork, innovation, team collaboration/partnership, excellence, and customer service. We would like to take this time to announce our individual and team winners.

LIGHTHOUSE LEADERSHIP



Reni Moltzan, Anne Murray, and Heather Wilford. The Lighthouse Leadership recognizes those who demonstrate integrity at all times, have influence, and motivate and inspire others. The Lighthouse Leader sees the big picture and has the ability to see what needs to be done next. They are constant and unwavering in their commitment. These 3 ladies worked as a team to help a person supported live where they wanted. It was a long process with COVID and life occurring but this team worked diligently to help this individual. He is now thriving and is thinking about his future and what he would like to do. "This person would not be where they are at today without the determination, advocacy, and commitment these woman brought to him and his team"

ADMIRAL'S ACHIEVEMENT



Veronica Walters. The Admiral's Achievement is given to an employee who focuses on "figuring it out" in alignment with the Mains'l mission, vision, and values. They find ways to engage people in meaningful activities and relationships; and they connect people to one another and to their communities. They are experts at listening and responding to hopes and dreams. This year Veronica was given the Admiral's Achievement. Veronica is dedicated to making a difference both to her team, her colleagues, and the people she supports. She is recognized by many in her partnership and collaboration. "Veronica is a loving mentor and goes out of her way for those she works with."

THE NORTHERN STAR



Mahady al-Mohamed. The Northern Star is given to a Direct Support Professional who has shown exceptional service by being a navigational guide to the people they serve. "Mahady has been a rock at the house he works at. He even moved into a house for 2 weeks when it was COVID positive. Mahady goes above and beyond in his work at the house, picking up shifts, helping the guys, and being a right-hand help for the manager. The guys enjoy Mahady and are always looking forward to him being at the home."

Congratulations

TO THE MAX

To the Max focuses on Customer Service. This award is given to an employee or employees who are committed to building and nurturing strong relationships with all of our internal and external customers and stakeholders in alignment with our mission, vision and values.



Michael Jara “has a ready to help wherever/whenever needed attitude. He is a great listener and always willing to provide feedback or ideas of other ways we can do something. He shows great leadership in his collaboration and work with others. He has an amazing impact and presence on others.”

COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

The Commitment to Excellence is awarded to employees whose work habits and commitment are clearly above their peers. They inspire their colleagues, support those who require assistance, and whose character is without fault. They offer themselves in their work so that all people they touch experience meaning and purpose.



Kendra Bray “has a creative and celebratory approach to support people with what is important to them. She does not give up when she faces challenges to provide the best support to others. Because of Kendra’s consistent drive to support people with living the life they desire, personal buckets are filled along with growth and autonomy.”



Darci Haneca “works tirelessly and pretty selflessly to be her best and to help others in being their best for Mains’l. The way she always helps her teammates, customers both internal and external, and her positive attitude towards problem solving has been valuable time and time again.

She continues to go above and beyond for the good of the employees and her co-workers at Mains’l.”



Nancy Hintz “Since joining Mains’l Nancy has jumped right in, opened up her heart and has been an exceptional role model. She takes care of business and is always happy to help when needed. She always wants to learn and ‘know more’”

ESPIRIT DE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT



Douglas Team: The Esprit de Corps recognizes a team whose work has demonstrated alignment with Mains’l mission, vision, and values. They work collaboratively to enhance the lives of the people they support and colleagues alike, and whose efforts have created synergy. The Douglas team corralled together in a time where one of the people supported went through a tragic event. The team worked together to create normalcy and stability for her. They continued to provide excellent supports and got her out doing things she enjoyed. The team has done a wonderful job of supporting her through this and more.