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**Emily Timm, Lifesprk, Receives Top Leadership Award**

Saint Paul – (February 16, 2018) – Emily Timm, Director of Operations, Lifesprk, was recently honored by LeadingAge Minnesota with the Ray Johnson Leadership in Action Award.

The award recognizes a leader in older adult services who has provided excellent leadership to their staff and organization, enhances the quality of life for the residents in the community, and provides exceptional community service.

“Emily Timm is committed to building relationships that drive positive outcomes for older adults and the people who provide them with care, services and support,” said Gayle Kvenvold, President & CEO, LeadingAge Minnesota. “She consistently creates a ‘best in class’ experience, creating a culture that is helping retain and inspire Lifesprk’s workforce and ensuring older adults live healthier, more independent lives.”

As Director of Operations for Lifesprk, Timm believes a positive client experience is the product of a robust team working together. She has integrated technology, refined the staffing supervisor role to ensure deeper relationships with clients and helped drive operational objectives by aligning work within the organization and integrating various service lines.

“Emily consistently demonstrates a broad range of leadership skills, including managing strategic and tactical change, enhancing and sparking the lives of clients, mentoring and development staff who began their careers as caregivers and have elevated to staff supervisors, and moonlighting in various departments across the organization to promote and drive integration,” said Sara Wilson, General Manager, Lifesprk.

Timm’s leadership in staff development has helped address and improve staff retention.

“Emily stands out because she listens, inspires and works very hard to make sure our staff has everything we need to do our jobs well and that we have the opportunity and possibility to advance our skills and our careers,” said Ashanti Samuels, Staffing Supervisor, Lifesprk.

For more information, watch [Emily Timm – Ray Johnson Leadership Award](#).

*Photo Caption: Emily Timm accepted the Ray Johnson Leadership Award at the LeadingAge Minnesota Institute, the state’s largest and most comprehensive aging services conference attended by more than 4,000 older adult services professionals. Pictured (r to l) Gayle Kvenvold, President and CEO, LeadingAge Minnesota; Emily Timm; Mark Anderson, Board Chair, LeadingAge Minnesota Board of Directors.*

**About LeadingAge Minnesota**

Driven to transform and enhance the experience of aging, LeadingAge Minnesota works alongside its members, caregivers, advocates and consumers to collectively shape the future of aging services and ensure older adults in every community live with dignity, meaning and purpose. Together with more than 50,000 caregivers, LeadingAge Minnesota members provide quality services and supports to nearly 70,000 older adults every day in independent senior housing, assisted living communities, adult day services, in-home care and skilled nursing facilities.

### **About Lifesprk**

#### ***Whole Person Senior Care – Proven to Keep the Spark in Life!***

Life is what you make it. That's why Lifesprk has made it our mission to help seniors make the most of theirs. Lifesprk is for those who choose to stay in control and demand the very best care and advocacy.

Our Lifesprk Experience™ model is designed to listen and discover what is most important to you holistically and deliver on your goals. When we build a trusted partnership with you and your family, we're able to bring out your passion and spirit - something we call a 'sparked life.' Visit [Lifesprk.com](http://Lifesprk.com) for more information or call 952-345-0919.

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