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## Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly to Present Ambassador Awards to Nine Community Partners

(MINNEAPOLIS – June 5, 2014): The Minneapolis/St. Paul Chapter of Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly (LBFE) will honor nine community partners as recipients of the 2014 Ambassador Award at its Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 19. The Awards Ceremony will begin at 5 p.m. at LBFE, located at 1845 East Lake St. in Minneapolis. A reception will follow.

The prestigious Ambassador Award recognizes individuals and organizations for the significant contributions they've made in advancing the agency's mission of providing companionship to isolated elders in the Twin Cities area.

"We're pleased to present Ambassador Awards to our partners, who have worked tirelessly to connect elders with the community through events, sponsorships, grants, professional services and one-on-one efforts," said Greg Voss, LBFE Executive Director. "For 42 years, our organization has focused on relieving elder isolation in cooperation with individual community members, as well as businesses, schools, places of worship and other agencies. The Ambassador Awards announce to the community how very valuable these partners are to us and to the elders we serve."

The 2014 Ambassador Awards presentation is the third in what has become an annual event. This year's Ambassador Award recipients are:

- **AARP Minnesota** for raising LBFE visibility through multiple community connections
- **Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America** for significant general operations support since 2002 to benefit LBFE's isolated elders
- **Dave and Kris Jones** for contributing their talents and resources to enhance elder programs and LBFE's operations
- **Julie Kraus** for lead coordination of Friendship and Flowers in St. Paul
- **League of Catholic Women** for providing monthly bingo, lunch and fellowship involving LBFE elders
- **Bhavik Patel** for commitment and personal service to LBFE's worldwide mission
- **Julie Reedy** of Integrated Home Care – HealthPartners for collaborative elder referrals
- **Roseville Rotary** for annual birthday picnic sponsorship and ongoing support
- **James R. Thorpe Foundation** for generous support of LBFE's general operations since 1989, plus valuable grantee learning opportunities

For more information about attending the 2014 Annual Meeting and Ambassador Awards, please call 612.746.0726. Photos of the event will be available for viewing by Monday, June 23, on LBFE's Facebook page, [facebook.com/LittleBrothersMN](https://www.facebook.com/LittleBrothersMN).

*Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly has provided one-on-one companionship services, advocacy and social activities for isolated and lonely older adults in the Twin Cities since 1972. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, LBFE has been recognized by the Charities Review Council for meeting its 27 Accountability Standards. More information about LBFE can be found at [littlebrothersmn.org](http://littlebrothersmn.org).*

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