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## ABOUT OPPORTUNITY PARTNERS

*Opportunity Partners is a Twin Cities nonprofit organization that advances the quality of life for people with disabilities.*

- We were established in 1953 by parents of teenage children with disabilities.
- Today, we serve 1,500 adults with disabilities throughout the Metro area.
- Together, we help people develop skills and independence at work, at home and throughout their lives, while we build stronger, more inclusive communities!
- Our services include Day/Employment options, Enrichment activities and Residential services.
- Dozens of businesses partner with us by hiring people with disabilities or contracting with us for work done at their locations or ours.

*Learn more at [opportunities.org](https://opportunities.org)*



## Schedule

### 5:30PM

Social Hour  
Hors d'oeuvres  
Silent Auction

### 7:00PM

Dinner  
Program  
Fund-an-Opportunity  
Live Auction with Glen Fladeboe, Fladeboe Advancement

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# WELCOME TO OUR 2022 GALA!

I'm so excited to see you all at our first in-person Gala in three years! This is the sixth time we've transformed OP's Koch Campus for this stunning Gala, and it's a pleasure to share this space with you. Believe me, turning a production floor into an elegant event like this takes a team effort – but we did it!

This evening, we also welcome supporters who are watching the program at home via livestream – what a wonderful way to celebrate together.

Whether you are here in person or at home, YOU play an important role in our ability to advance the quality of life for people with disabilities in our community. You are an essential part of the OP family.

The past two years have not been easy for anyone. We face ongoing challenges including a workforce shortage and increasing costs to meet our mission. That's where you come in, ensuring that people with disabilities can continue to experience success at home, at work and in all areas of their lives – just like anyone else.

***Thank you for being a champion for people with disabilities.  
Together, we are better!***

With gratitude,



Bill Schultz

President & CEO



## Special Guests

### IAN LEONARD

Ian is Chief Meteorologist at FOX 9 in the Twin Cities. He is a tireless supporter of the disability community and Special Olympics Minnesota, raising more than \$20 million over the years through the Polar Plunge and his annual golf tournament. He has also survived cancer and finished the grueling Lake Placid Ironman 140.6.



### STACIE DZIEDZIC

Stacie has been served by Opportunity Partners' Community Living program for 25 years. OP helps Stacie live safely and independently in her own townhome by providing support each week in grocery shopping, budgeting and appointments.

### GLEN FLADEBOE

Glen Fladeboe attended the World Wide College of Auctioneering in Mason City, Iowa. With over 25 years of experience as a professional auctioneer and fundraiser, he has been instrumental in building Fladeboe Advancement into a premier auction and donor engagement company.



## LAURA GREEN

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Laura has been a part of Opportunity Partners for 10 years, currently working at OP-Asplin Center where she enjoys completing a variety of packaging projects. She likes spending time with friends and family, doing artwork and bowling – even competing internationally through Special Olympics.



## WARREN JOHN

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Warren has been served through Opportunity Partners' Residential programs for almost 30 years, gaining skills to live more independently. He is a frequent volunteer at community events and has advocated at the Capitol for improved funding for disability services. He enjoys taking part in OP's virtual programming as well.



## ANN YEKALDO

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Ann Yekaldo is currently the Vice Chair of OP's Board of Directors and has served on the Board for seven years. She retired from U.S. Bank in 2020 after a 40 year career and most recently was the Continuous Improvement Executive for Community Banking and Branch Delivery. She was named a "Top Women in Finance" in 2008 and 2011 by Finance and Commerce.





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## Live Auction

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### ESCAPE TO ARIZONA

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This Tucson, Ariz. vacation is the perfect getaway! Enjoy a six-night, seven-day stay for six guests in a beautiful three-bedroom, two-bathroom house that features all the comforts of home, plus three covered porches for year-round outdoor living. You'll be just minutes from Saguaro National Park East, home

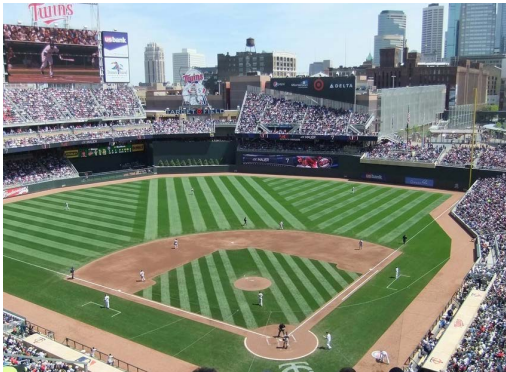


to the nation's largest cacti, and a great place for hiking and biking. Also included are 80,000 US Bank Altitude Points to use toward your airfare! Make memories and enjoy the great outdoors! Book your stay by May 14, 2023.

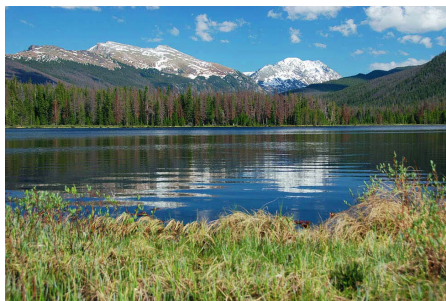
### VIP TREATMENT IN A TWINS SUITE

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Experience a Twins game in your own private suite! Catch every play of the Minnesota Twins vs. Toronto Blue Jays game on Saturday, August 6th at 6:10 p.m. in your suite



located on the first base line. The package includes 16 suite tickets plus four guest passes (guest passes require a paid admission ticket). Food and beverages are included. Valet and parking passes for Ramp A are provided as well. There's no better way to enjoy your summer with friends and family at beautiful Target Field! Note: Number of guests will be subject to COVID-19 protocol published by the MN Twins.



## ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOLIDAY

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Enjoy a one-week (Saturday-Saturday) timeshare reservation in a two-bedroom unit at the Mountainside at SilverCreek Condominiums, located on the slopes of Ski Granby Ranch and near the southwest entrance of Rocky Mountain National Park

in Colorado. The two-bedroom unit also includes two sleeper sofas, accommodating up to seven people. Also included are 80,000 US Bank Altitude Points to use toward your airfare! Schedule your vacation between October 1, 2022 and September 30, 2023. No matter the time of year you visit, prepare to take in the amazing beauty of the Rockies and all that Colorado has to offer!

## ULTIMATE IN-HOME DINING EXPERIENCE WITH CHEF MATT AND CHEF DON SAUNDERS

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This is the perfect item for a foodie, and at your own home! Enjoy a private gourmet meal for eight guests. The menu and meal will be created by Chef Don Saunders and Matt Gotham, aspiring chef supported by Opportunity Partners. Chef Don attended Le Cordon Bleu in London, where he worked at Michelin star restaurant, Chez Bruce. Back in Minneapolis, he honed his skills as sous chef at Vincent and La Belle Vie. Don opened several of his own restaurants over the last 15 years, including Fugaise, In Season and The Kenwood. Don and Matt will dazzle your taste buds while you sit back and enjoy. Dinner to be arranged on a mutually agreeable date.



# Live Auction

## MISSISSIPPI RIVER PADDLE ADVENTURE

Looking for adventure in the heart of the Twin Cities? Explore the mighty Mississippi River up close and personal on a guided canoe trip for 18-54 people. This could be a great teambuilding day for coworkers, an exciting extended family outing or perfect for a group of adventurous friends. Enjoy a gourmet lunch as you relax looking over the banks of the beautiful Mississippi River. Redeem this experience by December 31, 2023.



## DINNER FOR 10 AT NOLO'S KITCHEN & BAR

Need an excuse to pull out those dressy clothes that have sat in your closet for two years? This is it! You and nine guests will enjoy a four-course dinner with cocktail and wine pairings at NOLO's Kitchen & Bar. Located in the North Loop neighborhood in Minneapolis, NOLO's combines a refined twist on the classic neighborhood tavern. Chef Peter Hoff brings his culinary vision and passion for local ingredients to create a well-rounded menu of new modern American comfort food. Dinner to be arranged on a Thursday evening.

# Thank You

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- Spend time with persons served at our **residential group homes** to help out around the house.
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- Bring your coworkers, book club, faith group or friends and family to work on a **service project** at one of our facilities.



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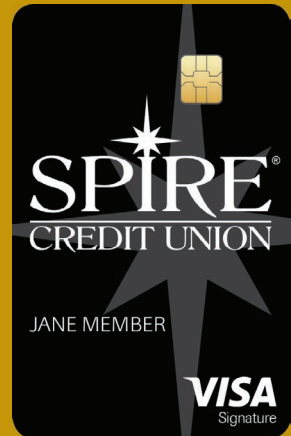
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