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**Opportunity Partners Staff Receive Plymouth Police Department Citizen Awards**

*Jackie Chouinard, Shari Mason and Kaitlyn Wieling of Opportunity Partners, a Twin Cities disability services nonprofit, recently received Citizen Awards from the Plymouth Police Department for their life-saving actions.*

PLYMOUTH, MINNESOTA – In March 2020, a person served by Opportunity Partners showed signs of choking while eating. Opportunity Partners staff members Jackie Chouinard, Shari Mason and Kaitlyn Wieling quickly recognized the emergency, dialed 911 and successfully performed the Heimlich maneuver. For their quick actions, the three staff members received Citizen Awards during the Plymouth Police Department’s virtual ceremony held earlier this summer.

During the award ceremony, Chouinard, Mason and Wieling were recognized “...not only for calling for assistance but also for having the knowledge to perform the Heimlich maneuver.” The Plymouth Police Department then congratulated the three Opportunity Partners staff members, “...for acting on that life-saving knowledge.”

**ABOUT:**

*Established in 1953, Opportunity Partners is a Twin Cities nonprofit organization advancing the quality of life for people with disabilities through employment, enrichment and residential programs that serve 1,500 people each year. For more information, visit [www.opportunities.org](http://www.opportunities.org)*

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