



About Opportunity Partners

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 1,200 adults 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 Employment, Enrichment and Residential options.
- Dozens of businesses partner with us by hiring people with disabilities or contracting with us for work done at their locations or ours

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Schedule

5:30PM

Social Hour Hors d'oeuvres Silent Auction Raffle & Photo Booth

7:00PM

Dinner
Program
Fund-an-Opportunity
Live Auction with Glen Fladeboe
Raffle Winner Announced

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A special thank you for your generous contribution to tonight's event!

We encourage you to take photos as you enjoy the Gala, whether in person or at home, and post them on social media using the hashtag:

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Welcome to our 2023 Gala!

As Chair of the Opportunity Partners Board of Directors, I'm thrilled to welcome you here tonight as we celebrate 70 years of this amazing organization!

This is the seventh time we've transformed Opportunity Partners-Koch Campus into this stunning Gala, and it's a pleasure to share the space with you this evening.

I'd also like to welcome supporters who are watching tonight's program at home via livestream

- what a wonderful way to celebrate together. Whether you are here in person or miles away, YOU play an important role in our ability to advance the quality of life for people with disabilities in our community. We are so grateful for your support.

This last year has brought unprecedented challenges in the disability services industry. This includes an ongoing workforce shortage and increasing costs to meet the mission of the organization. That's where you come in, ensuring that people with disabilities have the tools and support to experience success at home, at work and in all areas of their lives.

With your help, Opportunity Partners can continue to serve our community for another 70 years and beyond! Thank you for joining us as champions for inclusion and as supporters of this very important mission.

We are stronger together!

With gratitude,

Ann Yekaldo
Opportunity Partners Board Chair

Raffle

Feel the love in St. Martin!

Escape to powder-white beaches, turquoise waters and a lively nightlife with a trip for two to St. Martin! Experience five days and four nights in a dreamy beachfront stay that's just a two-minute stroll to the sands of Mullet Bay Beach. Enjoy a stress-free vacation with your very own dedicated concierge!

Select from a multitude of activities, whether it's snorkeling with turtles, dining on the beach or watching the sunset on a chartered sailboat.

Winner will be drawn at the end of the program tonight!

This trip includes:

- ► Five day/four night stay for two guests in a private beachside apartment in St. Martin
- ▶ 160,000 U.S. Bank Altitude Points to be redeemed for \$1,600 in award travel
- \$250 credit toward any activities available

Buy your ticket tonight exclusively at our Raffle table and learn more about the St. Martin Getaway at opportunities.org/raffle



Fund-an-Opportunity

You Can Make a Difference!

Opportunity Partners supports people with disabilities in three primary areas of their lives: Employment, Enrichment and Residential. Your gifts support quality of life!

\$25,000 - Be a part of the transformation of OP group homes, creating more accessible spaces so people can age in place, safely and comfortably.

\$15,000 - Support our fleet of 60 vans with required maintenance and gas so the people we support can access jobs, activities and medical appointments.

\$10,000 - Help people with disabilities in learning new skills for community employment. OP helped 63 people find jobs in 2022 and supported another 300 to stay successful in their jobs.

\$5,000 - Maintain cost-effective services that help 150 people with disabilities live on their own with minimal assistance from OP. These services help people stay more independent.

\$1,000 - Nearly 100 people with disabilities attend Enrichment classes virtually. Support needed technology and curriculum to keep people engaged and connected!

\$500 - You can help purchase ingredients for healthy meals in our 20 group homes. Classes at OP help prepare and deliver these meals, which is fun and delicious for everyone!

\$250 – Your generosity supports community activities, including museum visits and local cultural events.

\$100 – Gifts of any amount can go toward educational and craft supplies used in our Enrichment classes.

Special Guests

Rena Sarigianopoulos

Rena is an anchor and reporter at KARE 11 and has been with the station for 18 years. She is an Emmy and National Edward R. Murrow award winner, but more importantly, she is a mom and wife. Rena and her family have two dogs and two cats and are big fans of animal rescue.



Stacie Dziedzic

Stacie has been served by Opportunity Partners' In-Home Services for 26 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 more than 25 years of experience as a professional auctioneer and fundraiser, he has built Fladeboe Advancement into a premier auction and donor engagement company, helping more than 1,000 nonprofits raise hundreds of millions of dollars over the past decade.

Jim Forsythe

Jim Forsythe lived in state institutions from the time he was 5 years old through adulthood, when his brother Mike Cuppy and sister-in-law Michele advocated for his release. Today he's an active member of the community, attends OP-Karlins Center and enjoys old-time TV shows, family time and dogs of all kinds.

Guy Johnson

Guy Johnson started working for Opportunity Partners as a college student in the summer of 1979, when he began helping out at OP's former residential facility in Minneapolis. As Leisure Coordinator, Guy builds memories and increases inclusion through fun and engaging

activities with people OP serves.

Kelly Family

John and Paula Kelly have a son Jack, age 32, who has been supported by Opportunity Partners through employment since 2012. As a Board member and advocate for people with disabilities, John and his family care deeply for OP's mission and strongly believe in the dignity that work provides. They have seen firsthand how Jack has benefited from opportunities to work and be productive.

Live Auction

Khâluna Private Dining Experience

Spend an unforgettable evening with up to nine guests at Khaluna! Known for Southeast Asian comfort dishes juxtaposed by well-rounded



and complex flavors, James Beard Semi-Finalist Chef Ann Ahmed and her team have curated a unique and intimate experience served family style in their private dining room. Located in the East Harriet neighborhood in South Minneapolis, delight in an assortment of five entrees, five side dishes, and desserts paired with cutting-edge cocktails. Get ready to be transported across the world after enjoying this colorful array of food, tropical drinks and resort atmosphere certain to satisfy all your vacation cravings! Dinner to be arranged on a weekday evening.



Rocky Mountain Holiday

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. Schedule your vacation between September 1, 2023 and August 31, 2024. 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!



VIP Treatment in a Twins Suite

Experience a Twins game in your own private suite! Catch every play of the Minnesota Twins vs. Cleveland Guardians game on Saturday, June 3 at 6:15 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!

Exclusive In-Home Dining Experience with Chef Matt

Back by popular demand, the ultimate dining experience with Chef Matt! Pull up a chair right in your own home and enjoy a private gourmet four-course meal for eight created



by Matt Gotham, chef supported by Opportunity Partners. Matt has some fabulous menu options and welcomes your ideas and can accommodate any dietary restrictions. Whether you choose brunch, lunch or dinner, you will not want to miss the opportunity to experience Chef Matt's cooking!

Thank You

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VISION:

People of all abilities thrive in the world.

VALUES:

IMPACT Generate solutions that make a difference.

CHOICE Create opportunities for people to lead self-directed lives.

HEART Promote the dignity and worth of each other.

PARTNERSHIP Facilitate change through relationships, collaboration, and advocacy.

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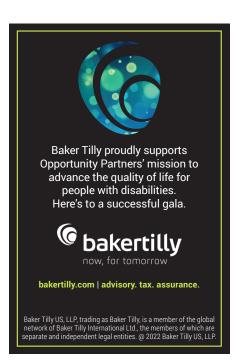
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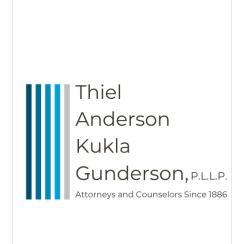


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