

Initiative Awards

Past Award Winners



**INITIATIVE
FOUNDATION**

Outstanding Community

- 2000** - *City of Cass Lake*
- 2000** - *City of Long Prairie*
- 2001** - *City of Wadena*
- 2002** - *East Side Boosters, St. Cloud*
- 2003** - *City of Melrose*
- 2004** - *Cuyuna Range*
- 2006** - *Sebeka Area Partners in Planning*
- 2007** - *City of Cold Spring*
- 2009** - *City of Pine City*

Outstanding Enterprise

- 2000** - *Diamond Tool & Engineering, Kent Smith, Bertha*
- 2001** - *Injection Technologies, Steve Benda, Cokato*
- 2002** - *Glenn Metalcraft, Ginger and Dennis Glenn, Princeton*
- 2003** - *Diamond Tool Inc., Ardell Paulson, Sebeka*
- 2004** - *Nemadji Research Corporation, Becky Lourey, Bruno*
- 2006** - *Two Rivers Enterprises, Bob Warzecha, Holdingford*
- 2007** - *MINPACK, Inc., Robert Thompson, Pine City*
- 2009** - *Lindar Corporation, Tom Haglin, Baxter*

Outstanding Green Venture

- 2001** - *Portage-Crooked Lakes Improvement Association, Jack Huele /Roger Johnson, Deerwood*
- 2002** - *Sauk Rapids Watershed District, Julie Klocker, Sauk Centre*
- 2003** - *Citizens of Cass County, John Sumption, Walker*
- 2004** - *U of M Extension for Youth Outdoor Corp, Kent Montgomery, Brainerd*
- 2006** - *Leech Lake Association and Leech Lake Band of Ojibwa, Gerald McCauley, Walker*
- 2007** - *Mark Ronnei / ETOC Development Corporation, Nisswa*
- 2009** - *Rural Renewable Energy Alliance, Jason Edens, Backus*

Outstanding Leadership

- 2009** - *Dr. Glen Palm, St. Cloud*

Outstanding Nonprofit

- 2000** - *ROCORI Senior Center's Tri-City Transit, Cold Spring*
- 2001** - *United Cerebral Palsy, Judy Moening, St. Cloud*
- 2002** - *Rum River Interfaith Caregivers, Teresa Nelson, Princeton*
- 2003** - *Kinship Partners, Inc., Patricia Johnston, Brainerd*
- 2004** - *Rivers Council of Minnesota, Bruce Johnson, Sauk Rapids*
- 2006** - *Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Minnesota, Troy Fritz, St. Cloud*
- 2007** - *Pine River-Backus Family Center, Leslie Bouchonville, Pine River*
- 2009** - *Central MN Habitat for Humanity, Bruce Johnson, St. Cloud*

Outstanding Youth

- 2002** - *Emily Anderson, Buffalo*
- 2003** - *Mandolin Copa, Barrows*
- 2004** - *Jessica Johnson, Big Lake*
- 2006** - *Reiko Koyama, St. Cloud*
- 2007** - *Christy Trettel & Rochelle Olson, Little Falls*
- 2009** - *Jennifer Schmidt, St. Cloud*

Outstanding Philanthropist

2000 - *Leonard Paulson*, Milaca

2001 - *John and Bonnie Schlagel*, Cambridge

2002 - *Marv Rothstein*, Staples

Outstanding Volunteer

2000 - *Cheryl Wilson*, Brainerd

2001 - *Judy Kidder*, Baxter

2002 - *Jack Dobier*, Hackensack

2003 - *Kathy Bussard*, Deerwood

2004 - *Randy Finn*, Cass Lake

2006 - *Bonnie Christenson*, Deerwood & *Myrtle Bollenbacher*, Crosby

2007 - *Mark Wood (posthumously)*, Stillwater