

# NEWSLETTER

2023 SPRING EDITION

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Bridges

  
Rumi

Open enrollment for all  
Bridges and Rumi  
full-time employees  
begins on

**Tuesday, May 30th  
and goes until  
Monday, June 12th.**

If you are already  
enrolled and no changes  
are needed, **NO ACTION** is  
required. Your benefit  
enrollments will remain  
the same. Click the link  
for all of the details  
[www.bridgesmn.com/communications](http://www.bridgesmn.com/communications)





Dawn went ice skating at an indoor ice skating rink in Minneapolis recently!

# Rumi Updates!



Our Rumi's, Janelle and Leah, have been taking some classes at the Community Center! They attended classes where they made rainbow glass vases and created art with tissue paper. Look at all of their beautiful artwork!



Bret and Garry only live a couple of minutes away from Lake Harriet, so they have been enjoying the beautiful weather by taking walks around Lake Harriet and sitting on their favorite bench!



# FULFILLING *Dreams*



We are so excited to share that one of our residents, JC, had the opportunity to go turkey hunting recently.

JC expressed that he was interested in going on this hunting trip. However, he lives in his own home and is typically responsible for finding transportation. After talking with his Bridges team, they did what they could to create staffing options for this weekend trip, and Bridges even bought a vehicle for JC to use to have a successful trip.

Other than transportation, the Bridges team had to tackle a couple of obstacles to ensure that JC would be well taken care of and thrive during this weekend trip. As you can imagine, staffing for a trip like this is complex. During the weekend, they would be hours away from home, not on a regular schedule, and the staff has to be okay with hunting. So, the team came up with a staffing plan and interviewed staff and volunteers that would be willing to hunt. After Bridges bought the car and his regional team found a good staffing situation, the trip started to come together nicely.

He showcased a ton of independence on this trip, everyone had fun, and JC is already planning on doing more outings like this throughout the rest of the year!



# *Congratulations*

**TO EVERYONE ON THEIR PROMOTIONS, WE THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR HARD WORK AND DEPENDABILITY!**

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**Malisa Raschke- CLD St Croix**

**Tina Thompson-Thane- CLD North**

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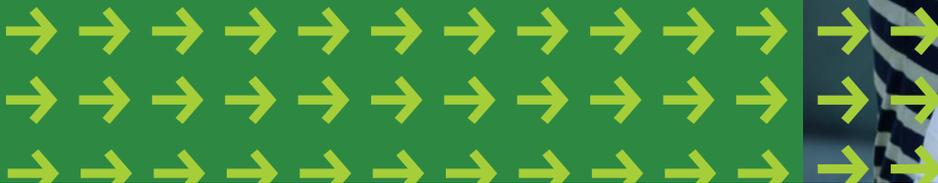
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**Keith Braam- RRM-C Mankato**



## Tuition Grants for Your Family



### **Education Benefits at Rasmussen University**

If you are in school at Rasmussen or thinking about going back to school, you are going to want to check out the new Inspire Grant that Rasmussen University is offering all Bridges MN employees!

Rasmussen University is offering this grant because they believe that inspiration is essential when supporting aspiring medical assistants through their education journey!

With this grant, Rasmussen University alliances interested in starting their MA journey during the May, July, or August 2023 start dates could save up to \$4K! This means Bridges MN employees could earn their ABHES-accredited<sup>4</sup> diploma in as few as 12 months and for under \$9K!

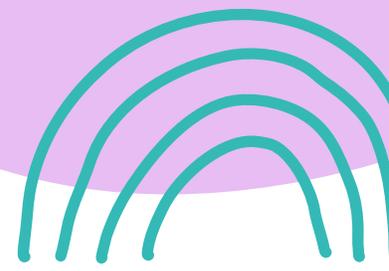
Get started and learn more here →

<https://corporate.rasmussen.edu/employer-alliances/>



# NorthBridge

CHILD DEVELOPMENT



NorthBridge Child Development has a ton of fun updates this spring!

They recently started hosting Soccer Shots in their gym on Tuesdays. They come teach the kids all of the soccer basics, like teamwork, dribbling, and the rules of the game. If you know anyone who is interested, please reach out to [amandal@bridgesmn.com](mailto:amandal@bridgesmn.com).

Also, they have welcomed a lot of new friends and they are getting ready to say goodbye to some old friends when they go off to kindergarten in the fall.

\*We have opened our doors to the public and are going to be starting a lunch program in the near future!



The infant room has been working hard on fine motor skills, large motor skills and sign language. All of our infants are responding to some of the signs that they see used frequently! Our older infants are beginning to walk and our little ones are learning to crawl. They love getting outside for walks and to watch the ducks in the pond!





The toddlers have been learning so much! They are doing a great job with their colors and are working hard on learning shapes. They love group time and playing outside at the park! They are looking forward to having water days outside and learning about fun summer activities. Ms. Clarissa and Ms. Kassidy have been keeping them busy and teaching them a lot!



The preschool group is working hard on writing their names and recognizing letters and numbers! They've been doing science experiments and exploring things outside. They are looking forward to the summer activities they have planned. They're going to have picnics at the park every Wednesday, do weekly water day outside, and "share day" every Thursday.





The pre-K group is learning to read and write. They're writing their names and new sight words each week. They have learned the sounds that letters make and have been trying to read the new sight words that Ms. Lillie gives them. Most of this group will be leaving to go to kindergarten in the fall, so they're getting in all the play time together that they can. We're all so proud to have been able to watch them learn and grow. We know they will continue to do amazing things!



# Things to do in MN this summer

- Visit Minnehaha falls
- Shop at a farmer's market
- Uptown Art Fair August 4-6
- Try a new ice cream shop
- Visit a splash pad
- Loring Park Art Festival on July 29th & 30th
- Bike the Midtown Greenway



- Take a road trip on Scenic Highway 61
- Cool off in an art museum
- Go to a drive-in movie theatre



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