

**PLANNING FOR GROWTH**

I'm hoping the new year finds you all well.

The past few months have been busy as we finalized a new strategic plan which takes us into 2021 and focuses on expanding our programs and reach. Our tried and true programs will remain in place, as will services to current clients, but we see the need for more people to be served by Tasks with a larger variety of programs. To facilitate our expansion, we are re-vamping our staffing model. We can't thank our phenomenal staff enough for hanging with us as we navigate these changing waters.

We are excited about the opportunities ahead. As the year progresses, we'll also start planning for our 50th year anniversary celebration. We will be celebrating 50 years in June 2020.

Thank you all for being a part of our history and our future. To reach more people that need the resources Tasks offers, we'll need your support more than ever.

Happy New Year.  
Karen Johnston  
Executive Director

**BRIDGE FOR TASKS FUNDRAISER SUPPORTS NEW CLIENT FUND**

Tasks Unlimited's first-ever Bridge for Tasks event was a huge success! Thanks to the hard work and generosity of many, especially event organizers, Emily Carlin and Phyllis Johnston, we raised \$2,700 for our new Client Emergency Needs Fund. Thank you to all the attendees, volunteers, and donors who made the first Bridge for Tasks a fun and exciting day – we are deeply grateful to you all.



Above: Emily Carlin (left) and Phyllis Johnston (right)



Above: Players concentrating on Bridge game.

Bridge for Tasks was held Sept. 24, 2018 at Church of St. Patrick-Edina. Attendees chose to play Bridge or Five Hundred at \$45 per person, which included games, snacks, and a delicious hot dish luncheon. The tournament style play was competitive with Bridge participants eagerly awaiting the scores at the end of the day.

Bridge for Tasks started as a desire of two long-time supporters, Emily and Phyllis. From idea to organizing and carrying out Bridge for Tasks, Emily and Phyllis were the innovators that brought this event to life. Thanks to their hard work, we were able to raise so much for our new Client Emergency Needs Fund. Special thanks also go to the volunteers and sponsors who prepared and served food, kept score, and contributed supplies, room rental and prizes. The day would not have been a success without you! We hope to see you at the next Bridge for Tasks this upcoming fall.



Above: Phyllis Johnston and friends at the 500 game table.



# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

We are pleased to share that ten JOBS Training Program (JTP) clients graduated in 2018! We are proud of these graduates and look forward to their continued success. In addition to JTP graduates, nine Transition Lodge residents also completed jobs training.

Our JTP program offers paid on-the-job training in janitorial work with Tasks Unlimited Building Services. The graduates completed hands on work skills and received professional development skills and peer support, while also building mental health management and daily living skills. Participants progress through the program at their

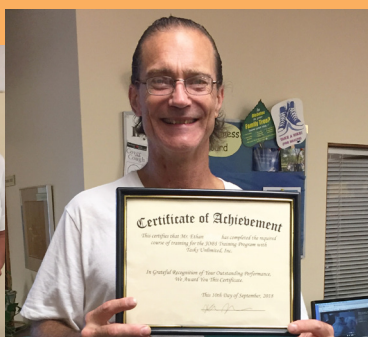
own pace with most graduating between 12 and 18 weeks in the program. This year's graduates have an opportunity to work because of our donors' support. Thank you!



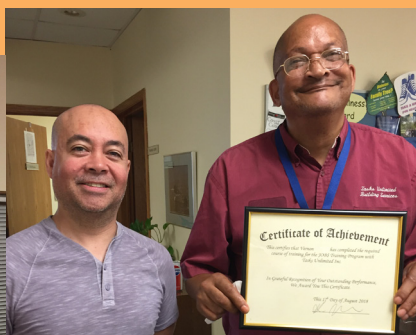
Above: Ishmail, Graduated in Nov. 2018



Above: Alisha, Graduated in Oct. 2018



Above: Ethan, Graduated in Sept. 2018



Above: Vernon, Graduated in Aug. 2018



Above: Liban, Graduated in Oct. 2018

## REDLIN COLLECTION FOR SALE TO BENEFIT TASKS

A longtime supporter and close friend of renowned wildlife artist Terry Redlin is offering for sale his unique Terry Redlin print collection, and has pledged to donate the proceeds in honor of Tasks' 50th anniversary in 2020.

For more information, or if you can help promote the sale of this special collection, please email Denny Jackson at [jacksondenc@gmail.com](mailto:jacksondenc@gmail.com). To view the prints and read more, visit:

[www.facebook.com/aterryredlincollectionforsale/](http://www.facebook.com/aterryredlincollectionforsale/)



Above: Denny (l) and Terry (r) in 1979

Denny Jackson and Terry Redlin met in 1972 at the Webb Publishing Company in St. Paul. The collection, which Denny purchased directly from Terry and his wife, Helene, includes 57 signed, limited edition prints, all numbered 25 but one, which is numbered 125. It is the intention of the owner to keep the collection intact.



Quiet Afternoon, Terry Redlin, 1978, Print #25



# TASKS LODGE AND STAFF HONORED AT CCL CONFERENCE

The Coalition for Community Living (CCL) held the National Fairweather Lodge Annual Meeting and Conference from September 26-28, 2018 in Minneapolis.

The CCL was formed in 1978 to support and promote the Fairweather Lodge Model nationwide. Lodges offer affordable, small group living to people with mental illness. Lodge members support one other and manage their households as a group. Tasks currently has 23 lodges across the metro area.

We are proud to announce that our own **Sunspots Lodge** was named **The 2018 Dorothy Berger Lodge of the Year**, and Lodge Coordinator **Lisa Mason** is **The 2018 David Sanders Lodge Coordinator of the Year**.



Larry F. (l) accepting the Lodge of the Year Award from John Trepp (r) on behalf of Sunspots Lodge.

Sunspots members were honored for overcoming adversity and coming together as a group. With

the supportiveness of each member, they have made substantial progress as a group and most importantly, as individuals. Nowadays, their lodge meetings are full of laughter and support of one another.

Lisa Mason has worked at Tasks for nearly 14 years and as a lodge coordinator since 2015. Lisa was selected for how caring and dedicated she is, never hesitating to put in extra time and energy for her clients. Known for her compassion, sensitivity and mindfulness, she is constantly advocating for her clients and their vision of recovery. When asked what motivates her in her role, Lisa says, “it feels like second nature... it just feels like I should be doing [this].”



Lisa Mason accepting the Coordinator of the Year Award from John Trepp, Executive Director of CCL and former Executive Director of Tasks Unlimited.

Congratulations to Sunspots and Lisa Mason!

## PARTNERSHIP WITH MINNEAPOLIS COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN

Tasks Unlimited collaborated with MCAD during fall of 2018 to provide our clients with arts programming. Three sessions were held, with teaching artists providing our clients with a different art activity each session at our office.



Left: Rose, Mental Health Coordinator, and client Joe V. smiling and working together on their watercolor project. Above: Closeup of watercolor supplies and project.

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