



## April 2020 Recipients

### CONGRATULATIONS!

#### **Amy Sippl**

"Amy has done an outstanding job of meeting client needs by quickly adapting her weekly treatment planning and programming to create an entire telehealth service provision model. In addition to continuing to help families under these unique working conditions, Amy has been a great support to all staff at The READY Clinic, and works hard to keep the team's spirits high! Amy has continued to exemplify what it means to be a strong, caring and giving team player. The SuperFab team at The READY Clinic is so lucky to have her!"

#### **Karly Schwartz**

"I want to recognize Karly for her kindness, willingness to help, remind, support, and to laugh with! She has been such a rock for me this year and I appreciate her so much! She has helped me realize that it's ok to make mistakes and learn from them. Karly makes me feel worthy and part of a team. She has been through a lot this year and she has never let that stop her from doing great things at her job. Karly knows how to adapt to change, let her families be comfortable with her, and is SOOO knowledgeable in her field! I am so thankful for her!"

#### **Mackenzie Erickson**

"Mackenzie is ALWAYS willing to listen or lend a hand. She is very approachable and never makes you feel as if you have a silly question. There have been some interesting situations we have been in this year and Mackenzie has had a solution to the problem. I am thankful for her. I have learned so much from her this year!"

### **Jacqueline Johnson**

“Jacqueline is a GREAT speech therapist! Not only is she an expert in her field, but she also knows a lot about IEPs, sped forms, and other aspects of the special education world. If I have a question or wording I need assistance from, she is my go to lady! We often have co-sessions together for our Part C kids and we are usually ending each other’s sentences. That’s when you know you make a good time! I am thankful for her!”

### **Amy Olfert**

“Amy is easy to work with and has lent her helping hand SOOO many times. She always says, “No problem, I already did that”, and I am in awe! I see Amy go above and beyond for supporting her parents and students. She is aware that every family and child’s needs are different. From that she has awesome approaches to her students’ service time! I am so thankful for her!”

### **Darin Ditterich**

“I have worked in Darin’s room for three years and he is one of the Best Teachers I have worked for ... He goes above and beyond for all his students and is willing to help with others if needed. He comes up with unique ideas like Ice Skating, Football drafts, writing letters to soldiers and so many more. Things some of our kids would never get the opportunity to do in their home lives and teaching them to treat others with kindness. He always has a smile on his face and treats the kids and staff with respect and care. I am honored to be a part of his room.”

### **Teigan Hierlmaier**

“Teigan is a great team player!! She is always busy and is great with the students. We are so lucky to have her at ELC - Willmar.”

### **Adam Westby**

“Adam is always putting the students first! During this time of uncertainty and distant learning, he has kept in contact with the students ... always making sure their needs are being met, and if not, reaching out to someone to help or check on them! He is a great role model and I am glad he is a part of our team at ELC - Willmar.”

### **Heather Sage**

“Words cannot describe the many reasons I wish to recognize Heather. She is a GREAT person doing GREAT things!”

### **Molly Ludwig**

“Molly is a fantastic school social worker and has been a great asset to ELC - Montevideo. This year she has worked hard to make connections with the students and she continues this work now in distance learning. She has also taken on some additional tasks as a member of the SEL Committee and recently worked hard to help develop some resources for responding to crises that making be taking place with students and/or staff during the COVID-19 Pandemic.”

### **Melissa Hanson**

“I wish to recognize Melissa for her hard work during the COVID-19 changes. She goes above and beyond to ensure that everyone on her team is receiving the supports they need to be successful during this chaotic time. She is also implementing weekly activities for her team to participate in such as sharing fun pictures of their work space or a BINGO board with activities. I appreciate Melissa and all the work she has been putting towards Region D.”

### **Jason Dybsetter**

“Jason goes above and beyond to support our team! He recently developed an amazing spreadsheet for a small group that is working on supporting parents with distance learning. This spreadsheet allows the group to efficiently organize and share valuable parent feedback with educators. Jason's contribution to the parent support group has been incredible!”

### **Liz Deen**

“Liz is so innovative! Due to the pandemic our nation is facing, the annual PBIS Sustainability Day training event could not occur in person. Liz adapted and developed a creative solution to offer the Sustainability Day Training online! Liz's innovative approach allowed attendees to choose from various break-out sessions and receive a quality training experience! Amazing work, Liz!”

### **Michelle Raml**

“There is no doubt that Michelle brings joy to every room she is in! Beyond her ability to bring happiness to our work on a daily basis, her focus on students ensures the best and most equitable outcomes for all. Michelle is able to work collaboratively with all types of people and is an integral component of any team. She never forgets to tell others how much she cares for and appreciates them. She deserves this G.R.O.W. award. We appreciate you!”

### **Anna Hesse**

“I'm so thankful for Anna and her willingness to always give guidance and great ideas! She is always willing to share and goes above and beyond whenever I have needed! She is a great ECSE teacher and I am grateful to have her as a co-worker!”

**Anthony Frank**

“Anthony is a wonderful team member. He is quick to point out the positive in every situation and is the first to lift others up or offer help when they are having a difficult time with a situation. Anthony is an asset both to SWWC and to the speech therapy department. Anthony Frank is a GREAT person doing GREAT things!”

**Cleone Vasek**

“Cleone is new to SWWC this year and jumped in with both feet. She has been flexible and eager to help out where she can when new situations arise. She is a joy to work with! Cleone is a GREAT person doing GREAT things!”

**Forrest Fosheim, Kristin Buysse and Becky Laleman**

“The IT staff is working hard to remedy problems and persist to give good guidance to help staff, parents and the students we are working so hard to get connected to through distance learning. I appreciate how they approach the challenges we face and listen to our problems.”