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**MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES PARTNERS WITH TWIN CITIES IN MOTION TO CREATE
ARTWORK FOR 2013 MEDTRONIC TWIN CITIES MARATHON**

(MINNEAPOLIS)—[Midwest Special Services, Inc.](#) (MSS), has partnered with [Twin Cities In Motion](#) (TCM) for the 2013 Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon to create the commemorative poster for this year's event. Midwest Special Services submitted design ideas to Twin Cities In Motion in January 2013, and the marathon organizer and its design partner, Orangeseed, transformed an MSS tapestry into the event poster that will be sold to thousands of participants in the event.

The 2013 Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon poster was inspired by the 40+ foot collaborative Saori weaving that was created over countless hours by more than 30 MSS clients. The creative works from these MSS clients inspired TCM to design a photo collage that weaves together hundreds of individual photo squares to form the number 26.2 in honor of the marathon distance.

"The artwork creation for the 2013 Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon was a great project for our artists and it showcases their creativity in a very rewarding way," says Lyth Hartz, President of Midwest Special Services, Inc. "Being able to see the finished product all over the metro is extremely rewarding and the weaving it took to create the artwork is a perfect match as it mirrors the rhythmic and contemplative nature of running a marathon."

"We were very fortunate to receive this creative piece from MSS clients," says Virginia Brophy Achman, Executive Director of Twin Cities In Motion. "We felt this piece resonated greatly with our organization. Like weaving, running is a rhythmic process and a pastime that offers reflection and meditation. We look forward to showcasing the work that flourished from this partnership as we continue to approach the Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon."

About Midwest Special Services, Inc.

Midwest Special Services, Inc. was established in 1949 with a mission to help people with disabilities to achieve their full potential and greater independence through individualized services and supports. With six locations in the Twin Cities metro area, MSS supports the ambitions and unique needs of over 600 adults each year who are living with significant disabilities. With more than 60 years of service to the community, MSS has never wavered from its mission, empowering 100 percent of each person's ability to make choices in their daily lives. For more information visit www.mwsservices.org, log on to the Midwest Special Services [Facebook](#) page, and follow them on [Twitter, @MWSservices](#).

About Twin Cities In Motion (TCM):

Twin Cities In Motion (formerly Twin Cities Marathon, Inc.) is the non-profit organization that provides nationally recognized, high quality running events throughout the year, including the Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon. With a mission of promoting healthy lifestyles through running events and community outreach, TCM and its charity partners contribute over \$750,000 to related causes annually. For more information, visit www.tcmevents.org, www.facebook.com/TwinCitiesInMotion, and follow us on [Twitter @tcmarathon](#).