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MSS in the Media

MSS partnered with [The Show](#) and the [St. Paul Art Collective](#) to open an art gallery in Lowertown St. Paul. It was featured in the [Pioneer Press](#)! Watch this [video](#) for more information.

For participants in MSS' programs, the community garden they built is not only a place to grow plants, but a way to grow social connections with their surrounding community. East Side Review made a visit to interview MSS gardeners and wrote a great [article](#).

MSS' Upcoming Film

Actors and screen writers from all MSS centers are creating a short film entitled "*Sleeping Between Worlds*." The trailer was featured in the Reelabilities Film Festival and the film will premiere on Dec. 12 at the MacPhail Center for Music. Alex Junge, an MSS actor and screen writer, was interviewed by Twin Cities Public Television about the film. Check out the interview [here](#)!



Mission Moments

Good friendships can last a lifetime and Mary and Steve are a perfect example. Both Mary and Steve have Down Syndrome and Mary takes care of Steve each and every day. Steve's abilities have declined over the last few years due to dementia, but Mary is always by his side so that he can fully-participate with others. The love shown is real and it is impressive because Mary's love asks for nothing in return. **Friendship is important to Mary and Steve. Mary and Steve are important to us.**

Congrats Jess Wenstrom!

Congrats to Jess for receiving a 2015 MOHR Award in the category of "Enrichment Focus in the 7 County Metro Area." We are so proud of her and happy to see her outstanding work being recognized. Minnesota Organization for Habilitation and Rehabilitation (MOHR) has a mission to impact legislation and public policy and strengthen the ability of member agencies to provide community integration services for people with developmental disabilities. "It was a great opportunity to attend the MOHR Conference and meet other day service providers. I am so grateful to work for MSS, where I am encouraged to bring my talents and interests into the work I do," Jess said. Way to go Jess!

A Word from Lyth

This is exciting to be writing my first article for the MSS Staff Newsletter. I would like you to know of some upcoming events which will also be exciting for MSS as we head into fall and the holiday season. Read Lyth's letter [here](#).



Upcoming Events

- If you eat at Granite City in Eagan on Sept. 3, mention MSS and we get 20% of the sale.
- Tea with the Bees Open House-Sept. 17 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Shoreview MSS.

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