



Coon Rapids Business Spotlight

Mary T. Inc. Celebrates 40 Years

Mary Tjosvold and her mother Margaret inherited a substantial piece of Coon Rapids property after Margaret's mother, Rosa Camille, passed away in 1963 and left the land to her daughters.

Mary, who was in school at the time earning her Ph. D. in Education Administration, was then asked a question that would change the course of her career.

"My mom asked me what I thought we should do with the land. I said, we should do with the land what my grandmother did with her life and that is serve seniors and people with disabilities. And that's what started it all," says Tjosvold.

40 years later Mary T. Inc. is thriving with 53 locations in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Arizona and Maryland.

Tjosvold prides herself on customer service and the relationships she builds with the residents at Mary T. "I will tell you this, I know the names of almost every single resident that I serve with disabilities here in Minnesota, and most of them in Maryland," Tjosvold says.

Mary T.'s 50-acre property provides housing and services to seniors, people with disabilities and other vulnerable populations, including the homeless and those with special needs. It is an ever-changing and ever-expanding business. The for-profit company employs over 800 people and boasts an annual revenue of about \$35 million. Mary T. has found success in the partnership she shares with the city of Coon Rapids.

"I think it's a culture that we have, which is the idea that we are in it together," Tjosvold says. "We are here to work with the City, so what does the City need, what does Mercy Hospital need, and what does the community need?"

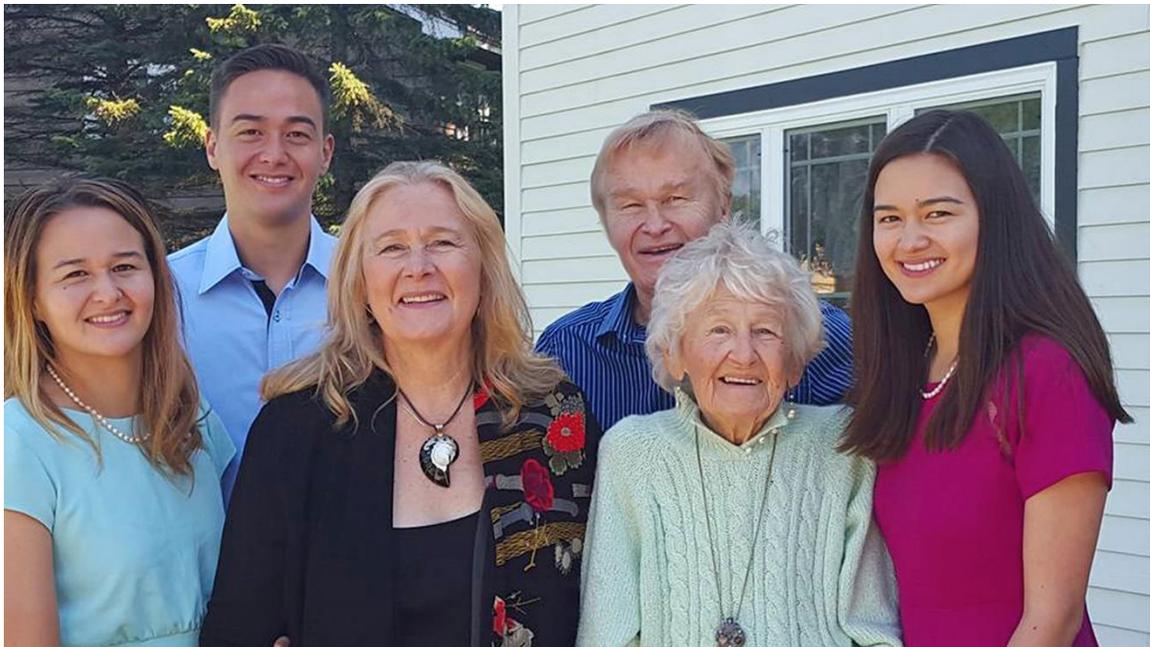
In addition to Mary T., Tjosvold also owns Crooners, a Lounge and Supper Club in Fridley.

Quick Facts:

- Founded in 1976
- Located at 11820 Xeon Blvd. NW, Coon Rapids
- Family name: Tjosvold
- Company mission: Mary T. Inc. is committed to providing quality, personalized services to creatively meet the unique and evolving needs of people. We invest our resources to best serve our customers, community, and the people of Mary T.



Margaret Place is a senior apartment building on the Mary T. Campus located in Coon Rapids.



From left to right: Colleen, Jason, Mary, Dean, Margaret and Lena Tjosvold.