



Finalists

Twin Cities Business and its sponsor partners are pleased to recognize these successful Minnesota family businesses and the values they perpetuate.

Dem-Con Cos.

Inception: **1965**

HQ: **Shakopee**

Family members in the business: **2**

Employees: **180**

Dem-Con Cos. is a diversified business whose core operations are in solid waste and recycling. Current owners, brothers-in-law Mark Pahl and Jason Haus, bought the business in 2001 when health issues required Pahl's father to step aside. Pahl was 21 at the time; Haus was 26. Since then, Dem-Con has added recycling facilities, trucking services, and garage door installation companies to its "family," growing from seven to 180 employees.

Kottke Trucking

Inception: **1938**

HQ: **Buffalo Lake**

Family members in the business: **5 full time, 4 part time**

Employees: **300**

Kottke Trucking is an interstate trucking company that supplies logistical services to frozen/temperature-controlled food businesses to get their products to distribution points. In 1996, Kottke Trucking transferred to the third generation. Kurt, Kory, and Kyle Kottke have steadily grown the company, overseeing its first acquisition in 2016. Last year, Kottke Trucking made its second acquisition, purchasing Florida-based trucking company Wayne T. Fellows.

MG McGrath Inc.

Inception: **1985**

HQ: **Maplewood**

Family members in the business: **3**

Employees: **230**

MG McGrath comprises two separate companies, MG McGrath Architectural Surfaces and MG McGrath Glass & Glazing; both design, fabricate, and install architectural surfaces. Originally a sheet metal fabricator, MG McGrath now also works with glass, terra-cotta, high-pressure laminate, stone, wood, and natural metals, offering a wide variety of finishes and styles. It has worked on projects nationwide, including San Francisco's Chase Center arena, home to the Golden State Warriors.

Minnesota Wire

Inception: **1968**

HQ: **St. Paul**

Family members in the business: **10**

Employees: **180**

The Wagner family has transformed its company from a bulk cable manufacturer into a producer of custom wire and cable assemblies for the medical, defense, and aerospace markets. As an integrated manufacturer, Minnesota Wire offers services from design through production, including product testing, which is conducted in its five in-house labs. In the last decade, the company has expanded its research and development, introducing new products such as carbon-based aerospace cables.

The National Theatre for Children Inc.

Inception: **1978**

HQ: **Golden Valley**

Family members in the business: **3**

Employees: **35 full time, 70 seasonal**

The National Theatre for Children provides K-12 programming to schools and organizations nationwide designed to promote positive behaviors and life skills. Formats include live performance, e-learning, in-class discussion, and print curriculum to engage students in topics including financial literacy, environmental stewardship, and social responsibility. Founder Ward Eames is now grooming the next generation of leadership.

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