

# Rep. Steineke: Shawano couple to be named assembly 'Hometown Heroes'

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MADISON - The Wisconsin State Assembly will recognize Chad and Cheyna Kary from Shawano as "Hometown Heroes" at the upcoming Assembly session on February 12th.

The Karys were nominated by their State Representative, Gary Tauchen (R-Bonduel), for their efforts in the community to create a nonprofit called Georgia's House. After the Karys' daughter was born prematurely, the couple had the opportunity to stay in a home in Allouez following the birth and eventual loss of their newborn baby, Georgia Faith. Since that experience, they are closing in on their goal of raising \$75,000 to buy the home from its owners to turn it into Georgia's House.

"I commend these parents for being able to use their own situation to see a need in their community," said Assembly Majority Leader Jim Steineke (R-Kaukaun), who selected the Karys to receive the award. "Georgia's House will undoubtedly bring comfort to other parents facing similar challenges."

Georgia's House will operate as a non-profit with the purpose of providing a place for families with premature babies to stay, free of charge. Because Green Bay has the area's closest neonatal intensive care unit, the Karys' goal is to give parents who need to temporarily relocate the peace of mind of stable housing.

"This was a sad situation for the Karys," Rep. Tauchen said, "and something exceptional came out of it - something very positive that will make a tremendous

impact on peoples' lives.”

For their dedication to their community, the Karys will be honored guests of the state Assembly on Tuesday, February 12th where they will be recognized for their continued work through Georgia’s House.

The Wisconsin State Assembly sees giving back to the community as one of the most valuable characteristics one can have. The Assembly Hometown Heroes program seeks to identify and recognize individuals from around the state who give of themselves to make a difference in our communities and in the lives of those around them. Hometown Hero Award winners are invited and introduced as a special guest at an Assembly floor session and given the opportunity to speak.