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Rep. Snyder, State Assembly Honors Jim Nick as Hometown Hero

Jim Nick of Wausau was named a Hometown Hero for his fundraising and advocacy for homeless youth

Madison... A Wausau man was honored by the Wisconsin State Assembly on Thursday as a Hometown Hero for his efforts to support homeless youth in his community. After being nominated by State Representative Patrick Snyder earlier this year, Jim Nick was selected by Assembly Majority Leader Jim Steineke as a Hometown Hero in November.

“Jim has done outstanding work helping kids in our community that are experiencing homelessness. He has lead a community driven effort to provide students in the Wausau area with school supplies, warm winter clothes, and meals,” said Rep. Snyder. “It was my honor to nominate him as a Hometown Hero, so he can get the recognition he deserves for his service to our community.”

For the past several years, Jim Nick has made it his mission to help students in the Wausau and DC Everest School Districts that are experiencing homelessness. He has raised thousands of dollars in cash and supplies by contacting family, friends, local businesses and community members. The Help the Kids fund, which Jim created, provides supplies such as hats, socks, jackets, school supplies and hygiene products; funds extracurricular activities; pays off lunch balances so kids can have hot lunch; and provides additional meals to students for nights and weekends.

“Today, the Assembly will be voting on a Resolution that I authored with Representative Melissa Sargent (D-Madison) that designates November as Runaway Prevention Month,” Rep. Snyder added. “It seems appropriate that, on the same day we vote on AJR 99, we would commend a citizen who advocates on behalf of these kids; raises awareness; and works to break down stigmas related to youth homelessness”.

The Assembly Hometown Heroes program was created with the recognition that giving back to the community is one of the most valuable characteristics one can have; it seeks to identify and recognize individuals from around the state who make a difference in their communities. During the Hometown Hero Ceremony on Thursday, Jim Nick was one of four individuals honored for their service to their community.

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