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Community Advocate to be Named Assembly ‘Hometown Hero’

MADISON – The Wisconsin State Assembly will recognize Marty Calderon from Oconomowoc, Wisconsin as a “Hometown Hero” at the upcoming Assembly session on November 12th.

Calderon, who was nominated by his State Representative, Barb Dittrich (R-Oconomowoc), is the Executive Director of God Touch Milwaukee, a nonprofit organization that works with men coming out of the prison system and off the streets. The nonprofit focuses on restoring families, obtaining and maintaining employment, and building community relationships.

“It is an honor to recognize Marty as an Assembly Hometown Hero, as he selflessly gives his time and resources to some of Milwaukee’s most vulnerable,” said Assembly Majority Leader Jim Steineke (R-Kaukauna) who selected Calderon for the award. “I applaud Marty’s work with God Touch Milwaukee, providing a beacon of hope for many on Milwaukee’s near south side.”

God Touch Milwaukee was created in 2016, and boasts a success rate of over 90% for those who complete the 6-month process – a feat considering many participants struggle with substance abuse issues. The organization partners with the Milwaukee County House of Corrections and also receives referrals from churches, other organizations, and individuals.

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.

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