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De Pere High Schooler to be Named Assembly ‘Hometown Hero’

MADISON – The Wisconsin State Assembly will recognize Caragan Olles from De Pere, Wisconsin as a “Hometown Hero” at the upcoming Assembly session on November 12th.

Olles, who was nominated by her State Representative, Shae Sortwell (R-Two Rivers), is one of two statewide honorees for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award for charity and service. In 2013, Olles created a non-profit that focuses on helping students with dyslexia – a learning disorder that Olles herself has.

“It is amazing to see a high schooler who is experiencing her own learning difficulty then turn around and lend a hand to others who may be in the same situation,” said Assembly Majority Leader Jim Steineke (R-Kaukauna) who selected Olles for the award. “I applaud the work she has done for both the students and educators in her community.”

Since its inception, the non-profit has raised over \$145,000 through events, fundraisers, bake sales, and more. The proceeds pay for tutoring and library services for students with dyslexia and training for educators.

“I’m excited for Caragan to be recognized for the hard work she’s done to help other young people who deal with dyslexia,” said Rep. Sortwell. “She’s proven to be a great role model for her generation, and perfectly exemplifies how people can voluntarily come together to solve problems, rather than relying on government.”

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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