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## Representative Katsma Awards Lloyd Ter Maat and Trailer Ministry as 2023-24 Hometown Hero

**Madison, WI** – Today, Representative Terry Katsma (R-Oostburg) recognized Lloyd Ter Maat as the recipient of the Hometown Hero Award for the 26<sup>th</sup> Assembly District.

“I am honored to nominate and award Lloyd Ter Maat with the 2023-24 Hometown Hero Award.” Katsma said. “Lloyd does not want or need recognition for his years of selfless deeds. However, this humble man has quietly and steadfastly served others throughout his life. His actions and his life example is a story worth telling and recognizing.”

Lloyd Ter Maat, a Cedar Grove native, has dedicated his life toward helping others. Over 40 years ago, he began driving to the Milwaukee inner city with mattresses and propping them against a tree to watch neighbors immediately take them away. Witnessing the great needs, Lloyd’s work grew and for decades, he has been collecting beds, dressers, kitchen tables, chairs, cribs, and other items donated from individuals in Sheboygan County and delivered the items to families throughout Milwaukee. Lloyd’s work has become known as the **Trailer Ministry** where he and a group of dedicated men continue to pick up donations with a 14-foot cargo trailer and make furniture deliveries to those most in need in Milwaukee several times a week.

“Lloyd is true hero but the story is also about the generosity and giving spirit of the people in Sheboygan County.” Rep Katsma said. “Lloyd is the heart of the mission, but many communities throughout Sheboygan County help with their time and resources to support Lloyd’s good work. There are over 15 churches of various denominations and several businesses that are involved.”

Rep. Katsma added, “Thank you to the residents from Cedar Grove, Cascade, Oostburg, Sheboygan, Sheboygan Falls, Random Lake, Plymouth, Hingham, Howards Grove, Belgium, and Port Washington for their assistance with the Trailer Ministry and contributions to help those in need.”

“I hope Lloyd’s generosity, devotion, and care for others will be an inspiration to us all.” Katsma said to his colleagues while introducing Mr. Ter Maat. Lloyd had the opportunity to address the Wisconsin State Assembly during its legislative session on January 25. “I am grateful that God has given me good health so I am able to continue helping others,” 80 yr. old Lloyd said. “It’s an honor to be recognized. The ministry would not be possible without the support of our community.”

Lloyd Ter Maat, his family, and over 50 local guests joined Representative Katsma at the Wisconsin State Capitol for a formal recognition and presentation of a legislative citation.

For more information about the Trailer Ministry, you can contact the First Reformed Church of Cedar Grove (920) 668-6261 ext. 103

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*Representative Terry Katsma represents the 26<sup>th</sup> Assembly District including the cities of Sheboygan and Sheboygan Falls; the villages of Adell, Oostburg, Random Lake, Cedar Grove, Cascade and Waldo; and the towns of Lima, Holland, Sherman, Wilson and Lyndon.*