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Local girl to receive recognition from legislature

Rep. Tittl to present Hometown Hero award

Madison: Representative Paul Tittl (R-Manitowoc) announced this week that he will be presenting Lia Haile of Manitowoc with the Hometown Hero award on behalf of the state legislature. The presentation will take place during the May 2 session of the State Assembly.

The Hometown Hero Award program seeks to identify and recognize individuals from around the state who give of themselves to make a difference in their communities and in the lives of those around them.

“Lia embodies everything a Hometown Hero award is intended to honor,” Rep. Tittl said. “She is a generous, kind and humble young lady who has given of herself to make a difference in the lives of so many in our community.”

Haile, a 7th grade student at Wilson Middle School, is the founder of the Hopeful Hearts Club, an organization of more than 700 who seek to help care for children at the Hope House homeless shelter in Manitowoc.

Under Haile’s direction, the club provides birthday parties, welcome packages, Christmas gifts, and special events for children staying at the homeless shelter. Haile said she was inspired to get involved after visiting the shelter and meeting a child who was celebrating his birthday that day. Haile said she felt bad that she had no gift for him. Five years later, Haile has been recognized both locally and nationally for her work making a difference in the lives of homeless children in Manitowoc.

“I am honored to have the opportunity to present Lia with this prestigious award. I can think of no one who deserves it more than she does. She is an inspiring young lady, and I am proud that she lives in my district,” Rep. Tittl said.

The session is set to begin at 1 p.m. on May 2, and will be livestreamed via Wisconsin Eye (www.wiseye.org).

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