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Middleton Artist to be Recognized as WI Assembly ‘Hometown Hero’

MADISON – The Wisconsin State Assembly will recognize Alex Haunty from Middleton, Wisconsin as a “Hometown Hero” at the upcoming Assembly session on September 14th.

Haunty was nominated by his State Representative, Dianne Hesselbein (D-Middleton), for his activism in promoting access to the arts for people with disabilities. Haunty began *Alex Haunty’s Theater and Arts Fund* in November of 2014, a non-profit that uses the proceeds from selling Haunty’s artwork to provide tickets to Broadway performances to young people with cognitive disabilities.

Haunty’s non-profit has raised nearly \$50,000 worth of tickets and taken hundreds of young adults to many different performances. As an individual who loves theater and painting and also lives with a cognitive disability, Haunty is passionate about promoting the arts among his peers and his community.

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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