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First Lady Tonette Walker Awards Wisconsin Hero Award to Ann and Chris Swain of Mequon

MILWAUKEE – First Lady Tonette Walker today awarded the Wisconsin Hero Award to Ann and Chris Swain of Special Spaces Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Hero Award is given to Wisconsinites who go above and beyond to help their community.

"It is an honor to award the Wisconsin Hero Award to amazing individuals who make a difference in communities across our state," said Mrs. Walker. "Ann and Chris Swain are a generous couple who are working to make the lives of sick children better through the Wisconsin Chapter of Special Spaces. Ann and Chris help build dream makeover bedrooms to help children heal. Thank you to Ann and Chris, and everyone who strives to make Wisconsin communities better."

Ann and Chris Swain were nominated for the award for their work with Special Spaces Wisconsin, a chapter of Special Spaces, a national nonprofit. The organization works to create dream bedrooms for children with a life threatening illness in order to help the child recover and find peace. The Wisconsin chapter was founded by the Swains in 2011 in Milwaukee, and has since expanded to include Green Bay, the Fox Valley, and Dubuque, Iowa. In total, the Swains have helped build 75 dream bedrooms.

Patty Reiman, Secretary for the Gala Planning Committee-Dream Big Event at Special Spaces, nominated Ann and Chris for the work they are doing. In the nomination Patty said, "Ann and Chris Swain are caring, giving and genuine people. When you are around them, you can feel their sincerity and their passion for helping others. "Special" is a word that is often used by many of their friends to describe them. They have both worked endless hours to help make dreams come true for very deserving children in our community. I can honestly say, a day does not go by that they are not doing something for Special Spaces."

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