

**The Waunakee Community Services Department  
presents the  
Friend of the Community  
Award  
to  
Waunakee Community School District  
2025**

Each year, the Village of Waunakee Community Services Department proudly presents the **Friend of the Community Award** to an organization that goes above and beyond in supporting our mission. This year, we are thrilled to nominate the **Waunakee Community School District** for their unwavering dedication to the **Waunakee Village Center** and the programs we provide.

We want to recognize specific individuals whose efforts have made a tremendous impact:

- The **facility and grounds teams** who support our programs, including:
  - **Dean Frederick & the facility team at Prairie Elementary School** – for their **exceptional commitment** to adult volleyball and youth basketball.
  - **John Gillis & the facility team at Heritage Elementary School** – for their **fantastic dedication** to our youth basketball program.
  - **Bob Homan & the facility team at Arboretum Elementary School** – for their **tremendous contribution** to our youth basketball program.
  - **Christena Rollins & the facility team at the Intermediate School and Ron Esser & the facility team at the Middle School** – for their **support** to the adult basketball program.
  - **Ben Steeger & the grounds crew** – for their **continuous efforts** in making the youth softball and baseball programs a success.
- **The Intermediate School team, including Principal Tim Mommaerts, Danielle Werkheiser, and the LMTC Staff** – for their support of our youth chess program.
- **Nick Conrad and the athletic department staff** – for their **continued collaboration** in scheduling spaces for our athletic programs, with a special thank you to **Jen Lockman** for her **unwavering dedication**.
- The **Student Services Department** helps hundreds of families in our community participate in youth programs through the Village Center from enrichment to sports. Sometimes there are families who could benefit from our programs but need help connecting with us. We can't thank **Lisa Jondle** and her team of social workers enough for their partnership with the Village Center. **Mona Jean Harley, Jonathon Wild, and Makenzie Lutz** have been essential in helping connect children in need to our programs. They are imperative in communicating with us so we can meet the needs of the children in our programs. We value our partnership with the Student Services Department and thank them for the considerable effort they devote to helping the children in our community.
- **Steve Summers, Executive Director of Operations, and the generous donors from our community** – for their **valuable partnership** in connecting families with program opportunities through the Student Financial Assistance Fund.
- **Anne Blackburn, Communications & Engagement Specialist** – for her **ongoing dedication** with communicating the Village Center information to the families in the district. She is also a **key collaborator** in the annual Waunakee Area Kids Expo, which provides families with essential information on youth programs and organizations in Waunakee.
- **And all the other incredible school district staff** – who make a **meaningful impact** on families each and every day. We recognize the countless staff members who support those listed above, and we deeply **appreciate their contributions**.

The contributions of these individuals and teams are instrumental in fostering a strong, connected community, and we are incredibly grateful for their hard work and dedication.