



## COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARD

*Presented to:*

**BOB BUTLER**

The Community Builder Award recognizes individuals who make a significant impact by supporting local organizations and fostering a strong sense of community. These individuals dedicate their time and efforts to enhance the lives of others and build connections within the neighborhood.

*Nominated by: Paula Borowski*

*Summary of Nomination:*

Bob Butler stands out as a true community builder through his remarkable work with The Center in Itasca. For over six years, Bob and his wife, Diane, have transformed The Center from a church into a vital community hub. Their involvement began with participating in the Memorial Day parade, where they distributed candy and assured the community that the church building would continue to serve as a place of support.

Bob has been instrumental in expanding The Center's role by partnering with over 20 local organizations. The Center hosts various activities, including weddings, daily support groups, and Smart Recovery sessions with licensed counselors. Bob's innovative idea, the Center Cup Truck, provides free coffee and lemonade while supporting three local nonprofits through donations. Additionally, Bob and his team volunteer at the Itasca Food Pantry on Saturdays, deliver Thanksgiving dinners to those in need, and brighten lives during the COVID-19 pandemic by providing free window paint.

Bob's dedication to bringing people together, his proactive support, and his willingness to tackle any task to strengthen community bonds make him an exemplary recipient of the Community Builder Award.

On behalf of the Village, we thank Bob Butler for his outstanding contributions and unwavering commitment to our community.

Sincerely,

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Mayor Jeff Pruyn

September 8, 2024