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Good News Report

There are so many ways that individuals can touch the lives of others. Volunteerism is one of those ways. I would like to recognize an individual who generously and freely gives his time to the students at Carlock Elementary School. I am referring to Joe Hinderliter. Joe is our night custodian, but everyday he comes to school from 11:15-12:15 to supervise the playground. He does this without pay and at what I am sure is a certain amount of inconvenience in his life.

Joe doesn't just supervise the playground; he participates in recess at a level that is equal to that of the children. Whether he's throwing a football, pushing someone on a swing, or playing in a four-square tournament, there is no question in my mind that he enjoys being there. When there is a day that he is unable to make it, the students all ask for him. He provides a structure that children crave and even when students have to be disciplined, they always know he cares about them.

Halfway through the school year, one of my reading volunteers had to stop coming during her time. Even though I sent notes home to all my parents, the only person who stepped forward to fill that time slot one morning a week was Mr. Hinderliter. The students are thrilled to get to work with him on reading skills.

Joe's support for Carlock Elementary and his caring for the students and the staff truly make him a special person. We all appreciate everything he does for the school.

Sincerely,

Shelly J. Erickson