

Caregiver OF THE MONTH

Practicing what they preach

Tina and Harry Maxeiner of Decatur have been named as May's Caregivers of the Month. Tina is a Caregiver Manager at Family Visiting Nurses, and Harry is an Electrician for Bodine Electric. The couple are parents of 5 children, including 13 year old Erik, who was born with profound Cerebral Palsy. Tina, Harry, and the girls, Emili, 16, Andrea, 15, Mackenzie, 7, and Meghan, 5, all share in the care of Erik. Harry's mother, Janice Walser, also lives with the Maxeiners and cares for Erik.

Erik's care is extremely complex and time consuming. He has multiple tubes and a very strict medical regimen daily. Frequent hospitalizations at various hospitals, lots of sleepless nights and emergencies are common occurrences, and yet, Tina, Harry and the rest of the family never complain or dismiss any symptoms that require their attention. The couple was nominated by Kathy Heer. Kathy said, "Erik is alive today only because he is blessed by such loving, generous parents."

In appreciation for the selfless giving of Tina, the entire Maxeiner family and the many others like them, David and Karen Goebel are recognizing Caregivers with an award that acknowledges the amazing work they do each day. Please consider nominating a Caregiver in your life. Submit a nomination by mail to: Caregivers, 2801 N. Monroe St. Decatur, IL 62526 or email: caregivers@moranandgoebel.com.

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