

### **Jacob Pelletier (9-20-11)**

Jacob is a twelve-year old student attending Bemis Junior High. Mrs. Margaret F. Kunz authored the nomination on behalf of not less than ten of Jacob's most appreciative neighbors. Mrs. Kunz writes: We would like to nominate our neighbor, Jacob Pelletier, as he is extremely worthy of recognition as a "Shining Star" of a Great Neighbor. Jacob Pelletier has gone above and beyond what anyone can do to improve the quality of life for his neighbors. Jacob Pelletier has been a wonderful example of an exceptional young man that makes a difference in his community. Jacob has helped Mrs. Margaret Kunz many times after an illness in 2007...Jacob has just come over to shovel snow with out being asked. Jacob has helped on many, many occasions as Mrs. Kunz struggled to maintain her front and back yard lawn maintenance as well as weed whipping and maintaining her beloved flower bed. Jacob has voluntarily come over to assist Mrs. Kunz even after being told "no thank you", I am fine and I do not need help!" Jacob realizes that Mrs. Kunz struggles with weakness and lack of stamina. Jacob has assisted Mrs. Kunz with walking her dogs, as well as house sitting for her dogs and her cat. Jacob takes notice to check on Mrs. Kunz if he does not see her out and about just to check on her well being. Jacob has also helped Mrs. Kunz with simple things such as opening the garage door, fixing the handle on the garage, winding up the hoses, putting garden tools away when she is too tired, and taking groceries into her house. Jacob even came over one Saturday to help Mrs. Kunz move heavy boxes of papers from the basement. Jacob has always volunteered to help Mrs. Kunz out with their elderly neighbors that she visits on a regular basis, Walter and Margie Schutter. Jacob has also assisted neighbors, Duane and Lynn Staten many times. Jacob volunteers to take care of their pool when they are away. If the Staten family is busy working many hours, Jacob will voluntarily cut their grass just to "be nice!" During the snowy winter months, Jacob will make sure that the Staten family is able to enter their "shoveled" driveway when they arrive home from work at night and he shovels the sidewalk for them too. Jacob also volunteered as a Student Worship Leader at New Life Presbyterian Church this summer because Mrs. Kunz was unable to attend and assist with the Vacation Bible School Classes. Mrs. Kunz automatically knew that Jacob has Leadership Qualities that would be of immense value to all the younger students there. Jacob also came to the aid of another neighbor, Mrs. Linda Lemieur this summer. Linda states: "Jacob is a very kind and respectful boy. This summer I took a tumble in the neighbor's yard directly behind his yard. Jacob came over to make sure I was alright and extended his hand to help me up. He is very polite and a personable young man. All too often we don't see this anymore in a lot of our young people. It is also a credit to his mom and Dad, Jennifer and Dean." What speaks volumes about Jacob is the fact he told no one of his act of kindness and concern. It only came to light when Mrs. Lemieur informed Jacob's parents and Mrs. Kunz about his heroic actions at a later time. These are only a few examples of Jacob Pelletier's being a Nice Neighbor. His kindness, helpfulness, and selflessness are qualities that cannot be accurately described by the written word. It may not seem like a lot to Jacob or to some people, but it means the world to all of us that he has helped out. Jacob Pelletier is our "quiet hero."