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### **Ashwaubenon Athletes Show Support at Miracle League**

**Ashwaubenon, WI – July 17, 2014** - Ashwaubenon High School football, girls basketball and girls softball players were in attendance showing support for the Allouez Miracle League on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Coach Nicky Van Laanen and Coach Shannon Van Laanen also represented Ashwaubenon High School at the game.

The Allouez Optimists Miracle League of Green Bay is a non-profit organization that provides children with mental and/or physical challenges, ages 4 to 19 years, an opportunity to play baseball as a team member, with real uniforms, in an organized league, regardless of their capabilities. Founded in 2006, it is one of only two Miracle League programs in the state of Wisconsin to-date, with the other being in Kenosha.

“Miracle League last night was a great success!” said Coach Nicky Van Laanen. “Shannon and I decided we would make this a yearly event. What a great learning experience!” continued Coach Van Laanen. Long time announcer and retired Ashwaubenon teacher Bill Williams has encouraged our athletes to come out and show their support and encouragement for the young boys and girls playing in the league. New Activities Director/Associate Principal, Nick Senger, thinks it is great what this league provides and how Ashwaubenon student-athletes are learning from it. “Any time our student-athletes can be present to help excite and show support for other groups is a wonderful experience for all.” “I hope our kids appreciate the opportunities they have from being on a team and learn that they have a great responsibility to give back.”

For more information on the Miracle League you can contact the Paul Liegeois, Founder/Executive Director at 920-544-0072 or their website at [www.greenbaymiracleleague.com](http://www.greenbaymiracleleague.com). To contact Nick Senger, Activities Director/Associate Principal call 920-492-2955 extension 5333 or email nsenger@ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us.

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