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## NMAA SELECTS THE LOVING VOLLEYBALL TEAM AS THE "COMPETE WITH CLASS" HONOREE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2016

**ALBUQUERQUE, NM** – The New Mexico Activities Association is proud to announce that the Loving High School volleyball team has been recognized as the Compete with Class award recipient for the month of January 2016.

Jal's head coach for girls' basketball and softball, Jimmy Samaniego, nominated the Falcons. He sent the following nomination to the NMAA – "I wanted to share with the NMAA what the Loving volleyball team did at our home game in late January. They presented my wife with a check for \$1,000 for breast cancer awareness. My wife was diagnosed with Stage 3 cancer in October and has been undergoing treatment."

He continued by saying, "It was a very special act of kindness. It was wonderful to see opposing teams come together for a great cause. We are so thankful for their generous contribution."

Sportsmanship is defined by the NMAA as the act of treating others in a respectful manner, taking personal accountability for ones actions, and responding with integrity while engaged in competition.

The NMAA would like to thank and recognize the Loving High School volleyball team for setting a great example for the state of New Mexico.

Their act of sportsmanship exemplifies the true ideals of the Compete with Class Sportsmanship Initiative - respect, integrity, and responsibility. More information regarding the "Compete with Class" sportsmanship initiative can be found on the NMAA website at <a href="https://www.nmact.org">www.nmact.org</a>.

Note that the NMAA will announce a monthly honoree throughout the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year. Questions regarding this announcement can be directed to Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, at (505) 977-5385.

