

HOMETOWN HERO:

Linda Carter-Ferrier

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Linda is one of those individuals that folks refer to by first name within the community because she is so well known for her outstanding work on behalf of persons with ASD. I cannot count the number of times I have referred someone to her only to be told "She must be fabulous because other people have given me her name too." She is a wealth of information for parents and the school system and has tirelessly advocated for persons on the spectrum, both on an individual level and on county and statewide task forces.

It is rare to find an advocate whom school personnel are happy to see attending an IEP meeting, but Linda is that type of advocate. She is known and respected for her fairness, her calming presence, and her genuine desire to ensure that the best needs of students are met in the least restrictive and most practical way.

Linda has truly written the map that we all follow when working on behalf of students on the spectrum. We would absolutely be lost without her.