

HOMETOWN HERO:

# Pat Gagliano

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Over the course of about five years, I have had the privilege of witnessing Pat’s patience, kindness, and concern for the students she works so closely with. Pat has worn many hats at Old Mill Middle South; from substitute to one-to-one assistant, to her current position as one of the Autism Profile classroom teacher’s assistants.

Pat is truly one of a kind! She gives so fully of herself, and it shows in the eyes of her students! Pat’s love for her students is so obvious in the way she takes great care in her approach with each and every one. She has put herself on the line many times when working with students that have the potential to exhibit strong or sometimes harmful behavior. However, this does not stop Pat from doing what she loves to do: make a difference in a child’s life who has ASD. Pat is always willing to learn new strategies that will help her to give support to the students she works with.

The smiles that Pat receives every day from her students are true signs of the complete adoration they have for her! I do not know of an individual more deserving of the Hometown Hero Award than Pat Gagliano! She is a hero to her students and fellow co-workers as well. I don’t know what we would do without her; she is irreplaceable!