

HOMETOWN HERO:

Jacquelynnie Shade

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People who attend our summer beach parties rave about them and resolve to come back every year. The chapter member who deserves the lion’s share of the credit for these wonderful events is Jacquelynnie Shade. The board of AACC-ASA recognizes her as a Hometown Hero for her work coordinating the party every year.

Jacq has generously provided all of the supplies, as well as the facility, for the annual chapter beach party for several years. Thanks to her hard work, we are able to have a wonderful day in a secure, relaxing, and thoroughly enjoyable setting where our children are free to ‘be themselves’ and we are able to exhale, even for a few hours, and have fun! In addition to the great food and warm welcome she provides, Jacq recruits neighborhood students to attend; they fulfill their high school service requirement by assisting with the kids. Imagine hearing the words, “Would you like me to push the kids on the swing so you can get something to eat?” Music to ASD parents’ ears!

Jacq has been an invaluable ongoing support to our chapter, as well as to her husband Doug (one of our board members) and her son Thomas. We thank her for all of her contributions and are looking forward to more sun and fun this summer!