

## **Lindsey Cobb**

At a peewee basketball game one night, I overheard a parent say, "What would this community do without Lindsay Cobb?" That prompted me to think about her as a nominee for the "Great Friend to Families" award.

My daughter has been on 2 of her teams. I have been so impressed with her commitment to those little girls and their fitness/skills/teamwork. She is patient, kind, instructive and committed to their development as athletes and team players. Lindsay has coached her son and daughter's teams since they began playing sports - all on a volunteer basis. I understand that she also occasionally coaches kids one-on-one when asked.

Lindsay is dedicated to the notion of skill development, teamwork and sportsmanship. All children receive equal instruction and playing time as appropriate for the particular league. When coaching at the instructional level, she gives each child an equal opportunity to play regardless of the score. During a soccer practice last fall, a group of boys were practicing football on the next field. One of the football players was injured and lying on the ground. Lindsay instructed the girls to "take a knee" on the soccer field to show respect for the player until it was clear that he was okay.

Her enthusiasm and dedication to coaching kids has truly been an asset to families involved in youth athletics in the High Country. --Beth Jacquot, nominator

Lindsay Cobb is truly a "Great Friend to Families." Both of my children (Amber and Marissa) have known her for the past four years and have interacted with her not only on youth teams, but also in the schools, and at Appalachian State University. She is a selfless individual by giving her time and talents to the children of this community continuously. Not only does she support our children, but also in doing so they are learning valuable life skills that they will implement later. She is a motivator and genuinely cares for our children and this community and is integral in making the high country the special place that it is for so many of us. I can truly say if more people were like her, the world would be a much better place. --Chris Popoola

We wanted to wholeheartedly support Lindsay Cobb's nomination for the "Great Friend to Families" award. Growing up in an area where both recreational and classic soccer were readily available, and having played my entire childhood and in high school, our family is so grateful for Lindsay's drive and desire to make the wonderful sport of soccer available to the kids and youth of the high country. Having had Lindsay as our youngest daughter Erin's soccer coach, we have seen first hand her love of the game and the way that has translated to Erin and all of her teammates. Lindsay is so giving of her time in the midst of all of her many jobs - she is always kind and motivating in such positive ways - and is such an asset to the joint efforts of the TMSC. Her letter encouraging the community to support this amazing new soccer complex was inspiring and gave us personal insight into Lindsay's desire for all kids to have what she did not - organized soccer with fantastic facilities for everyone at an early age. She is not only a great soccer coach, but a great person, as well. -- Kathy, Robbie, Trey, Kathryn and Erin Stevens

It is great to find out about the "Great friend to families award" and an honor for me to nominate Lindsay Cobb, one who has devoted her time and energy in helping others and little girls in our community. It is well fitting and deserving award for Lindsay and recommended her without any reservation. --Ben Popoola

I have known Lindsay Cobb for almost four years. We met when our children started pre-school together. She is a wonderful, dedicated wife and Mother and a great friend. She is trustworthy and faithful. I am amazed that with all she has to do with managing a home, being a wife, mother, and soccer coach for sometimes both Lees McRae and ASU Women's teams, that she finds time for all that she does. She is also very close to her family. She has a strong faith in God. I know her parents are so proud of the woman she has become. She clearly loves sports and has such a gift when it comes to coaching. The children that she has coached love her and have a great deal of respect for her. If you watch Lindsay when she is coaching, you will see how important each child is to her and how she really has a desire for them to take away more than just how to play the game. She teaches teamwork, fairness, and kindness as well as how to be competitive. The children look at her with such respect while playing.

You can see how they want to please her. I am so thankful that my child has been blessed to have Lindsay as a coach and I am happy to call her my friend. She has really made an impact on many children as well as college students in this community. --Leigh Ann Byrd

Lindsay is born to coach. Her passion is teaching little kids how to play and enjoy sports. Just this morning, after commiserating about the 0 degree temperature, she talked about "what an awesome night" she had last night because she got to take Branan swimming, work with Harrison and his U11 team at basketball practice, coach Branan's basketball team at Greenway, and, finally, work with the ASU Women's Soccer team at training - all this after 3 pm. --Charlie Cobb

In this community, Lindsay is one of the few female coaches in youth sports, which makes her a much-needed role model for young girls. She coaches Harrison's and Branan's soccer and basketball teams. She coaches women's soccer at ASU and works with HCSA on clinics (she would work with high school kids, but she is limited by NCAA recruiting rules from doing that as incredulous as that may sound.) She has a vested interest in Hardin Park and knows many kids that she actively follows in their pursuits.

I have known Lindsay Cobb for 2 1/2 years, and I can say without question that I don't know another individual who is more dedicated to providing the youth of the High Country the opportunity to participate in quality athletic programs. Lindsay is constantly brainstorming ways to help the kids build a strong foundation so that their options are wide open when they are older. More importantly, after the brainstorming process is complete, Lindsay is diligent about bringing programs and opportunities to fruition. Her work ethic on behalf of others is incomparable.

In addition, Lindsay is a devoted wife, mother and friend. She is constantly thinking of others and how she can provide opportunities to enrich their lives. In addition to her responsibilities with ASU, she volunteers her time with several organizations in the area, including High Country Soccer Association, Watauga County Parks and Recreation and Greenway Basketball. She also wholeheartedly gives her time to train any child or teenager who asks. Her "coach's heart" certainly has benefited many young people and will continue to make a difference in the lives of those who are privileged to know her. I am thankful to count myself and my family in that number. --Julie Zuber