

2016 Coach of the Year - Teresa Shipman Sportsmanship Awards: Softball & Volleyball



Wow! What an honor to be chosen as 2016 Coach of the Year! The Mason City Parks and Recreation program has brought so many great opportunities to the children of Mason City and the surrounding areas, and I take great pride in being part of this program. I would like to thank all of the officials who take the time to get to know these athletes and continue to support and encourage them throughout the years, they too make the sport and the program a place children want to come back to year after year! I would also like to thank all of the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends who take time out of their busy lives to support these young athletes.

I started coaching softball two years ago with an amazing co-coach Melissa Garza, neither of us had coached before and decided to make a go of it. This last year we added 2 more levels of softball and 3 more children to our summer fun. This fall when a coach was needed for volleyball, I couldn't resist trying another sport and had an amazing time again with another wonderful group of kids! Coaching has been an absolutely amazing experience. I encourage all to volunteer and help with youth sports in our community, whether it be coaching, base umping, or a line judge, bring water to practice, or healthy snacks, and of course all of the encouragement in the world given to our beautiful youth!

I would like to thank my family for continuing to support each other as well. My husband Travis for being there to support our girls and being the swap out taxi driver between practices. Of course my girls, Natalie (14), Rachel (12), and Olivia (7) I am so happy to spend this precious time together and watch them grow, learn, and achieve their goals. And to our extended family & friends who made sure to make it to every game possible to support not only my children but our entire teams!

I am looking forward to another great year with the Mason City Parks and Recreation! Thank you once again, being chosen for this award is such a great honor!