

2015 Hall of Fame Honoree

Traci (Shiner) Gibson Class of 1986



A dedicated mother who put her family and community first, Traci Gibson looked beyond herself when she received a diagnosis of breast cancer at the age of 31. Rising above her own difficulties during her seven-year-long battle, Traci thought of the other families going through such a difficult time without the support or resources for which she was so very thankful.

To offer a way to relieve some of the stresses and demands of living with breast cancer, Traci created a legacy in “Traci’s Hope.”

Quoted from her website, she says “As time went on, I developed a sense of gratitude, appreciation and overwhelming love as my family, friends, and community came together to support my husband and me while I went through countless different cycles of chemotherapy and radiation... My family, friends and community changed our lives forever. It is from all of this love that I grew this ‘Hope’ inside of me. A ‘Hope’ to help others. To show my children what others have shown me.”

To this day, Traci’s Hope helps families in our area affected by breast cancer with expenses that insurance companies don’t cover. “While fighting this disease, the needs could be endless,” Traci wrote on her website. “...and nobody should have to do it alone.”

This is a posthumous induction. Traci Gibson lost her battle with breast cancer in 2006.

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and thank you to all of our Anonymous sponsors as well!

The Hall of Fame Committee would also like to thank the following who helped make this evening a success:

- **Mrs. Katie Donlin**, who trained and supervised the Vestal High School wait staff and coordinated the dining room set-up.
- **Art teacher Mrs. Amy Panella and her creative students - Jenna Iadanza, Vivi Mandichi, Julia Stockwin, Rosemary Vallely and Allison Zindle**, who created the lovely table centerpieces.
- **Ms. Marisa Crabb, Mr. Gregory Harris and Mr. Austin Kiley**, who arranged the talented student musical entertainment.
- **Mrs. Carla Warner**, who made Hall of Fame sashes for each honoree.

Right, Mrs. Panella and one of her students, Vivi Mandichi, work on the Hall of Fame centerpieces during a free period.



Mission Statement



The Vestal Central School District believes each student is unique and can learn. The District's mission is to provide instruction, programs, strategies and challenges in a caring, positive learning environment. Each student will become a critical thinker, a lifelong learner and a responsible, contributing citizen in a changing global society. The Board of Education, staff, parents, students and community share a commitment to this mission.

District Goals

Challenge all Vestal students to meet ever-increasing standards of excellence in preparation for participation in the global society.

Support student's efforts to learn and grow by assuring all a positive educational environment.

Foster community pride in the Vestal schools by communicating openly and effectively about our students and the school program.

Invest fiscal resources responsibly and effectively to accomplish the District's mission.

