



*Ashley Long*

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## 2021 Adult Honoree Hamblen County

Ashley has served with many organizations, the primary one for the Hamblen County area is MATS. She helped individuals with their daily tasks as well as helping them get back on their feet financially to afford rent or a home of their own, and how to sustain it. She currently is a mentor with another alum for a group of 7 new CAC AmeriCorps members. She helps to organize and plan meetings once a month with the group, but checks in with them regularly. Last month they met for dinner. This month they're trying to get a trivia night together, and in December they are hoping to get together a potluck with another mentor group!

She has also volunteered with the non-profit Office of Letters and Light that runs NaNoWriMo (short for National Novel Writing Month) for several years. She was a Municipal Liaison (community organizer) for the Pee Dee region in SC from 2013-2017 before moving to East Tennessee. For the last two years, she has been in the position for Tennessee Elsewhere region, which includes Hamblen County (and everywhere else in the state that does not have a dedicated region.) NaNoWriMo is active in November so it is in full swing right now! Sadly they are still not allowing in-person events this year, so everything that she had planned has to be virtual. One great thing he does for them is send out weekly pep talks, help run a chat room, plan events, and works on sending mailers with this year's themed sticker because everything is virtual. She was recently interviewed by a magazine discussing these topics quite recently.

Ashley is a "jack-of-all" trades, she has worked so hard for a total of three Bachelor's Degrees and can play a multitude of instruments as well as teach others how to play them. A short list of the instruments she can play are ukulele, guitar, piano, and sing. She's a very talented and service driven individual, and just as deserving as anyone to win this award for Hamblen County.



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