



# In the Spotlight

*Highlighting Exceptional Employees*

## Lisa Baaske

**Supervisor, Community Center**

### **Joined Town:** July 1990

The Parks and Recreation Department is important to the people of Chapel Hill for a number of reasons, but none are more important than the role it plays in developing our children. A real key to this success is the great staff in the department and their love for all children. This love is exemplified by Lisa Baaske, supervisor of the Chapel Hill Community Center.

Lisa is an 18-year veteran of the department and is responsible for the day to day operations of the Community Center and its programs. Lisa has spent the last few months getting the Community Center re-opened and operating after a massive renovation project that basically rebuilt the entire building.

As she has for the past four years, Lisa served as director of Camp Paradise, a summer camp for school age children held at the Community Center. Her great attitude and love of “her kids” combined to create a wonderful experience for more than 160 kids during the eight-week camp. She incorporates a community service project into each week of day camp—providing treat bags

for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House, bringing plants, treats or cards to nursing homes and senior centers, or sending cards to troops serving overseas. The camp is only one of many responsibilities Lisa handles to improve the quality of life for people in Chapel Hill and Orange County.

Lisa says her job is rewarding, and every day brings a new challenge.

Lisa was born in Wisconsin, and says she does not miss shoveling snow. She now lives in Chatham County and is very active in the life of Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church in Pittsboro. She enjoys being outside and gardening.

**Our Value:** According to Parks and Recreation Director Butch Kisiah, “Lisa is a fantastic resource for this community. Her ‘can-do’

### **Value in the Spotlight**

## Professionalism

efficient • competent • accountable • effective  
committed to excellence • responsive



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spirit, her love for children and her professional abilities keep the community center alive with activity every day of the week.”

### **Senior Management Team Values**

In November 2007, the Town’s Senior Management Team adopted the following set of values to guide their behavior and decisions. These values are Ethics, Social Equity, Professionalism, Respect, Innovation



and Teamwork. It is the intent of the Town Manager and the Senior Management Team to strengthen the organization with a commonly held set of values that drive our mission and objectives.