



"I LIKE TO BE NEEDED," stated librarian Mary Gavenda, and she definitely is needed, not only to meet the library's needs, but as a listening ear for students.

**In Our Community, Everyone Learns To Pitch In. If The Support People At Ashley Had A Motto, It Might Be:**

## **Hang On To Help Out!**

Students at Ashley are some of the luckiest students in America's educational system, because they have two things a lot of schools don't have . . . a listening ear and a friendly face.

Librarian Mary Gavenda says she feels comfortable around the students because she has always had kids in her own home, which allows her to have a special bond with students. She makes up the listening ear part.

Janitor Duane Saylor, on the other hand, stated that he likes to say "Hi!" or "How's it going?" to students so that it is just a casual friendship

with the students. He is the friendly face — the second part of a combination.

The cooks, too, seem to fill in the gaps that are left sometimes. Theresa Lytle believes that working with kids is one of the best things she'll ever do in her life and she remarked that there isn't much else she'd rather do.

When you put these individuals together, you come up with a support system for students that can't be beat. All three groups stated that they feel better working at school than they would working at home or anywhere else.

