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## All Roads Lead Home

Where we love is home  
Home that our feet may  
leave, but not our hearts

—Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

By Corey Portalatin-Berrien

Home means something different to everyone. It can be the place you live or where your family resides. But it is always the place where you feel welcome and safe. Home is where the heart is.

While everyone we serve has a home of their own, not everyone has a home with people they consider 'family.' Many people have lost loved ones long ago or have lost touch over the years. But two gentlemen supported by Hope House recently took impromptu journeys and found long-lost families— and another place they can call home.

### Childhood Memories

It was a fall day, just like any other. The leaves were changing colors and there was a crisp note in the air. Tim Wright, a gentleman we serve, and Samantha, a staff person, were on their weekly excursion to his favorite supermarket to purchase groceries. After shopping Tim asked that they drive through one of the nearby neighborhoods. As they drove he reminisced about his childhood in the area; spending time with his dad fishing, watching sports on TV, or playing games.

Tim asked to turn right as they approached a shaded street. The next street they made a left. He pointed to an older Cape Cod style home with a pebble driveway and a large oak in the front, and asked to stop there.

As they pulled into the driveway Samantha found herself surprised and very curious when she noticed Wright written on the mailbox, Tim's last name. He smiled at her and gestured for her to hurry up as they walked to the front door.

This was Tim's childhood home; the place of many happy childhood memories and big dreams of having his own place one day. But as Tim grew older he lost touch with his father. Tim rang the doorbell and grinned, his eyes twinkling; it was just as he remembered. A moment later the door opened. A short man in his eighties stood there, with a slight smile on his face. At that moment Tim extended a hand and said, "hi daddy." The two men shook hands and talked about their lives.

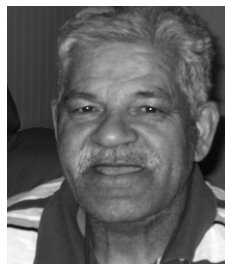
Since then Tim has spent many afternoons chatting with his father, and they spent Christmas together; enjoying each other's company.

### Over the River and Through the Woods

Every other month Pearly takes a trip to Fredericksburg so that he can visit his sister and put a bouquet of daisies on his parents' grave. After an uneventful trip he asked Cindy, the staff person who accompanied him, to take an alternate route back to the highway. Pearly lead her down a series of winding, heavily forested roads through the mountains.

They drove for 20 minutes before Cindy asked where they were going. Pearly said that his cousin lived in the area and he wanted to stop by. As they rounded a corner, Pearly pointed to a drive way and indicated that this was where his cousin lived.

A middle-aged man was sitting on the porch, cautiously watching the unfamiliar vehicle pull



Pearly Johnston

up to the house. As soon as Pearly stepped out of the car the man on the porch jumped up and ran over to give Pearly a bear hug. It was Cousin Bobby, Pearly's closest childhood playmate.

They spent the afternoon catching up and laughing about the good old days when they were kids and ran around without a care in the world. Before leaving Cousin Bobby asked that Pearly stop by to visit every time he is in town.

A man travels the world  
over in search of what he  
needs and returns  
home to find it

—George Moore

The way home isn't clearly marked; it can be a winding and sometimes treacherous journey. Tim and Pearly took their trips to reconnect with family and found love and acceptance. In the end all that any one person wants is a place that they can call home.



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# Relationships of Hope

by Lynne Seagle

*“Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out.”*

— Vaclav Havel, Czech writer and politician

I share this quote with you because I believe it sheds light on how we might view Governor Kaine’s budget-motivated proposal for closing Southeastern Virginia Training Center. People with disabilities and fellow advocates have zealously lobbied for change in Virginia’s disability system— they’ve hoped for inclusive community living, person-centered services, job opportunities, a home of their own, freedoms, and so much more. We’ve all hoped to shake the system, but now that it is shifting, does our hope remain in trusting that these changes make sense?

For quite some time, disability associations have called on states to pursue community services as the preferred alternative to institutional care. Over the past decade, states across our nation have responded by closing institutions.

Commendably, their primary motivation has been to serve the interest of those confined to such facilities. In contrast, Virginia remained steadfast in its support of institutions for those with disabili-



Lynne Seagle

ties and up to this point has not closed one. That may be about to change, although, for different reasons. The Southeastern Training Center is located in Chesapeake and is a large congregate setting for about 185 people with disabilities. Governor Kaine’s proposal for closing the center is based on budget concerns. Some would say so what, as long as we move forward with more progressive and state of the art services then what does it matter if we close institutions because of money or because it is the right thing to do for people with disabilities? I disagree. I believe the only way any transformation of services makes sense is when the biggest stakeholder, the person with the disability, is the reason for the change. Only then can we be assured that we not only do the right thing but we also do it the right way. Designating people with disabilities as a chosen victim of hard economic times and an unbalanced budget is a very different statement than asserting that they should have control over their every day lives. For people with disabilities, acknowledging that the individual should be in charge of his or her own destiny is something that makes sense.

Let me provide one example of how closing the facility for budget reasons could negatively impact people with disabilities. If Southeastern was closing because the nature of services was changing to a community setting, then the focus would be on the transition of service-related issues. However, closure on budget concerns doesn’t put such issues on the forefront; rather, it might not regard them at all. Consider the relationships formed between people with disabilities and their staff who have assisted and

supported them for years. In order for this closure or any like it to be successful, relationships, services in their totality, and the person with the disability must come first. At Hope House Foundation we place a high regard on relationships, not only among our board of directors, staff and those we support, but also with our community. If someone told me tomorrow that Hope House would be relocated to say, New Jersey, what would become of this agency? We would be a shell of what we once were, because the tapestry and fabric within this organization is interwoven and sewn together by the people who care about us. Without them, Hope House is not Hope House. We would lack the meaning, not to mention enthusiasm, necessary to continue our journey in the same way. You cannot replace thirty years of building friendships, creating a home, and most importantly understanding who you are and who you want to become. Things that make sense are trust, love, support and the uniqueness of each relationship we have and ever will have. I suspect if you are reading this then you too have a relationship with Hope House. Maybe it has been ages since we have seen one another or just yesterday— regardless, all of our relationships are important to us and shape who we are and who we hope to be.

We should close Southeastern, not on the grounds that money has motivated us to treat people like they are expendable, but because there is a better way for people with disabilities to live. So yes Virginia, do continue this effort to put large congregate institutions in our past, where they belong, but not the people who have formed strong ties and irreplaceable friendships. Hold them sacred and important because in doing so we will create hope with meaning.

recent visit to Hope House Foundation. Peggy and I were impressed with all we had read about Hope House Foundation before our visit and we left Norfolk even more impressed, learning more about the great person-centered work that everyone does at Hope House.

Please extend our thanks to Paula and Shannon for spending so much time with the two of us and answering all of our many questions. During our visit it was very evident that all of the staff we met were well supported and very committed to the philosophy and objectives of Hope House Foundation.

Peggy and I both agreed that the Virginia Office of MRDD services would do well to contract with Hope House Foundation to learn about the art of supporting individuals with DD to live person-centered and fulfilled lives in the community. We felt that the State of Virginia should use a proven in-state resource and not pay for an out of state consultant to learn the same life lessons.

Thanks again for all of the time and information that you all shared with Peggy and I.

Sincerely,  
Bill and Peggy Twasutyn, Oneonta, NY

Dear  
Lynne,

I am writing to thank you for all of your time that you graciously shared with Peggy and I on our

# Everyone Deserves a Cure

By Corey Portalatin-Berrien



Breast cancer does not discriminate. It affects people of all abilities, incomes, races and beliefs.

Hope House Foundation is proud

to partner with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation to provide specialized breast health programs for women with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Women with intellectual and developmental disabilities fight an uphill battle in society every day—dealing with stereotypes and myths about their lack of ability and importance. They can be taught very early on to think negatively about their bodies. As a result many women avoid necessary medical checkups and preventative screenings in order to avoid embarrassment and feeling vulnerable and scared.

Our program, made possible by The Susan G. Komen Foundation, teaches women with disabilities how to conduct a self breast exam in an environment where they feel safe and comfortable. We are the only organization in Hampton Roads that has a breast health curriculum for women with disabilities. Our breast health program embraces different learning styles and abilities, and provides tools for people with visual or auditory impairments. The curriculum also covers how to address risk factors, such as being overweight, and helps women gain confidence in themselves and their bodies.

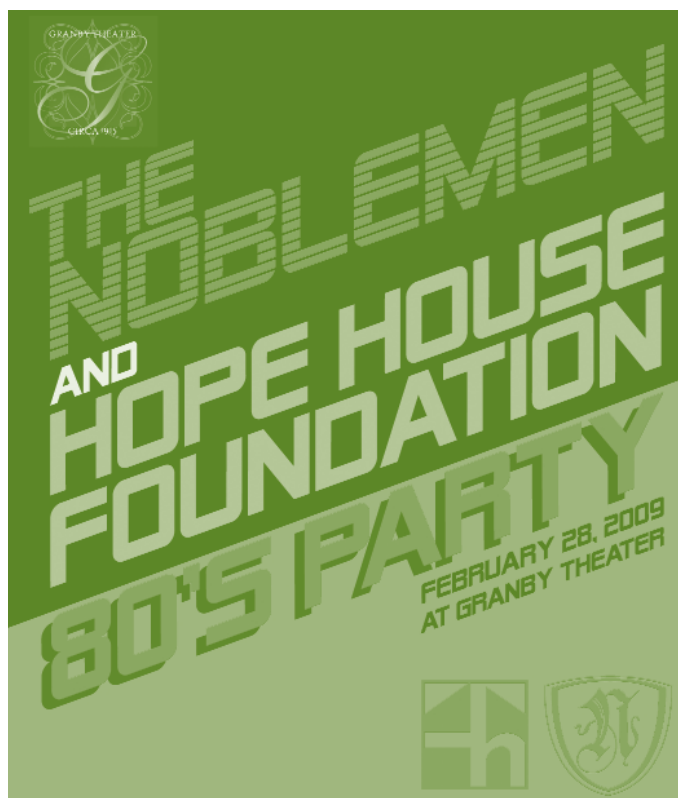
Our partnership with the Susan G. Komen Foundation gave us the opportunity to get involved in the 2008 Race for the Cure. We set up a tent and spread our message to over 1,000 runners, walkers, and survivors who participated in the race. The Race for the Cure was so popular with the people we serve and staff that this year we will be creating a team of runners and walkers to participate. We are running with Hope. Because everyone deserves a cure.

## Hope House Foundation Board of Directors



Left to Right: Richard Mapp, III (President), Joyce Schmidt (Secretary), Pam Katrancha, Dorothy Clark, Matt Fine (Vice President), Rachel Silver, Pete Leddy, Janet Davis, Kathy Powell, Joshua Harris, Jeff Parker, Gloria Elgin, Grey Persons, John Redding, Caron Crouse (Treasurer), Tom Moss III

Hope House Foundation is a nonprofit organization established in 1964 to provide residential services for people with developmental disabilities in Hampton Roads. Funded through public and private funds, the agency is committed to serving people in an environment with dignity and respect.



## 80's Mardi Gras Night TO BENEFIT HOPE HOUSE FOUNDATION & THE NOBLEMEN Saturday, February 28 • Granby Theater Norfolk

Hope House Foundation and The Noblemen present 80's Mardi Gras at the Granby Theater in downtown Norfolk! Vinyl Headlights—a true 80's throwback band – will begin their performance at 8 pm.

Feast on French Quarter fare and plan for New Orleans style street carnival madness. This is going to be a rip-roaring party, and we're sure it'll blow your socks off! Since we're celebrating Mardi Gras-1980's style, come prepared with crimped hair and rolled up Jordache jeans. And, get ready to dance into the morning with hits like *I Want You To Want Me* and *Roxanne*.

The Noblemen and Hope House Foundation joined forces to make this event a guaranteed winner. All proceeds from this event will benefit both of these non-profit organizations located in the Hampton Roads area: Hope House Foundation, dedicated to community living for people with disabilities, and The Noblemen, who are dedicated largely to children. Make the world better and have fun at the same time. . . .don't miss this event!

Call Elena Berry at 625-6161, Ext. 20, with any questions. The historic Granby Theater is located at 421 Granby Street in downtown Norfolk.

**\$15 pre-door; \$20 door; Doors open at 7pm.  
Pre-sale tickets at [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com).**



Hope House Foundation— proud to be a partner.

# NEWS FROM THE FIELD

*(Editor's note: The Arc of Virginia has put forth their annual budget and legislative priorities and is strongly encouraging weekly action toward supporting these priorities during the General Assembly. Please log onto <http://capwiz.com/arcofva/state/main/?state=VA> to view the budget priorities and follow the weekly call to action. From this site you can support these efforts and contact your legislators with just a click of your mouse.)*

## The Arc of Virginia General Assembly Update

*"Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. This is the interrelated structure of reality."* — Martin Luther King, Jr.

These are truly historic and unprecedented times here in Virginia. While we are seeing the beginning steps of Virginia potentially moving away from its outdated and antiquated practice of institutionalization of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, Virginia is also facing the challenges of a significant \$3 billion budget shortfall and several cuts to services for Virginians with developmental disabilities. It will be critical that advocates continue to stay connected and active during this General Assembly session to ensure that the *A Life Like Yours* movement continues to grow in these times of historic challenges and opportunities. Help Virginia move forward knowing that we're all in this together—whether we are impacted directly, or affected indirectly. Now more than ever, it will be critical we speak with "one voice" in saying that it is time to commit for Virginia to a true, community-based system of support.

## Reform Training Centers Now for Future Reinvestment

*(Excerpted from 1-29-09 article)*

The Arc of Virginia President, Howard Cullum, told the Senate Subcommittee that the average cost per resident per year for institutional care in Virginia is \$189,300. Mr. Cullum added, as a comparison, that, "The average cost of the 7,662 persons currently receiving MR waiver services is \$70,000. Of this total number of waiver recipients, over 4,000 live in community group homes at an average cost of \$95,000. It is important to understand that these 7,662 persons are eligible for (care) at a state institution but chose community care. Community care is what families want— even if it means being on a waiting list. The bottom line is that state institutional care in Virginia costs twice that of community care."

The Alliance for Community, the Partnership for People with Disabilities, the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities, and the Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy continues to press its case for legislative action to reform state Training Centers and start down the road of reinvestment to community-based care. Its reform and reinvestment approach will not only provide a better quality of life for training center residents but will also help address the large waiting list for the Medicaid MR and DD waivers. These waivers support community care for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, but the waiting list is 5,188 persons and growing. Virginia has an opportunity to match its longstanding policy of shifting to a community care system for persons with intellectual disabilities— and it makes fiscal sense. Reform the system, reinvest the dollars, reduce the waiver wait lists, build a Virginia that is proud to say that it provides quality community care to all in need. (Go to [www.arcofva.org](http://www.arcofva.org) for more information)



## 2009 Chesapeake Arts Show

The Chesapeake Arts Show is held at Lakeside Park located in the South Norfolk neighborhood of Chesapeake on Bainbridge Boulevard. The event is free and open to the public. More than forty artists will be displaying and selling their work. There will be live music, kid's activities, and festival food. For more information contact Stephanie Kaplan (757) 625-6161 ext. 19 or log onto [www.hope-house.org](http://www.hope-house.org).

**Saturday, April 25, 10am-5pm • Sunday, April 26, 12pm-5pm**  
**After Hours Party/Artists Award Reception Saturday, 5pm-7pm**  
**Weekend-long activities are free and open to the public**

*Go to [hope-house.org](http://hope-house.org) for music and children's activity schedules*



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## DID YOU KNOW?

For parents of children or adults with disabilities, writing wills can be especially complicated. If a sibling or family friend is willing to take over care, such a relationship must be formalized in court. Assets left to people with disabilities may also prevent them from receiving needed services, making special-needs trusts necessary for many. In order to create an individualized plan that provides a bright future for your loved one(s), Hope House Foundation recommends working directly with an attorney or financial advisor with experience in elder law and/or disability law. Additionally, many Community Service Boards have a protected community trust to assist with such issues. Please contact us should you need direction or assistance in seeking these resources.

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As part of the \$700 billion bailout package signed by President Bush, there was a provision encouraging transfers from retirement accounts to charitable groups. The law renews the Charitable IRA Rollover, which expired at the end of 2007. It allows people at least 70 years old to make tax-free distributions from Roth or traditional IRAs directly to nonprofits. The annual cap is \$100,000. The provision is retroactive to Jan. 1, 2008, and extends through 2009. Federal law mandates withdrawals, usually taxable, from IRAs starting at age 70.

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The entire Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (DD Act)—a comprehensive collection of legislation, hearings, manuals, reports and reviews— is now available at [www.mncdd.org/dd\\_act/dd-act.html](http://www.mncdd.org/dd_act/dd-act.html).

# An All Too Common Story

James Smith\*, who has Down syndrome, has relied upon his doting mother for 47 years, but his parents are now entering their 80s and facing Alzheimer's. When a family friend asked James' mother, Dorothy Smith\*, about her plan for his future, she began to cry. She can only hope to live forever and James probably has many years left. In fact, he is part of the first generation of people with developmental disabilities likely to outlive their parents in great numbers—a situation that, years ago, few would have predicted.

The American Association for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) estimates that 60% of people with intellectual disabilities in the U.S. currently live at home with a caretaker who is 60 years or older. In Virginia, that translates to nearly 20,000 citizens receiving residential support from aging family members. With the number of Americans over age 65 set to double in the next 30 years, the number of elderly caregivers, along with increasing longevity for people with disabilities, is likely to place a significant demand for increased services and supports in the near future.

Many of the Virginians who receive support at home are awaiting the opportunity to receive supported living services in the community, like the type provided by Hope House Foundation. Unfortunately this support often requires a Medicaid-Waiver, for which the present Virginia waiting list is 5000 citizens long, and can take up to 10 years.

"It's bleak, in that society didn't plan and government didn't plan," said Nancy Meltzer, who helps aging families struggling with this issue at The Arc of King County, Virginia. "And for the most part, families didn't plan."

So what can we do to affect change in the right direction? We can support legislative efforts for funding community services for people with disabilities. We can support non-profit organizations such as Hope House Foundation. Supporting Hope House not only helps to support people with disabilities but also affects real change in the lives of entire families in Hampton Roads.

As is often the case in life, a plan is essential in effecting ones' preferred course for the future. The more actively we plan, the better the chances that the life we'd like our loved ones to experience will come true. The Virginia system may be under-prepared for the future, but we can all take action to change that for our loved ones, and others. (\* Names have been changed)



## Our Wish List

- 20 movie passes • Outdoor swing w/canopy • Patio Furniture
- Push Lawn Mower • 2 RT airline tickets\* • New Electric Stove
- Restaurant Gift Cards • New Bed (Mattress and Box spring)

We would like to thank those supporters of Hope House who recently helped fulfill wishes for the people we support. Thank you for enhancing their lives! If you can help fulfill any of these wishes, please contact Lauren Knowles at 625-6161, ext. 19 or email [lknowles@hope-house.org](mailto:lknowles@hope-house.org).

\* travel in the U.S. with any Norfolk carrier

# PAGE BY PAGE

By Page Powell—Out and about in Hampton Roads

Happy New Year Everyone! For this column we hit a local favorite and long time supporter of Hope House Foundation—Cogan's Pizza, located at 1901 Colonial Ave. in Norfolk.

My friend and I went for lunch on a Tuesday. Once you walk into Cogan's you notice that the place has a unique atmosphere and is very, shall I say, antiquesy. Everywhere you look there is something to see; from the pool tables and video games to the ATM machine.

We talked with Jennifer Siddens, General Manager, who told us it used to be a pharmacy and soda shop.

It was converted into a restaurant in 1960 and the current owners took over in 2003.



Enough about that— onto the food! They had a salad bar at lunch that had salad, pasta and pizza. There was a good selection of things for the salad. There were two selections of pizza, a medium spicy ground beef (be careful if you don't like spicy) and a barbecue. On request they made a pepperoni— my favorite. Jennifer told us all the dough is made fresh and you can see them doing it. All the pizzas were great and the crust was just right, not too thick and not too thin. The sauce was awesome. However, the pepperoni was "off the charts." Jennifer says the best selling pizzas are the Margarita, Spinach and California Dream. The pasta was Alfredo and it was very good; thick and creamy. My friend opted for a salad— spinach and roasted mushroom. She reports that it was exceptional, with feta cheese and just right cooked bacon.

There is also bar seating and they have 33 beers on tap and happy hour Monday to Friday, 11am – 7 pm. The service was great. The servers were friendly, accommodating (making pepperoni for me) and fast.

I would highly recommend Cogan's. We definitely plan on a return trip!

# TEAM SPOTLIGHT



## Michael Walton

If you've been to the Thrift Store, you've likely met Michael Walton, one of the many helpful and hardworking employees we're lucky to have in our organization. He serves as the Thrift Store Assistant Manager, and says the most rewarding part of his job is "work-

ing with the team we have at the thrift store, and getting to see all the cool new things that get donated every day."

### **What is the most challenging part of your job?**

Keeping track of all the different things going on at any one time. You will never believe all of the things that go on inside a thrift store on a given day until you work at one.

### **Where are you from and how did you come to work for HHF?**

We moved a lot growing up, but I consider Virginia Beach a hometown. I started driving the thrift store truck part-time when I first moved back to the area. I soon became full-time and have been around now for six or seven years.

### **Do you find HHF to be different from other organizations?**

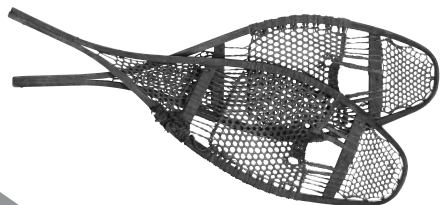
I find Hope House to be filled with committed and caring people. More than anything, it's the people of Hope House that distinguish it from other organizations.

### **What do you like about HHF?**

Even though we don't take part in direct support at the thrift store, I believe in the simple mission of Hope House that enables people to live ordinary lives. That's what provides the incentive to help raise as much money as possible for the agency.

Michael is currently taking classes at ODU. He says his interests include always being on the lookout for good books and records, "I used to like to go to thrift stores a lot, but I pretty much get my fill of that now."

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## Dwight L. Core Jr.

**January 1960 – October 2008**

Hope House Foundation had the pleasure of supporting Dwight Core for over two decades. We came to know Dwight as a young man in the 1980's, when he came to live in one of Hope House's group homes. Dwight made friends wherever he went, always wearing a big smile. He spent his last few years living with



his beloved sister Cynthia Klinger, aka 'Honey', at their home in Norfolk. Dwight loved watching wrestling matches, coloring, joking around and making others smile, and most of all, his family. He will be missed by all those who knew him. (To see a short, moving documentary on Dwight, go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YM1cPOzK7IA>)

# IN MEMORIAM



## Grace Faircloth

1926–2009

On Sunday, January 18th, we said good-bye to Grace Faircloth. Grace was 82 years old and had been supported

by Hope House Foundation for almost 25 years. Grace was admired and loved by many.

Grace's life began on a farm in Newport News in 1926, the youngest of 12 children. Unfortunately, at age 10, Grace could not yet read due to a learning disability and as a result, no longer qualified to attend school. Since there were no other educational options for her she was labeled disabled and sent to an institution. She remained in that institution until 1984, at which time a group of social workers from Norfolk visited the institution looking for people who might want to move to a group home. Once out of the institution, Grace blossomed in her new life. After almost a half a century locked away, at the age of 58, she now had a chance to do and try new things and was able to experience the joy of making her own choices, like the color of her own bedspread and what to cook for dinner. Her favorite new friend was Buddy, the golden retriever who lived at the group home. Grace selflessly spent her own money on treats for him. She loved trying everything... and was thrilled to try new foods and see new things.

At age 69, Grace moved from the group home into her very own apartment, where she lived for the next 13 years. Grace loved chocolate, dogs, babies, coffee, and buying fresh flower bouquets for her apartment. Grace will be missed.

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### Overheard

*I wanted to let you know that Sharon Russell, the case manager on the 5th floor at Sentara, paged Hope House the day after Grace passed. When I returned her call, she told me that she had paged Hope House specifically to express her admiration (again) for the staff at Hope House and their support of Grace. She said that in all her years as a hospital case manager that she has never seen anything like it. She said that she sincerely means it and was so touched by the love that she witnessed.*

—Terri Ann Versprille, Hope House Director



# A Day at the Races

## Hope House Foundation & The Noblemen Present the 2009 Kentucky Derby Party

Saturday, May 2 • Talbot Hall, Norfolk

Hope House Foundation and The Norfolk Noblemen are teaming up again to throw the party of the year— The 2009 Kentucky Derby Party! It's a time for women to put on sundresses and big hats while men grab their sunglasses, and for everyone to head outdoors for a day of food, fun, and horse racing. The event is held at one of Norfolk's largest and most beautiful outdoor venues: the grounds of Talbot Hall, right on the Lafayette River. This all day Derby Party will include an 'all you can eat' southern style buffet, beverages, silent auction, Derby games, Best Hat Contest, live music, and of course the race, shown on two giant projector screens. The event will be held from 2pm-7pm on the grounds of Talbot Hall located at 600 Talbot Hall Road in Norfolk.

Tickets available for \$55 at [www.thenoblemen.org](http://www.thenoblemen.org)

### VOLUNTEERING IS FUN... GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

Hope House Foundation needs volunteers to help with our art festivals, concerts, and the many unique fundraising events we hold. Join the Hope House events team where you can become involved in a variety of fundraisers throughout the year. Volunteering gives you an opportunity to change people's lives, including your own. For information on how to join our events team please contact Lauren Knowles at [lknowles@hope-house.org](mailto:lknowles@hope-house.org) or 757-625-6161.



### BE A HERO OF HOPE...DONATE ONLINE!

Want to make a donation to Hope House? Donate online! Go to [www.hope-house.org](http://www.hope-house.org) to donate through our website. You can donate by credit card on a secure page, and you can choose how you would like your donation spent. All donations are tax deductible, and improve the quality of life for the people we support!

### HOPE HOUSE FOUNDATION EXTENDS A WARM THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING RECENT GRANT DONORS

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# hope news events

**2/28/09**

**Mardi Gras—80's Style!** Live music from Vinyl Headlights & New Orleans style buffet. Doors open at 7PM at the Granby Theater, Norfolk. Make a \$15 donation at [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com) for a pre-sale ticket or a \$20 door donation. Call 757-625-6161 for more info.

**4/25-26/09**

**Chesapeake Arts Show** 10AM-5PM Saturday, 12 Noon-5PM Sunday. Reception/ Party 5-7PM Saturday. Festival is free and open to the public. Call 757-625-6161 for more information.

**5/2/09**

**Kentucky Derby Party** held on the grounds of Talbot Hall overlooking the Lafayette River in Norfolk. Enjoy watching the race, live entertainment, and much more. For ticket information call 757-625-6161.

**5/16-17/09**

**25th Annual Stockley Gardens Spring Arts Festival** 10AM-6PM Saturday, 12 Noon-6PM Sunday, After Hours & Artists Award Party featuring Silent Auction and the band Butter 6-9PM Saturday. For more information call 757-625-6161.

**Through 5/31/09**

**Hope House Thrift Shop Sales and Events** For more information, call 625-7493.

February 16-28: Return of the Customer Sale! Receive a coupon for 20% off your next purchase when you spend \$10.

March 1 – 15: Honor Thy Woman—Int'l Woman's Day Sale Save 25% on all women's apparel, shoes, jewelry, hats, purses, etc.

March 16 - 31: Spring Cleaning Sale! Receive a 25% discount on your purchase when you bring items to donate to the store.

April 1 – 15: Hop Into Easter! Save 25% on baskets, knick-knacks, pillows, & dresses.

April 16 – 30: April Showers! Save 50% on umbrellas, raincoats, boots, hats, & baby items.

May 1 – 15: May Days of Sale! Save 25% on linens, lamps, luggage, small appliances, & silk flowers.

May 15 – 31: Our 5-15 Sale! Receive a \$5 coupon for your next purchase when you spend at least \$15.

Please visit our website [www.hope-house.org](http://www.hope-house.org) for updates or call 625-6161 more information.