

LYNNE SEAGLE RECEIVES HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Lynne Seagle, the former executive director of Hope House Foundation, received the Hingsburger Humanitarian Award from the National Association of Direct Support Professionals (NASDP). The award was presented at the 2023 NADSP Annual Conference in Pittsburgh on September 8.

In Dave Hingsburger's honor, the National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals created the Hingsburger Humanitarian Award in 2021. The recipients of this prestigious award are those who are champions and allies and have demonstrated excellence in their advocacy with people with disabilities and direct support professionals.

Seagle began her career at Hope House Foundation in 1978 as director of residential services and served as executive director for 44 years before retiring in 2022.

"I feel a great deal of humility in accepting this award, not only was Dave Hingsburger a friend but so too a mentor," said Seagle. "The opportunity to champion the rights and value of people with disabilities and those who support them has been the greatest honor of my life."



SHANNON SAYS: “LET’S DO SOMETHING!”

A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHANNON POCIASK



As Hope House leaders, we are constantly challenged to do something new that will push the envelope to improve our support of people with disabilities. For me, doing something is the action of our words, and it is important that what we say is what we do.

Our three-year strategic business plan furthers the agency’s mission to improve the lives of those we support. The intention of our plan increases opportunities for people to experience authentic, meaningful inclusion by overcoming barriers to access quality support and services in all areas of their lives. Hope House must continue to serve as a model to ensure that community life is a choice for all people with developmental disabilities. Through a series of sessions with employees, our Board of Directors and conversations with community supporters, the following three priorities were developed:

- Universal access will continue to move services from the outdated minimum Virginia requirements into the 21st century. That means providing the best technology available for the people we employ and support.
- A supported workforce will provide the highest quality services because they are equipped with the training and resources to proactively address and respond to changing needs consistently.
- Partnerships are essential to true participation in the community; not just living in it. Volunteerism, employment, events, and quality housing make a full life possible.

Hope House Foundation has a strong history of being innovative, creative and solution focused to maintain the conviction that people with disabilities have the right to community living. This is an exciting time for Hope House as we enter our first year of actions in support of the new three-year strategic business plan. There are many reasons a person might do something to further our mission. Perhaps it is an internal motivation, seeing injustice or developing personal relationships with the people we support. The agency’s strategic plan provides a roadmap to remain focused on our priorities and to do something truly meaningful. We are an agency of action and believe that the work we do every day has a long-lasting effect on our community.



CATALYST FOR CHANGE AWARD WINNERS

ARC of Virginia recently awarded Catalyst for Change awards to Our Voices and Jesse Monroe, both affiliated with Hope House Foundation. These awards are given annually to community members or organizations whose actions have sparked significant advancements in the developmental disability civil rights movement.

Our Voices, a group of self and peer advocates from Hope House Foundation, was recognized for its dedication and endless work regarding issues that are important to the greater disability community including electing city council members, legislative visits, Dept. of Justice hearings, videos during COVID and much more. The group includes Kevin Latham, Jesse Monroe and Grace Feazelle.

Jesse Monroe was also acknowledged individually with a Catalyst for Change Award for his self-advocacy.

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR JONEE JUSTIN

Jonee has demonstrated leadership by example and supports people we support by connecting them to their community whether it’s being part of a church congregation or enjoying coffee and sweets at Dunkin Donuts. She is innovative and person centered, and she is committed to supporting a person’s entire life – even to the end and has helped people accomplish important things they’ve always wanted to do on their bucket lists.



AMBASSADORS OF HOPE

Congratulations to our 2023 Ambassadors of Hope who work hard each day to make a difference in the lives of those supported by Hope House. From left to right: Dekeisha Graham – Ambassador of Commitment; Kim Rose – Ambassador of Community Connections; Joy Clemons-Carlisle – Ambassador of Person-Centered Supports; Christopher Butler – Ambassador of Innovation; Sara Moore – Ambassador of Leadership and Jonee Justin – Direct Support Professional of the Year



HOPE HOUSE FOUNDATION HOSTS THE STOCKLEY GARDENS FALL ARTS FESTIVAL,

a free two-day community event featuring 130+ artists, musicians and food vendors. The Stockley Gardens Fall Arts Festival, presented by TowneBank, takes place in Stockley Gardens Park at the corner of Stockley Gardens and Olney Road in Norfolk on October 21st and 22nd. Festival hours are 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday and noon to 5 pm on Sunday.

Everyone is welcome to the free Art Party sponsored by Smartmouth Brewery on Saturday from 5 to 7 pm. This fun event recognizes artists' awards and features the band The Lazy Dangers with a cash bar.

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

11:00 AM

Regina Scott Sanford
Eclectic Singer-Songwriter

11:45 AM

Richard David Spano
Acoustic Singer-Songwriter

12:45 PM

Jackie & Resa
Country Blues

2:00 PM

The Warm Hug
Experimental Folk Punk

3:30 PM

Paul Urban & Friends
Original Blues Rock

5:00 PM

The Lazy Dangers
Folk Rock

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

12:00 PM

Kaitlyn Barbee
Country Pop, Singer-Songwriter

12:45 PM

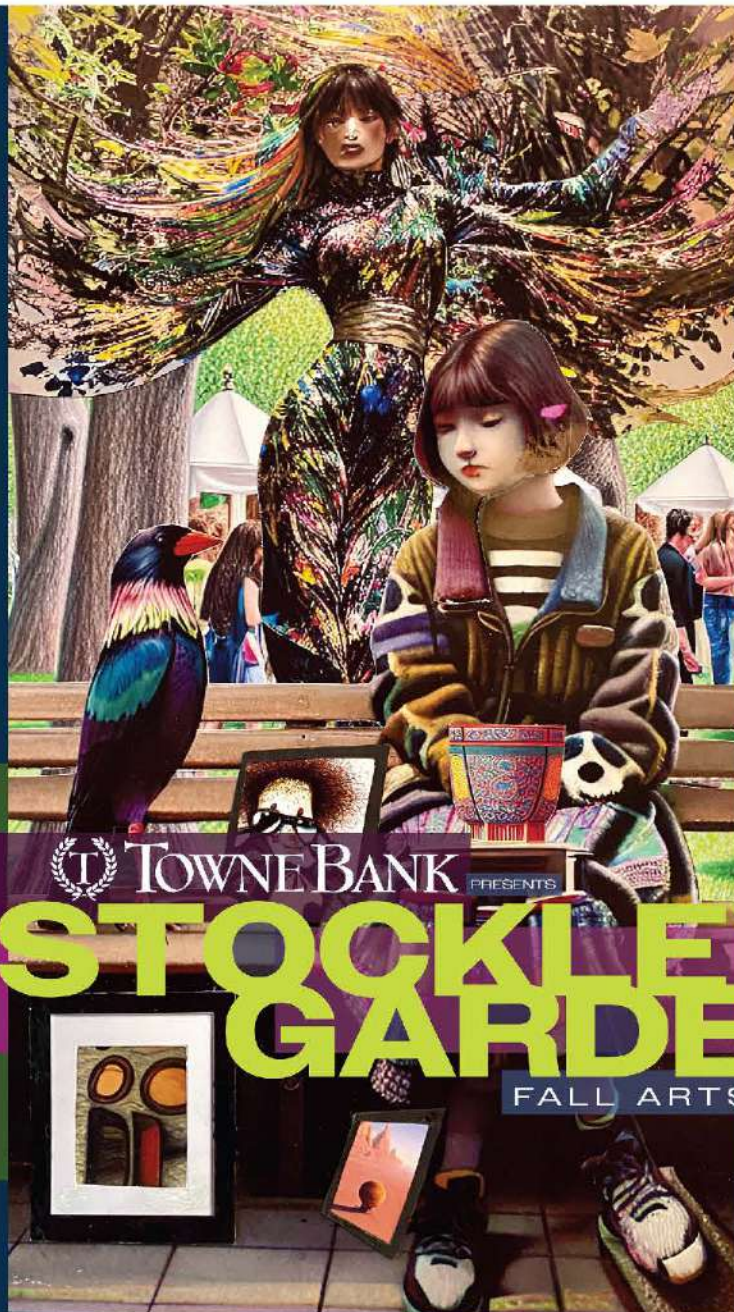
Dan Pellegrino
Solo Acoustic, Singer-Songwriter

1:45 PM

Cody Christian
Country & Americana

3:30 PM

Ben Phelps Project
Funky American Soul



STOCKLEY GARDENS 2023 FALL ARTS FESTIVAL

Join us for a weekend full of art, music and kids' activities!

STOCKLEY GARDENS PARK in historic Ghent



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There are also activities for children throughout the weekend with face painting, hands-on music and art activities.

Stockley Gardens Fall Arts Festival, presented by TowneBank, is also sponsored by Capital Group, Miller Oil, Southern Auto Group, Mancon, The City of Norfolk, The Port of Virginia, Ghent Business Association, Metronet, Harbor's Edge, Paycom, Holistic Family Practice, Leaf Filters and Dominion Energy. Media Sponsors include VEER Magazine, Coastal Virginia Magazine, WHRO and 92.3 FM The Tide.

OCTOBER 21 10AM-5PM
22 NOON-5PM



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Oct 21 & 22** Stockley Gardens Fall Arts Festival
- **Jan 1, 2024** Hogs for Hope
- **Mar 2024** Shamrockin' in Ghent – date TBA



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