



# hope news

Spring 2024

## 2024 ANCOR DSP OF YEAR - VIRGINIA JONEE JUSTIN

**J**onee Justin has been a Direct Support Professional (DSP) since 2009. She joined Hope House Foundation in 2019 and has shown exemplary care for those she supports. Jonee is also a strong advocate, leader and role model for her fellow DSPs. Jonee was the lead staff for a woman who was diagnosed with terminal cancer. She partnered with her to plan vacations, day trips, and uplifting experiences. She also worked with her to finalize end-of-life plans and nurtured her through hospice care. Jonee helps people find meaning in their life by providing simple yet creative solutions. As a DSP, she has learned that providing support to people is unpredictable and having a back-up plan is the key to success. As a leader, she is helping other DSPs do the same, ensuring those we support enjoy enriching lives in the community.



Jonee was selected out of more than 450 nominees.



## DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY RALLY 2024 IN RICHMOND

**Members of Our Voices**, a group of self and peer advocates from Hope House Foundation along with their allies, joined The Arc of Virginia at the Bell Tower at Capitol Square in Richmond for the Developmental Disability Rally 2024. The rally was a success, and additional funding was granted to provide more support for people with disabilities in Virginia. Our sincere thanks to Governor Youngkin for hearing our voices.

# SHANNON SAYS: "WE ARE AMBASSADORS OF HOPE"

## A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHANNON POCIASK



Hope House Foundation fosters a rich and robust culture centered around a mission of inclusion, person-centeredness and empowering people we support to enjoy life on their own terms. One way we celebrate our culture is through our employee award program, recognizing those who exemplify our mission and values as true

Ambassadors of Hope.

We are proud of our track record of national recognition for our outstanding DSPs. We are thrilled to highlight our latest national award recipient, Jonee Justin. Jonee has demonstrated exceptional strength, leadership, and commitment to providing person-centered support.

The key to our success lies in the dedication of our DSPs, who play a fundamental role in upholding the Hope House Foundation culture. These professionals guide individuals through life's transitions, from relocating to independent living to navigating job changes, health concerns, and ultimately, end-of-life care.

DSPs must possess a diverse array of skills and interests to ensure that they can meet the unique needs of those they support. Establishing career ladders and lattices is a strategic approach to paving a career path within this field. Hope House Foundation has a remarkable history of longevity, and we are enthusiastic about a structured and rewarding process for DSPs to advance their careers with us.

Our Direct Support Professional Career Pathway Program launched in July 2023. This program provides a progressive pathway for our DSPs to enhance and expand the support they offer, ultimately benefiting the people we support.

## A HUGE SHOUTOUT AND HEARTFELT THANKS

to the incredible Eagle Riders from the Fraternal Order of the Eagles #3204! Together, they road to new heights, raising over \$4,600 in their Poker Run event to support Hope House Foundation. Your generosity and commitment to making a difference in your community is truly inspiring.

## CAREER PATHWAYS



Hope House Foundation's Career Pathways project was funded with a three-year \$78,000 grant from the Hampton Roads Community Foundation. We are proud to introduce our first Team Manager Class of 20 dedicated DSPs who participated. Congratulations!



## HOPE HOUSE'S LARGEST PROPERTY DONATION

The team at NexGen announced they closed a significant real estate transaction for Hope House Foundation in March. The transaction involved the transfer of 17 condominiums, townhomes and apartment buildings owned by Elizabeth River Properties to Hope House. This gift represents the single largest donation in the history of the organization and will further our goal to provide affordable housing and assistance for those in need. We wish to thank Rick Mapp at Kaufman & Canoles for his assistance in this transaction that significantly advances our mission.



# HOPE HOUSE FOUNDATION HOSTS THE STOCKLEY GARDENS SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL,

a free two-day community event featuring 130+ artists, musicians and food vendors. The Stockley Gardens Spring Arts Festival, presented by TowneBank, takes place in Stockley Gardens Park at the corner of Stockley Gardens and Olney Road in Norfolk on May 18th and 19th. 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 Factory Playboys with a cash bar.

## ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE: SATURDAY, MAY 18

### 11:30 AM

Amy & Regina aka  
Two Mutha's Chirpin'  
Americana Blues

### 12:45 PM

Dry Land  
Folk & Americana

### 2:00 PM

Melanie Howdershell  
Singer-Songwriter

### 3:30 PM

Rob Oliver & The Attractors  
Americana Blues Rock

### 5:00 PM

The Factory Playboys  
American Garage Rock

## SUNDAY, MAY 19

### 12:30 PM

The Bread Collectors  
Psychedelic Instrumental

### 1:45 PM

Akeylah Simone and Company  
Rock-Hip Hop-Pop

### 3:30 PM

The Storyweavers  
Americana & Folk



CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

# Stockley Gardens SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL 2024



**MAY 18, | MAY 19,**  
**10AM-5PM | NOON-5PM**

STOCKLEY GARDENS PARK IN HISTORIC GHENT

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



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

**Stockley Gardens Spring 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, Harbor's Edge, Paycom, and Leaf Filters. Media Sponsors include VEER Magazine, Coastal Virginia Magazine, WHRO and 92.3 FM The Tide.**



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 18-19**  
**40th Annual**  
**Stockley**  
**Gardens**  
**Spring Arts**  
**Festival**

**June 15**  
**Rockin' On**  
**The River with**  
**Lucky757 and**  
**Radio 80s**

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**June 27**  
**46th**  
**Hope House**  
**Foundation**  
**Annual Dinner**

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