

## LYNNE SEAGLE HONORED WITH THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD BY THE ARC

**A career dedicated to community inclusion for people with disabilities**

**Lynne Seagle**, executive director of Hope House Foundation, has received the Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award by the Arc. The Arc is the largest national community-based organization advocating for and with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

The Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an individual inside or outside The Arc network who lives by the core values of The Arc by providing leadership resulting in a significant improvement in supports, services, opportunities, and community inclusion for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

There were a record number of nominations from across the United States, but Seagle's nomination stood out among the rest.

It is doubtful that one could find an individual who has impacted the disability field as demonstrably and for as long a period of time as Seagle, who joined Hope House Foundation in 1978 and has been the executive director since 1982.

In the mid 1980s, Seagle led Hope House Foundation to move the agency from providing support to people in group homes to what they stated was their housing preference. The majority of people



Mark Edward Atkinson

arrived at Hope House from state-run institutions. When asked how they would prefer to live, the majority indicated that they preferred their own apartments – an unheard concept at the time. By 1995, all persons supported by Hope House lived in their own apartments, a first in Virginia.

With the dearth of affordable, safe housing becoming increasingly challenging as the early 2000s wore on, Hope House knew it needed funding to purchase apartment buildings that would provide affordable housing not only to Hope House consumers, but to the community at large – an innovation that created inclusive communities where people with and without disabilities live and interact.

As Seagle emerged as a leader in the inclusivity field well beyond Virginia, demand for her insights and assistance grew. Over the years, she has provided consulting services to organizations throughout the United States as well as in Canada, Asia and the UK. And, since its inception in 2006, she has been a leading partner in The National Leadership Consortium on Developmental Disabilities, which was formed to address a void in the leadership of organizations providing services to people with intellectual disabilities. ■

# DSPS OF THE YEAR AWARDS

## AMBASSADOR OF INNOVATION



16

YEARS W/HHF

**KATHIE GRADY**

Kathie got all of the individuals she supports tablets with games, email and the internet. She organizes virtual meet ups that allow them to stay connected during the pandemic.

## AMBASSADOR OF COMMITMENT



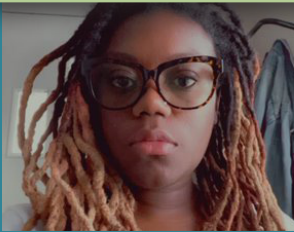
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**MARINA OWENS**

Marina is the first to volunteer to help with any task. She uses art and creativity to help people build their skills/confidence and to meet others with similar interests.

## AMBASSADOR OF PERSON-CENTERED SUPPORTS



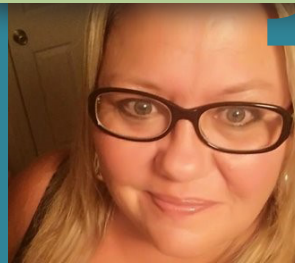
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**QUATESHIA SCOTT**

Quateshia has been several individuals champion throughout the pandemic. She helped connect them to a virtual world through a tablets as well as connecting them with the Communication First online group.

## AMBASSADOR OF LEADERSHIP



10

YEARS W/HHF

**KRISTINE GUINN**

Kristine has taken the lead on scheduling doctor's appointments and ensuring the people she supports have adequate funds to purchase household decorations and furniture. Kristine has also been a valuable resource to the team filling open shifts so services are delivered consistently.

## DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR



4

YEARS W/HHF

**JAMAL WILLIAMS**

Jamal has taken the lead on advocacy for his team. He does presentations and connects the team and attends all meetings to promote issues in our field.

## AMBASSADOR OF COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



5

YEARS W/HHF

**LAKIESHA JOHNSON**

Lakiesha takes two gentlemen to their favorite barber shop for their haircuts on Saturdays. She also helped to develop a community connection with her church and HHF, and is a shining example of a DSP that goes above and beyond her call of duty.

## AMBASSADORS OF HOPE



**AUDREY SMITH**  
9 YEARS W/HHF



**GWEN MCDOWELL**  
11 YEARS W/HHF



**DANYAIL PORTER BEAL**  
11 YEARS W/HHF

It is our honor to recognize our Direct Support Professionals and their tireless commitment to the people we support.

# STOCKLEY GARDENS FALL ARTS FESTIVAL IS BACK!

The Stockley Gardens Fall Arts Festival, presented by TowneBank, which has been a tradition for 37 years is back! After a nearly two-year hiatus due to COVID-19, Hope House Foundation is eager to bring our community together to support Hope House and enjoy art, music, food and fun in a beautiful garden setting in historic Ghent. The Festival also provides a showcase for the amazing things we can accomplish when we are all working together.

**SATURDAY**  
OCT. 16, 10AM-5PM  
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**SUNDAY**  
OCT. 17, NOON-5PM



We look forward to being together again soon! For details, please visit [facebook.com/StockleyGardensArtsFestival](https://facebook.com/StockleyGardensArtsFestival)

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 16-17**

Stockley Gardens Fall Arts Festival

**December 7**

VEER Magazine Golden Tap Awards,  
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