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## July e-News

### Congratulations to our 2021 Volunteer Award Winners!



Volunteers are very important members of the Carpenter's team. In fact they are the ones that keep our daily operations moving. We are proud to celebrate their service to Carpenter's Shelter with our Volunteer Appreciation Day.

As Jamila Smith, our Community Relations Manager, stated during the virtual volunteer appreciation ceremony, "These past two years have been unprecedented and having to navigate the challenges they presented while continuing to serve those in need was incredibly daunting. However, we persevered, *you* persevered. You remained with us in service throughout it all, you ensured that the meals never stopped coming, that our supply needs were always met, you were there for the move, you've been here at our front desk, in our kitchen, playing with our kids on the playground. You've been a warm smile and a bright light during some very difficult and dark times."

**Thank you to all of our volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure we are able to provide the highest quality to our residents.** And a special congratulations to the following individuals for being recognized as 2021's awarded volunteers. Their names will be inscribed on Carpenter's

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#### Quick Calendar:

**July 4th:** Independence Day

**July 20th: Volunteer Orientation!** Please join us for our monthly volunteer orientation. If you would like to attend, join our Community Relations Manager Jamila Smith between 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm on Zoom by clicking [here](#).

#### **Residents Enjoy Dog Therapy Event**



Our residents, staff, and volunteers enjoyed our second Dog Therapy event. Thanks to People Animals Love, residents were able to relax, play, and enjoy time with therapy dogs in the courtyard.

Shelter's Wall of Honor or on the Bob Douglas Award Plaque, and they were honored at the Virtual Volunteer Appreciation and Award Ceremony held on June 26th for their incredible commitment to our mission.

### 2021 Wall of Honor Awards

*These awards are given annually to volunteers who have consistently provided extraordinary service in support of Carpenter's Shelter.*

**All Saints Episcopal  
Christ Church  
Nora Lyons (posthumous)  
Our Lady Queen of Peace  
Shay Holman**

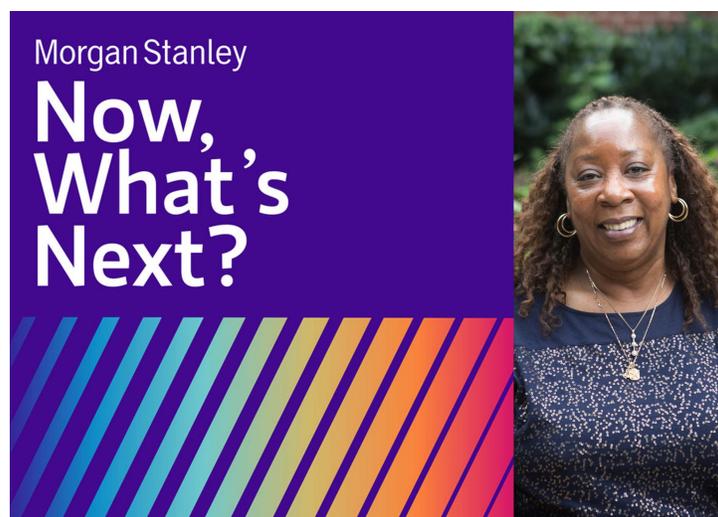
### 2021 Bob Douglas Award

*The 2021 Bob Douglas Award is an award that is given in memory of Mr. Douglas' exemplary service and is awarded annually to a volunteer that fulfills critical, ongoing responsibilities with consistency, humility and dedication.*

**Maribeth Bersani**

Each and every one of our volunteers is a vital component to our success at Carpenter's. If you are interested in volunteering please reach out to Jamila Smith at [JamilaSmith@CarpentersShelter.org](mailto:JamilaSmith@CarpentersShelter.org) or learn more about volunteering at Carpenter's Shelter [here](#).

## Director of Development, Monise Quidley, Speaks on 'Now, What's Next?' Podcast



Director of Development, Monise Quidley, speaks with Sonair Ginton, host of *Now, What's Next?* a podcast that examines the long-term impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic and answers questions about what life might look like as we move forward. In the episode "Meet Me At The Mall", Sonari discusses the impact shopping malls have on the community and how the pandemic will force us to rethink what a mall's

## Hello from the Carpenter's Shelter Staff!



With how busy we all are, it's not often you can get most of us in the same place at the same time! We want to acknowledge our amazing staff who works, and has worked, tirelessly throughout the pandemic to provide service to our residents. Thank you for the work that you do for your community!

## Welcome Our New Staff!



Please welcome Julie Kennedy, our new Communications and Grants Associate! Julie has been working with nonprofits for over 30 years. She graduated with a Masters of Social Work from Temple University in 1995, and has since worked with Boston Children's Services, Columbia Sullivan Head Start, and the Family & Youth Initiative in Washington D.C. We are excited for her to bring her skills to the Carpenter's team!

purpose is. He speaks with Monise about the journey that Carpenter's Shelter went on during our time operating out of a mall, the residents' feelings on it, and the benefits as well as challenges that it presented. "Since the mall was shuttered and had been for a while, we had to go in and retrofit the building for the shelter", Monise stated. Monise recalls Landmark Mall during its peak, when it was a central aspect of the community as a shopping mall. After it closed down, Carpenter's Shelter was able to move into the Macy's rent-free while our permanent shelter was being constructed. "It was interesting to hear the residents' stories, many of them had shopped at the mall before, and many of them had even worked at the mall when it was a mall", Monise stated. Now, we have moved into our permanent purpose-built shelter and are thrilled about where our journey has taken us and the resilience to ensure our community is supported.

Listen to the full podcast [here](#) to learn more about Carpenter's time in the mall.

## ...And Counting!

### Interested in Joining the Young Philanthropists?



#### Calling all young philanthropists!

Hello! I'm Sienna Brown, and I serve as the Development Associate at Carpenter's Shelter and liaison to the Young Philanthropists (YP). We are trying to revitalize this important group and **we need your help!** As things begin to reopen, we would like to return YP to being a foundational group at Carpenter's Shelter.

**What is Young Philanthropists?** Young Philanthropists is a giving circle at Carpenter's Shelter geared toward professionals in their 20's and 30's interested in being part of the solution to end homelessness.

**Why participate in Young Philanthropists?** Young Philanthropists gives you an opportunity to participate in service days at Carpenter's Shelter and social events like happy hours throughout the year, and make professional and



Please welcome William Powell, our temporary Housing Stabilization Case Manager! William is currently pursuing his Master's in Family Therapy at Northcentral University and has been working in human services since graduating from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2017. He is excited to be at Carpenter's and we are happy to welcome him to the team!

#### Carpenter's Jams at Music Therapy Session



Residents enjoyed a relaxing evening of music therapy in our courtyard. Everyone took their favorite seats and enjoyed the sounds of music on a pleasant evening. Thank you to all who made this possible, including former staff member, Courtney Anderson, who played music at the event.

#### Here are a few items that we need

personal connections, all while giving back to your community.

***How do I become a member?*** To become a member, donate a minimum of \$60 per year to Carpenter's Shelter. This can be made all at once or through monthly payments.

We are planning to schedule our first YP meeting in September. If you are interested in joining, helping out, or you want to learn more about Young Philanthropists in general, please contact Sienna Brown at [SiennaBrown@CarpentersShelter.org](mailto:SiennaBrown@CarpentersShelter.org).

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- Full size shampoo and conditioner
- Air mattresses
- Bathroom towels/washcloths
- Twin size comforters
- Coffee
- Creamer (individual)
- Salad dressings
- Ibuprofen

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