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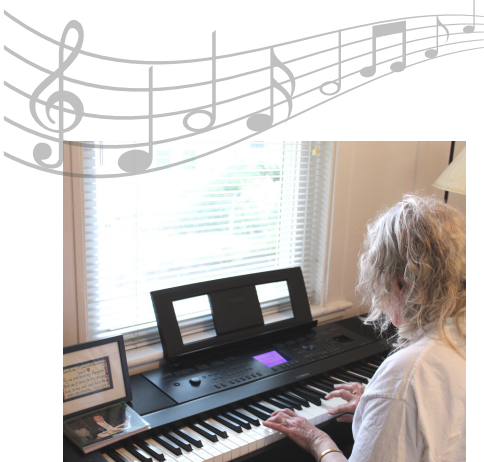
Kirsten remembers the exact date she moved into Pathway to Possible's house on Orchard Ave: Monday, September 27th, 2021. When she found P2P, she knew right away it would be a great fit.

On a day-to-day basis, Kirsten is extremely busy and independent, operating on her own schedule with lots of hobbies that keep her plenty occupied. The day programming that she attends is called 'The Life Experience School' where she plays the piano, writes in her journal, goes to art club every Monday morning, and even does yoga every afternoon. She shared with us that she has been journaling since 1973, and in it she writes about her activities, keeping a log of everything that has happened in her life over the years. In addition to journaling, she also loves to write poetry.

When she isn't writing, Kirsten is an avid reader which we could easily tell from the stack of books beside her bed and her huge bookshelf. Right now, she is reading 'Prodigal Summer' by Barbara Kingsolver. Kirsten's love of words and reading was even more apparent when she told us how much she also enjoys doing word search puzzles.

If all of this wasn't enough to keep her busy, Kirsten is also a talented piano player. When we asked her to play something for us, she happily sat down and played 'Ode to Joy' simply from memory. We are so excited that Kirsten is part of our Pathway to Possible family.

Written by Marielle Horstmann





IT'S OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY!

AT THIS YEAR'S **AUTUMN AUCTION** WE'LL BE CELEBRATING
50 YEARS OF COMPASSION. COMMITMENT. COMMUNITY.

Are you ready to celebrate? This year's auction is all about celebrating 50 years of service with an evening of community, great food, and fun entertainment, while supporting your P2P neighbors with cognitive and developmental disabilities!

Autumn Auction Details

September 22, 2022 | 5:30-8:30pm | Brae Burn Country Club | West Newton

- Outdoor Cocktail Hour & Silent Auction
- Piano Stylings by Harold Charon
- Indoor Reception & Dinner
- Raffle Drawing | Carol Beard Visionary Leader Award
- Keynote Speakers | Ben and Amy Wright, Founders
Bitty and Beau's Coffee
- Live Auction & Fund a Need
- Celebratory Dessert Bar



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Bitty and Beau's Coffee, named after Amy and Ben's two children with Down Syndrome, employs individuals with cognitive & developmental disabilities. Their goal is for these individuals to become better respected & included within the stores' surrounding communities.

Bitty and Beau's now has over 23 shops across 12 states with over 200 employees.

We are so excited to have Amy & Ben Wright speaking at our special event!

Win 4 Patriots Tickets

w/ Round Trip Transportation!

Get a chance to win 4 tickets to the Patriots vs. Ravens on September 25th, 2022 with round-trip transportation! Drawing will be held at the Autumn Auction on September 22nd, 2022 at the Brae Burn Country Club. Winner need not be present to win.

Scan the QR code to buy tickets or visit:
pathway2possible.org/2022-autumn-auction



Scan QR code to buy raffle tickets!



Honoring Susan Paley



Susan Paley is this year's Pathway to Possible Carol Beard Visionary Award Recipient!

Susan Paley | VP Of Community Relations at The Village Bank
Photographed at the Allen House



We sat down with Susan Paley at the Allen House to talk about what it means to be the recipient of the 2022 Pathway to Possible Carol Beard Visionary Award.

We are proud to announce Susan Paley as the recipient of the 2022 Pathway to Possible Carol Beard Visionary Award. Like Carol Beard, Susan has a steadfast commitment to the wellbeing of her lifelong hometown, Newton. In her role as the Vice President of Community Relations at The Village Bank, she encompasses compassion and dedication to making Newton, and the world, a better place. P2P has been generously supported by The Village Bank for over 15 years through the leadership of Susan and The Village Bank President, Joseph Devito.

The Allen House, where we spoke to Paley, is a true example of her dedication to Newton. Paley explained that the Newton Cultural Alliance (NCA) bought the property back in 2012 and has faced many challenges restoring such a historic landmark during a pandemic. When we walked in, we were astonished by the beauty of the building, and excited as Susan described the plans for it.

For Paley, community enrichment is in the job description. She expressed that at the Village Bank, "Everybody has embraced the idea that we are here to give back." And no one has embraced it more than her. When asked what her motivation is for her work, Susan answered simply: "I was brought up to believe that if you don't give back, then what's the point?" This ideology perfectly aligns with how The Village Bank operates, and in terms of giving back, they lead by example. Paley's hope is that other organizations think, "Oh, The Village Bank is doing that? We should be doing it too." She added that, "What we always hope for at the Village Bank is that [our dedication to the community] makes others follow us." Having these leaders in community activism and engagement is imperative for real change to occur.

Paley had the pleasure of working alongside Carol Beard on the city's Planning and Development Board. When asked about what it was like to work alongside Carol, her face lit up, "Carol was one of those rare people who are so kind and gentle but so firm in her beliefs and in her making sure that the people who she cared for most were served. It was amazing to learn from her."

Pathway to Possible honors Susan Paley with this award to thank her for her steadfast commitment to our organization, and to so many others.

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Meet Sekou Dukuly!



Welcome Sekou Dukuly!


This past June, P2P welcomed a new Program Manager to our Webster Street home, Sekou Dukuly. He comes to us with over 15 years of experience caring for vulnerable populations. We caught up with him in early August to see how things were going and learn more about his passion for helping others.

“What is unique about P2P is the flexibility, everybody is so respectful; people focus on their work and the individuals. I like that. Every question I had; it seemed like there is always already something in place. Every time something happens, there is already something in place to take care of it, which is great, and I like that.”


Not only does Sekou have a passion for helping people during the day, but he also raises money for single mothers in Africa by DJing on the weekend.

“I DJ during weekends. During my free time, I’m on the soccer field, I love basketball as well. My focus mostly is really to impact people’s lives. Especially in Africa. I grew up there, I’ve seen how people suffer. I’m here, which always reminds me, ‘how can you make a change, how can I make people’s lives better?’”

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