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The House Next Door From our House to Yours...

March is Women’s History Month

March is Women’s History Month. The national holiday had first started out as “Women’s History Day” which was first celebrated in 1909 and later was expanded to “Women’s History Week” in 1978. 5 years later it became what it is today thanks to the National Women’s History Project for petitioning Congress to expand recognition throughout the entire month. The month not only celebrates the successes that women have achieved throughout our history but also brings awareness to the problems women continue to face, such as the inequality issues even in today’s society. Bringing awareness helps to create solutions. It’s also important to show recognition to the women who made history not only in the past but also to those who are currently making history in the present. There is a different theme chosen each year for the holiday and for this year’s 2023 Women’s History Month, it is “Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories”.

For some interesting facts on Women’s History Month, click the link below:

[25 Best Women's History Month Facts — Facts About Women's](#)



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Employee of the Month February 2023

Our February Employee of the month is a bright light to children in our community. This employee is a strong advocate for change and works hard to help her students acknowledge the growth they are able to achieve. This employee demonstrates strong listening skills and inspires growth within her students.

Please join us in congratulating our February employee of the month,
Alfreda Turner.



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The House Next Door Family Foundation

Established in 2002, governed by local leaders, committed to the preservation of family services at The House Next Door.

Be a part of ensuring a healthy future for our community. Contact Tom Robertson, Foundation President, at tomrobertsonrai@gmail.com for further information.

History of The House Next Door

The House Next Door plays a huge part within DeLand history. It all started when a group of people realized that there was a strong need within the community and was first founded in 1976. It was originally created to help the community with substance abuse prevention but we have many programs today. We not only have our counseling program, but we also have our sexual abuse treatment program, Alpha/Beta programs, parenting program, The Homework Club, CCFP, T.E.A.M., and our WVHA Health card program.

The agency has many strong leaders who play such a huge role in the success of growth along with all the programs that continue to thrive. Thanks to all of the staff for working so hard and believing in the mission of The House Next Door.

Staff Highlight: Gail Hallmon, COO



Gail Hallmon, COO, has been serving at The House Next Door for a long time and has helped build up our programs to what they are today as well.

Here is what Gail had to say, "I began here in November of 1989 as an Administrative Assistant. Prior to coming to HND I was a member of a community group called Parentcraft and taught early pregnancy classes. I was able to build on that experience and facilitated community-based parenting classes here at the agency. As I built that

aspect of The House Next Door I moved into the position of the Healthy Families Coordinator. There I had lots of ideas of what I wanted to do. My supervisor, Ann Grell, would always say "What a great idea. Now go find the money." That began my adventure in grant writing. My love of my work and my deep belief in the power of families has helped me in that area. In 1996, after successfully securing and managing several grants I moved into the position of Quality Improvement Coordinator. The years kept passing and my job title changed to include Grant Writer, Operations Director and finally Chief Operating Officer. I've enjoyed the big projects—writing and receiving large grants, moving the agency onto an electric health record system, getting and maintaining our COA accreditation. And I love the small things—a child's smile coming out of therapy, the sense of satisfaction and confidence a parent has on completing a parenting program, the sound of children's laughter at The Homework Club and The Little House Next Door.

What I hope is that I've been a good role model and been able to infuse others with my belief in the power of families, the power of a parent's love and the ability of parents to change to strengthen their family."