



2023 ARRM CARES AWARD FINALIST

BEATRICE MOREHOUSE DUNGARVIN

Beatrice Morehouse is the gold standard when it comes to commitment and professional integrity. She has been working tirelessly with person served for almost 25 years. Her unwavering devotion to her work is nothing short of inspirational, and her passion for making a difference in the lives of those she serves is truly remarkable. Over the years, we have witnessed firsthand the incredible impact she has had on the lives of the people she supports. She is the epitome of what it means to be truly dedicated to the welfare and happiness of others.

In 2020, a person she supports was given a devastating prognosis and only months left to live. Rather than letting despair take over, Bea rose to the challenge to ensure the person's quality of life. Bea learned everything she could about his illness; she educated his team about the type of treatment and services that would best support him. Most importantly, she listened to the person served. Her advocacy and efforts paid off - not only has this person served experience a marked improvement in his quality of life, but he also defied all odds and continues to live comfortably in his home with hospice services.

For one young man on hospice, she tirelessly advocated for his needs and desires, ensuring he received the best possible care and comfort. She found providers who specialized in his disorder; she advocated that he shouldn't have to leave the house to get the care he needed; she created a care team dedicated to meeting his needs. Through her tireless efforts, even those who are most isolated or vulnerable can feel the warmth of human connection and support while having the right to age or even die at home. Bea's unwavering dedication to building caring communities is a shining example of the power of compassion and human kindness."

Bea embodies the true spirit of person-centered care, dedicating herself to understanding and embracing the unique preferences and interests of everyone under her care. For instance, she recognizes that CS's love for Twilight movies and her desire to express her femininity in a male-dominated environment are vital to her sense of self-worth. Bea spends time watching movies with CS and creating a safe space where she can freely explore her interests, such as doing hair and nails. This simple act of kindness has had a profound impact on CS, giving her a newfound sense of pride and confidence that empowers her to stand up for herself. For the young man in hospice care, she has made him feel safe about his journey. They speak openly about what it means to die thus giving him the opportunity to express his fears in a safe environment. In short, Bea is a true asset to her clients, her colleagues, and the entire community. Her tireless dedication, compassionate heart, and unwavering commitment to making a positive difference are truly commendable, and I am honored to have the opportunity to express my appreciation for all that she has done and continues to do.