





You may not always have a comfortable life, and you will not always be able to solve all of the world's problems at once. But don't ever underestimate the importance you can have, because history has shown us that courage can be contagious, and hope can take on a life of its own



Michelle Obasna

Happy Independence Day! Wishing everyone a day filled with celebration, freedom, and cherished moments with loved ones.

How can embracing uncomfortable moments and being courageous help us realize our full potential?

# July 3 - 7

#### HOPE FARM



2022 THE VILLAGE GIVING CIRCLE @HOPE.FARM



Our grantee, @Hope.Farm, is a long-term leadership development program that guides at-risk boys, without the benefit of a positive male role model in their homes, from the time they are 5-7 years old until high school graduation and beyond.. #GranteeSpotlight

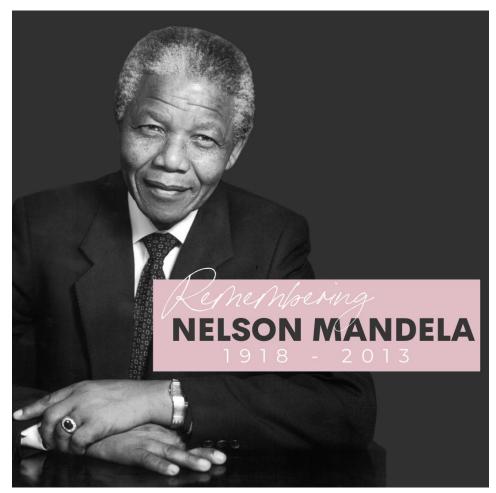


For International Non-Binary Day, we are spotlighting Janelle Monáe. She is a musician, actress, author, and philanthropist. She's won a Screen Actors Guild Award and a Children's and Family Emmy Award, as well as being an eight-time Grammy Award nominee. Janelle reminds us we have the power to shape culture, we also have the power to undo the culture that does not serve us well.



It's Give Something Away Day! Join our incredible giving circle and make a difference in the lives of those in need. By joining hands with us, you'll experience the joy of giving, but also become part of a supportive community that believes in the power of generosity. Together, let's create kindness and spread compassion far and wide! #GiveSomethingAwayDay #JoinOurGivingCircle

### June 10 - 15



Nelson Mandela, anti-apartheid activist, was South Africa's first Black head of state and the country's first head of state to be elected in a democratic election. In 2009, the United Nations General Assembly declared July 18, Nelson Mandela's birthday, as Nelson Mandela International Day. He asked the world to honor his legacy through helping their communities.

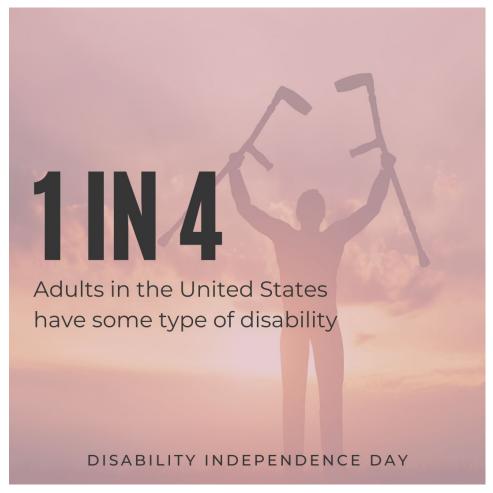


The opportunity to make an impact in my community and with my community is what drew me to the Village and what will keep me engaged in the Village's work.

Sheri Crosby Wheeler Founding Member and Co-Chair

We love hearing from our founders. This month we're spotlighting Sheri Crosby Wheeler. #ItTakesAVillage

# July 17 - 21



On National Disability Independence Day, July 26, let's celebrate the incredible strength and accomplishments of individuals with disabilities as they overcome obstacles and forge their path towards independence. Together, let's foster a world where accessibility is universal, organizations are accountable, and everyone has equal opportunities to thrive. #DisabilityIndependenceDay #CelebrateDiversity

IF YOU WANT TO GO FAST, GO ALONE. IF YOU WANT TO GO FAR, GO TOGETHER.

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"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together. ~ African Proverb"

# July 24 - 28