

Innisfree

VILLAGE VOICE
YEAR IN REVIEW 2023

Keke takes our new volunteers out for coffee and a chat in downtown Crozet.

New Coworkers in 2023

With several new coworkers joining us this year, and some seasoned day coworkers moving to the village, we thought it would be fun to get to know them all a bit better. Here are some of their favorite things and what they love about Innisfree.

Residential Coworkers

Mary Grace

Moved in: January 2023
Hometown: Ashland, VA
Innisfree House: Kenmare
Favorite Food: "Taco Elham"
Favorite Color: Purple
Favorite Workstation: Weavery
Favorite Thing about Innisfree: Being able to work somewhere that people are understanding of you and your challenges



Kate

Moved in: September 2023
(Day coworker since 2013)
Hometown: Charlottesville, VA
Innisfree House: Windsong
Favorite Food: Plain spaghetti with meatballs
Favorite Color: Magenta pink
Favorite Workstation: Farm
Favorite Thing about Innisfree: Friends like Ariel and others



Max

Moved in: September 2023
(Day coworker since 2016)
Hometown: Earlysville, VA
Innisfree House: Dogwood
Favorite Food: Maria's bread and spaghetti
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite Workstation: Bakery
Favorite Thing about Innisfree: Living with my buddy Mark



Steven

Moved in: September 2023
Hometown: Great Falls, VA
Innisfree House: Halcyon
Favorite Food: Pasta or ketchup
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite Workstation: Bakery
Favorite Thing about Innisfree: Living at Halcyon House



Day Coworkers

Kellie

Started: March 2023
Hometown: Earlysville, VA
Favorite Food: Rice
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite Workstation: Weavery
Favorite Thing about Innisfree: Weavery



Richie

Started: November 2023
Hometown: Barboursville, VA
Favorite Food: Cannot decide
Favorite Color: Green
Favorite Workstation: All of the Above
Favorite Thing about Innisfree: The mountains and seeing friends



Why take a group photo at the retreat if we can't be just a little bit silly, right?!

Innisfree Volunteers: Thriving and Growing

There are so many new faces at Innisfree, as 2023 has welcomed 16 new volunteers! Spanning the globe, each volunteer brings a unique set of gifts and talents, valuable experiences, and a commitment to lifesharing. Our volunteers wear many hats each day, from companions and caregivers to mentors and friends, and it is through their contributions and generosity that we can continue to love and grow in a community full of beauty, warmth, and respectfulness. We look forward to all that 2024 brings with an incredible start to the new year as even more new volunteers continue to join us.



Our volunteers and staff enjoy some team building activities during our annual fall retreat at Montfair Resort.

Keke Phooko (former volunteer at Sunflower) has rejoined us in a new role as Volunteer Ambassador! She has brought incredible warmth and passion to this position, providing an enhanced level of support to our current volunteers, being a friendly ear to listen, and dedicating herself to the unique needs of our new volunteers as they arrive and begin settling into life at Innisfree. We are excited about the positive impact this new role will have, and can't wait to see our volunteers continue to thrive and grow with this enhanced support.



Lauren – US, Florida
Joy – US, Puerto Rico
Sherry – Trinidad and Tobago
Elham – US, Maryland
Debbie – South Africa
Amelia – US, Maryland
Erin – US, Virginia
Cindy and daughter Amanda
– Ecuador

Sebastian – Germany
Nick – US, Maryland
Mia – Germany
Maria – Germany
Kaylan – US, Oklahoma
Melanie – US, Nebraska
Erik – US, New Jersey
Solange – US, Georgia



Meret, Amelia, Keke, and Debbie enjoy a warm and sunny afternoon at Sherando Lake for a special volunteer outing.



Rhe, Sherry, Erin, and Keke enjoy their day at the lake!

During National Volunteer Appreciation Week, our volunteers enjoyed the spring music series at Carter Mountain Orchard with good food, good company, and the amazing views.



Meret, Bridget, and Meike enjoy a ladies day out in Staunton, VA.



Community Partnerships

Monica Jane and Adam are the faces behind Nomadic Photo Ark, talented artists and photographers who use a Kodak Master Field Camera to capture the faces of the US, traveling the country in their mobile dark room and connecting with people from all walks of life. Innisfree was fortunate to have them join us for the summer of 2023 to take our photos and give us the opportunity to tell our stories.

Nomadic Photo Ark joined us at our annual Junefest celebration with a collection of beautiful black and white photos, capturing the essence of our community and the individuals who call Innisfree home.



Katie K. proudly admires her photo taken by Nomadic Photo Ark.

To Learn more about Nomadic Photo Ark
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Community Partnerships

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Volunteers from Beyond Fitness with Sabrina joined us for the United Way Day of Caring, helping in the workstations...plenty of sanding to do in the woodshop that's for sure!



This spring we once again hosted 9th graders and chaperones from the Emerson Waldorf School from Raleigh, NC. They joined us for a week, helping out in various workstations and doing special projects, including a much needed refresh of our LOVE sign.

The UVA clinical nursing program partnered with Innisfree, bringing in eight nursing students to learn and participate in village life. They gained a better understanding of the medical and social histories of the coworkers and assisted the medical office, all while building meaningful relationships.



A Heartfelt Thanks for Your Generosity on Giving Tuesday!

On behalf of the entire Innisfree Village community, we extend our deepest gratitude for your generous contributions during the Giving Tuesday campaign on November 28th. With your support, we raised \$78,110, far surpassing our inspiring matching grant of \$50,000 which brings our total donations to \$128,110. Your contributions not only signify your belief in our mission but also serve as a testament to the kindness and compassion that lies within our community of supporters. Thank you for your invaluable trust in what Innisfree Village stands for as it propels us to strive for excellence in everything we do. We look forward to keeping you updated on the positive outcomes made possible by your generosity.

If you have not had an opportunity to make a contribution, you still have time to join in the Giving Tuesday celebration by making a charitable end-of-year donation at <https://www.innisfreevillage.org/give> or scanning the QR code provided.





The long awaited Family Day brought loved ones from near and far to celebrate together as a community.

A Year In Review



The music group performs a special song in honor of Family Day.

Family Day



Volunteer Sebastian starts family day festivities with a fun game and some help from the audience.

5K Walk and Run



Brooke W. leads the way up the hill as we venture further on our walk.



Friends and family join us for our enjoyable walk through the village.

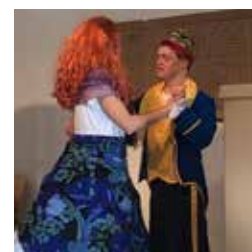
Autumn Celebration



Trisha sets up the homemade butters, jams and jellies, specially made by the herb garden from our many fruit trees in the village.

Our fall harvest is ready and everyone gathers around to ring in the new season with thanks and gratitude.

Beauty and the Beast



Beauty and the Beast conclude the play with a happily ever after!

The cast of magical household characters brings laughter and fun for the audience, and Tim W. shines bright in his Lumière candlestick outfit.





Mary Grace enjoys playing a round of bocce at our regular meets in the village for Special Olympics. Many other athletes from the Charlottesville area also join to play.

Special Olympics



Innisfree participates in the Virginia State Games for Special Olympics with both bocce and pickleball.

Halloween



Jim is just clowning around at the party.

Kelsea relishes being a hot dog (and a special judge for the bake off) for the Halloween party this year.

Everyone is all dressed up and ready for a hayride through the village.



Pizza Nights



With so many tasty options and toppings, all hands are on deck to make sure that the houses get the right pizza orders.



Roxanna makes bread by day, but on pizza nights she expertly bakes around 25-30 pizza pies. Way to go!

Sign and Snack



Signing is how Chris communicates, and he greatly enjoys being part of the sign and snack group each week, as he has the opportunity to teach others this important skill.



Chris B.'s housemate, the other Chris B., studiously looks on as he learns a new sign from Silvio.



Mark gives two thumbs up to say how much he enjoys the sign language class.

St Patrick's Day



Without our favorite Irish band, Grainneog, our St. Patrick's Day celebration wouldn't be complete.



Paul and Ariel pair up to dance a merry jig!

July 4th Celebration



Katie B. and Andrew enjoy a relaxing chat with friends.



Stephen and Linda happily show their July 4th spirit for all to see.

