



Empowering Individuals for Life

## ***From the CEO***

ECHO's 50th Anniversary celebration is coming together with sponsors, vendors, and entertainment. Please save the date and join us on June 14, 2025, as we celebrate 50 years of impact. There will be live music, games, family friendly fun, some of Loudoun's finest beers and wines, a diverse lineup of food trucks, and handcrafted goods from talented local artisans. The night will conclude with a fireworks show, lighting up the sky in honor of ECHO's past 50 years and our bright future ahead.

To help make this milestone event a success and to ensure ECHO's mission remains strong for the next 50 years we are actively recruiting sponsors. If you'd like to discuss this opportunity, please reach out to me or our Director of Development, Todd Goldian. We'd love to discuss how we can tailor a sponsorship package that meets your business goals while making a lasting impact.

Our Blue Elegance social enterprise (<https://blueelegance.org/>) can now create custom and personalized products perfect for corporate, school, wedding gifts and more. Please reach out if you'd like to explore options.

The ECHO Barkery recently added new products to complement their baked biscuits. Check out <https://echobarkery.org/> to see!

With our new fiscal year starting July 1, we're working hard to finalize our FY26 budget and to finish FY25 goal attainment strong.

Thank you for your support of ECHO!

Sincerely,

***Paul Donohue, Jr.***  
**CEO, ECHO**

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# ECHO's 50th Anniversary Celebration

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## **Volunteer with Us!**

ECHO is turning 50, and we're inviting the entire community to celebrate with us—and help make it all happen!

**Saturday, June 14, 2025**  
**Town of Hillsboro**

Join us for a day filled with live music by Rowdy Ace, local food and drink, games and activities for all ages, unique vendors, and a spectacular fireworks finale— all in honor of five decades of empowering adults with disabilities.

To make this milestone event a success, we're seeking enthusiastic volunteers to assist with setup, activities, guest support, and more. Whether you're an individual, student, or part of a civic or corporate group, your time and energy will help create an unforgettable experience for all.

Admission is free, and everyone is welcome to attend—whether you volunteer or simply come out to enjoy the festivities!

## **Interested in volunteering?**

Email [todd.goldian@echoworks.org](mailto:todd.goldian@echoworks.org) to learn more.

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# Vote ECHO For The Sweeping Change Fund!

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We're thrilled to share that ECHO is currently in the running for a \$1,500 donation from You've Got Maids of Northern Virginia—and we need your help to make it happen!

We would absolutely love it if you could take a few moments to vote ECHO! Each person is allowed one vote per email address, and you can vote using this link here: <https://app.surveyed.live/?surveyCode=PL7VUEH2> .

We truly appreciate you, thank you for your continued support of our mission!

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# LIFE

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Thanks to a generous grant from Amazon Web Services, our LIFE department is excited to kick off our new Adventure Book project! Over the next year, participants will enjoy six community outings, each focused on building important life skills. These adventures will culminate in the creation of LIFE's Adventure Book- a colorful keepsake filled with photos, skill reminders, and fun guides for participants to reference again and again.

Our first outing in April was a huge success! Participants visited Wegmans, where they planned and shopped for their own pizza lunch. The next day, everyone came together to make delicious homemade pizzas, putting their planning and cooking skills into action.

**We can't wait to see where the next adventure takes us!**



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# Blue Elegance

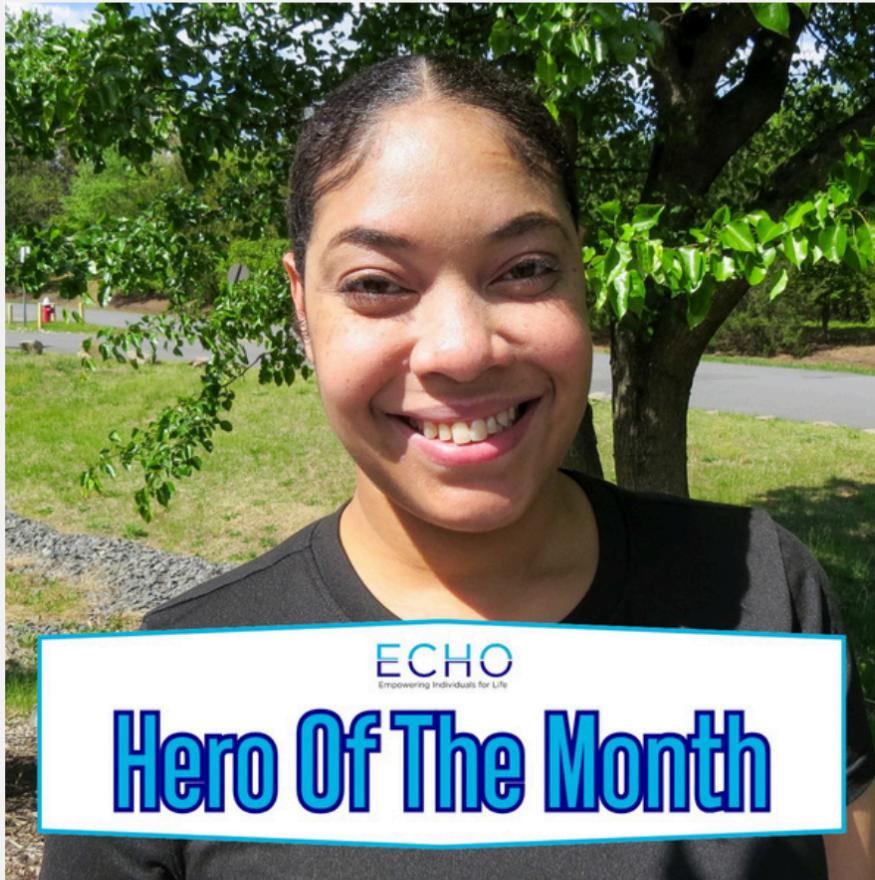
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## 🌸 May at Blue Elegance 🌸 **Exciting Changes Are Blooming!**

As we move into the heart of spring, Blue Elegance is excited to share that a fresh new look is on the way! We're hard at work on a new website design, making it even easier for you to browse our handcrafted products and personalized laser creations, learn about our mission, and stay connected with all the exciting things happening at Blue Elegance. Stay tuned—we can't wait to unveil it soon!

In the meantime, thank you for your continued support and encouragement. Your belief in our artisans and our mission keeps us growing and thriving. Here's to a season full of creativity, community, and new beginnings!





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# Hero Of The Month

**Thank you, Kerrington, for all that you do!**

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## Ambassador of the Month

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# ECHO's Helping Hands Volunteers

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This month, we're proud to recognize a special group as our Ambassadors of the Month- the dedicated volunteers of ECHO Helping Hands!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Garry, Valerie, Tina, Sue, Susan, and Jen for their unwavering commitment to regular volunteerism here at ECHO. Their time, energy, and compassion make a lasting impact, and we are deeply grateful for everything they do to make ECHO a brighter place for everyone.

Interested in volunteering with ECHO? We'd love to have you!

Reach out to our ECHO Helping Hands team at [ehh@echoworks.org](mailto:ehh@echoworks.org) to learn more.