

HOPE SPRINGS INSTITUTE'S DEDICATED STAFF



Jules Myers, Outgoing Executive Director

Jules Myers, MSOD, has been coming to Hope Springs since March 2006 when she joined the first Women's Leadership Collaborative led by Suzanne Stevens and Patricia Williams. The land, the people, the community, and the learning she received at Hope Springs became an integral part of her life. She is proud to serve this place from which springs hope for inner and global peace.

Jules grew up in the North Avondale neighborhood of Cincinnati and spent most of her adult life in Washington, D.C. before coming to Hope Springs. She received her Master of Science in Organization Development (MSOD) from American University and her undergraduate degree from Kenyon College.

Victoria Brown, Incoming Executive Director

Victoria Brown first came to know Hope Springs Institute when she walked the land with outgoing ED Jules Myers, learning about its history and vision through stories. Victoria recognized the land as a rich and powerful healer in its own right and felt a deep connection to it because of her own Appalachian roots.

Victoria was raised on a small piece of family land in the hills of Jackson, Ohio. She has been committed to transformational change and equitable growth in communities throughout her professional work. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Berea College in Berea, Kentucky, where the Appalachian Mountains meet the Bluegrass.

Carolina Zinn, Housekeeper & Office Help

Carolina Zinn joined Hope Springs in January 2019. She enjoys the beauty and peace that Hope Springs provides and she also enjoys the people that she works with at Hope Springs. Important to her, too, is that it allows her to remain a mother first, and still help provide for her family.

Carolina is the mother of three children. She can often be found taking her kids to baseball practices and games, or taking them down to Ohio Brush Creek.

Conni Thorpe, Housekeeper & Gift Shop

Conni Thorpe was introduced to Hope Springs Institute in 2005 through a friend of Hope Springs. She fell in love with Hope Springs' mission and the land. She became an employee in 2019 and hopes to be here for many years to come.

When not at Hope Springs, Conni enjoys gardening, beading, making jewelry, and spending time outdoors.

Noel Catanzaro, Kitchen

Noel Catanzaro joined Hope Springs Institute in July of 2017. He comes to us with 30 plus years of culinary arts in Cincinnati, a previous restaurateur, he owned his own bar and restaurant in Lebanon, Ohio.

He enjoys cooking for the people who come to Hope Springs Institute; he finds them to be some of the most pleasant people he has ever met – all on positive agendas trying to better themselves and their communities.

Scotty Claypool, Head Chef

Chef Scotty Claypool has been with Hope Springs since January 2017. He likes the energy of Hope Springs and the mission. He especially enjoys the people that come here. He likes the creativity that making meals provides him at Hope Springs and creating wholesome menus to nourish people when they come here.

Prior to Hope Springs, Scotty had over 25 years of experience in the food and beverage industry. He attended Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio and earned an AAS in Culinary Arts. He trained at Benham's Restaurant and Catering where he worked his way up to Chef. He is grateful to have worked with many talented chefs that shared their knowledge and passion for the industry, and which he can now share with the Hope Springs community.

When not at Hope Springs, Scotty enjoys time in the forest with his wife and son and daughter.

Stormy Hays, Maintenance and Grounds

Stormy Hays has been at Hope Springs since August 2015. He finds the people who come here to be cool. He takes pride in making things look good and functional so people can step into nature – including maintenance of the labyrinth and apacheta, creating paths and maintaining the upper ridge trail. For Stormy, every day is an adventure and he loves the adventure at Hope Springs.

Prior to coming to Hope Springs, Stormy lived in Colorado for 23 years and in Port Townsend Washington for 15 months. He is an outdoor adventurer and he loves the excitement of making something anew. When not at Hope Springs, you can usually find Stormy riding his bike.

Theresa Siebert, Kitchen

Theresa Siebert finds being back at Hope Springs to be like a kind of homecoming. She worked here from 2003 through 2012, and returned in 2018. She finds the commercial kitchen is a great space to work in and she really enjoys working with her colleagues. Seeing the re-created Spirit House has been lovely. Having worked here for such a long span of time, Theresa really enjoys getting to know the participants and seeing them return year after year.

When not at Hope Springs, Theresa enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, practicing Reiki, and hiking. She is a member of the Adams County Drummers since 2000.

Winter Dryden, Housekeeper

Winter Dryden joined Hope Springs in January 2019. One of the reasons she enjoys working here is that it allows her to remain a mother first, and still help provide for her family. She also finds a sense of peace here, a place to just come and be yourself and not worry about others judging you. Important to her, too, is that it is also a way to serve each other.

As a photographer, Winter has discovered that being at Hope Springs inspires her to want to capture images of God's Canvas. For Winter, there is no better place to be than in rural Adams County where you can see raw beauty.

Winter is married and a mother of three. She is a Youth Leader at Church 180 in Adams County.