

# The Circle of Change

2018 Many Hands Award Winner

Julie Campbell

"When I gave birth to Molly – we had no idea she was enhanced until she made her quick appearance into this world. I was able to take four months off to be with her until I needed to report back to work. As my date to return to work crept up faster than I would have liked – a blessing occurred. While my kids and I were school shopping at a local store, I ran into Julie.

I had then known Julie as a dance mom, as her two daughters danced with my oldest daughter. Julie knew I was worried about finding care for Molly, as I did not want to send her to daycare. She looked straight into my eyes and said "I am watching Molly" and the decision was final. From the time Molly was 4 months old to current – Julie has taken the role of being a special part of Molly's life. She helped me tremendously with Molly's growth and abilities. She dealt with my fears of germs and feedings. She got on the floor with Molly and helped her be strong. Julie treated Molly like one of her own...even now – you can feel her love for Molly when we see her. The positive impact that Julie has had on Molly is an example of unconditional love.

I believe the love that Julie has for Molly made Julie's heart grow...for she is a force for helping young adults with special needs to be included in our community. Julie works at the local chapter of SARAH/VISTA and advocates for young adults entering the workforce. When Julie drives her friends to their place of work, she sees the resistance and hesitance happening and it made her want to make more of a difference.

Julie and her husband Joe decided to open their own coffee house so that they can employ people with special needs to give them the chance they deserve. Accommodations needed or not - Julie truly sees no limitations in people and her patience is a virtue. Her love extends beyond the eye and deep into her soul – a passion to make a difference for our community of special needs. Her arms are always open for new beginnings and her drive to make a positive change."

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