

A native of Danville, Virginia, Judy Fallen is a steadfast pillar of the Camp Grove community. She always had a passion to work with children and young adults and found work that allowed her to mentor and inspire.

She was called to be a minister and used her ability to inspire to reach those in need. Additionally, Ms. Fallen works for Danville Parks and Recreation, where she has been a fixture at Camp Grove Recreation Center for countless years. Generations of children have known her and saw her as a motherly figure. For many, she represented much needed stability and consistency. Many saw Camp Grove as a safe haven. She sees her job as an extension of her vocation. She is called to help and mentor youth in the area. The mantra “it takes a village” defines her – as she aspires to not only provide guidance to the younger generation, but also inspire her neighbors to be role models as well.

Working with youth is a labor of love, but Ms. Fallen sees it as an opportunity meant to be embraced. Her ability to uplift, make a difference, and expose youth to new opportunities has made her someone fondly remembered by her former program participants.

Ms. Fallen stresses that in advocating for her neighborhood and her community, a huge focus should be put on potential. First, in recognizing potential in children, nurturing their growth and development, and giving them support and praise are key. And lastly, recognizing potential in yourself and being that role model and safe space for others



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