

Dear John:

From: YRS Family

John touched so many lives in many different ways. We are extremely grateful for his service with the youth that we serve. In the short time that we had the opportunity to work with John, we were

strong leadership skills, reliability, and his ability to make his staff feel supported. He will be truly missed at YRS and we are wishing his family comfort and peace during this difficult time.

Ashley Szumowski,
Kristyna Sprogell,
Anna Gianforaro,
Jordan Dillon,
Te'Naja Simpson, &
Chardonnay Hope.

When thinking about John, what comes to mind is compassion. It was his compassion that not only made him a wonderful person, but also a wonderful leader. My best memories are when he was able to attend the Barratt

Building luncheons, he really seemed to enjoy the food and camaraderie. He will truly be missed. With deepest sympathy, Julie Sammons

To Mr. Stevenson's friends and family, may care and love of those around you, provide comfort and peace to get you through the days ahead. My most sincere condolences. Thomas B. Harris

May my condolences bring you comfort and may my prayers ease the pain of your loss. John was a man of wisdom and knowledge and he will be greatly missed. Jessica Jones

To the Stevenson Family, Extending my condolences to you all and keeping you all in my prayers for strength and comfort during this most difficult time. Deepest sympathy, Donna Pugh

Unfortunately, I did not have the pleasure of working with John but I remember his wonderful smile. My condolences to his family for their great loss. Doris DeLuca

To the Stevenson Family Words fail to express my deep sorrows for your loss. My heart goes out to you and your family. -- Jamela Odem-Jones

A beautiful soul leaves the fondest memories. You were not only a great leader but a friend. When I hear our line dance songs, I will think of you and try to get my steps right. You will be missed John Stevenson.

Rest in Heaven.
Norma Hill

John was one of a kind. We will never forget his infectious smile or passionate spirit. At DYRS, our collective hearts are heavy with sympathy, but also with fond memories. My thoughts and prayers go out to his loved

ones during this difficult time of grief. Renee Birney

John was someone you could count on to provide you with an answer, even if it wasn't the answer that you wanted to hear. Hunter Proudfoot

I remember when John came back to DSCYF all the staff that were new as well as our youth and families thought "Stevenson House" was named after him.

He was so supportive of the work we do with our youth and families. I'm so very sorry for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. John will be truly missed. Marie McLaughlin

I've been with DYRS for 1.5yrs now and although I was hired when COVID forced everyone to work remotely, I remember meeting Mr. Stevenson briefly at the Admin bldg. when we were coming in for COVID vaccinations.

He was warm and friendly. I remember watching him greet everyone and making everyone comfortable. We exchanged niceties for a bit after my vaccination while I sat for my 15-minute "safe time." I am very sorry to hear of his

John Stevenson's spirit is one of greatness that I enjoyed experiencing. His welcoming style and ability to listen to all is so wonderful an example of how I should treat all that come across my path.

I appreciate how he always gave a great smile and exhibited great love for people. Prayers for his soul, comfort and blessings for his family and all those that he encountered who mourn his departure. Rodney Griffith

I first remember working with John in 1997, at Middletown RTC. John was an administrator and I worked as a Youth care worker. John was very professional and everyone respected him immensely. Fast

forward a few years, and I had the pleasure of working with John again at YRS. John was again extremely well respected at Stevenson House, and was well liked for both residents and staff. I remember the residents thought the

them my sincere condolences in this time. Sincerely, Kelli Banner

Mr. Stevenson, was such a nice man. He was always smiling. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family.--Heather Facciolo

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building was named after him "Stevenson House". John will be dearly missed. His passion for helping youth is without question, and he carried himself with integrity, respect and dignity in every position he had. Best

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truly a great man and he will be missed dearly by DYRS. Rachel Coats

He was taken to soon! So sorry for your loss! Konnie Billups

wishes for his family and prayers go out to them.-- Jennifer Skinner

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John's personality and dedication to the youth left an imprint that will forever impact juvenile justice in Delaware. His laugh will forever be heard within the walls of this agency. My condolences are with his family and friends

as we move forward without his positive presence.
Ashley B

John, you have left an unforgettable mark on not only the department, but the youth and their families. You and your family will be in my thoughts.
--Gabrielle Casarino

Your straight shooter personality and compassionate heart did not go unnoticed. Thinking of you and your family. --Melissa Kahn

John you always supported us and talked to kids with such compassion and understanding. Sending my thoughts and prayers to your family. --Cynthia O'Donnell

John was always available to talk through problems and develop common sense solutions. He was one of, if not the best Directors DYRS ever had. His easy going manner and practicality approached made

him well liked and popular among staff. He will be missed. Ryan Brabson

John, you had such a way with words and making people feel comfortable around you. You have left behind some hard shoes to fill. --Denise Partridge

One day prior to the Director falling ill, I went to the Admin building to have Beth Davolos help me with my work iPhone. My 9yr old son tagged along as I had no child care. Director Stevenson came out to greet us as we

worked with Beth; probably after hearing my little chatter box of a son. I introduced him to Sy and as usual, Director Stevenson was so warm and kind. It was a wonderful little interaction between us all; so when I heard

of his passing, I just thought how special it was to have been able to interact with him one last time before he went on his next journey.
Alex Blasi

In memory of John Stevenson

