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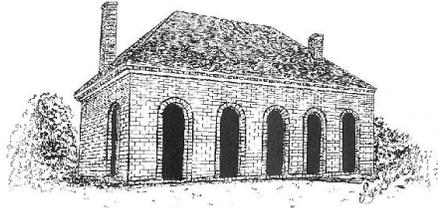
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Hanover County Community Services Board Seeks Nominations for Jean C. Harris Award for Excellence

The Hanover County Community Services Board is excited to announce that the nomination period for the *Jean C. Harris Award for Excellence* is now open. The nomination form and further information can be found at: <https://www.hanovercounty.gov/675/Jean-C-Harris-Award>. Nominations are due by August 10, 2020.

In 2000, the Hanover County Community Services Board established an annual award in the name of long time board member, community volunteer and advocate, Jean C. Harris. The *Jean C. Harris Award for Excellence* has been given annually to Hanover-based individuals, families or groups that demonstrate outstanding contribution in the areas of intellectual/developmental disabilities, mental health, and/or substance use. Acknowledging that many individuals, families and groups in Hanover are making a difference in these areas, up to three awards will be given this year. Nominations for those contributing in these areas in a professional capacity will be considered with clear demonstration that their service goes above and beyond their professional duty.

Who was Jean C. Harris and why do these awards bear her name? Jean Harris is a shining example of a person of compassion who directed her time and energy to helping those in need in Hanover County. She made a difference every day. A native of Hanover whose father ran a country store, Mrs. Harris worked as a secretary to a judge, was married to a local bank executive, and raised three children. She was a tireless advocate for those without a voice. She noticed those in need and tried to help in big and small ways. She was feisty and persistent and was a founding member of the Hanover County Community Services Board. With her first appointment in 1977, she served for nearly 20 years, including as chairman five times. Throughout her service, she focused on promoting the development of much needed community-based services and supports in Hanover County and has left a lasting legacy.

Please consider nominating those whose work today follows in Mrs. Harris's footsteps of advocacy and care for those in need in Hanover County. The challenges are great and their work is invaluable.

A virtual awards ceremony will be presented on October 28, 2020 with more details to be announced.