

Langley's Latest . . .

Keeping you *informed* about how we're making a *difference* in people's lives . . .



Reflections & Ruminations

Betsy Schatz

Langley's Executive Director

Spring is here and, although it may not feel like it, every day I am optimistic we are rounding the corner to warmer and drier weather!

March, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, was a great month here at Langley!

Celebrating the individuals in our programs and everyone with a developmental disability through the Langley Bowl is always a great way to end winter. Thank you to everyone who came out!

Langley has a reputation of going above and beyond. Our LEEAP and Langley FUN programs are additional funding for services outside of our core programs. We take a deeper look at these two programs and how they impact our folks.

Thank you for supporting Langley and the men and women we serve!

Betsy

Above and Beyond

In our December issue, we explored ways that we work with our individuals on building their life skills that enable them to live productive, enriching lives by giving them structure to maintain a daily schedule. This month we are going to highlight two programs that go above our core services and explain their impact. These programs assist our individuals in ways above and beyond providing life skill support and present them opportunities to further enrich their lives.

Our LEEAP (Langley Emergency Economic Assistance Program) was created in 2011 and awards individuals emergency funding in crisis circumstances or when individuals receive a medical or dental bill that will set them back significantly due to their low income. Since 2011, LEEAP has been *(Continued on Page 2)*



Langley FUN outing at Harlem Globetrotters

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the chance to live a *rich, full life . . .*

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able to award over \$62,000 directly to the men and women we serve!

Over \$26,300 of our LEEAP awards went to funding medical expenses. Cases in this category over the years include: someone who needed to be in rehabilitation facility for many months, someone who does not qualify for insurance from their employer and does not make enough to pay their monthly premium on their own, and someone who has a prescription that has a co-pay that is over \$600. LEEAP has helped enable these individuals to continue to be able to pay their rent and have money for utilities and food.

Our other LEEAP awards have gone to people to help with expenses such as rent during times of under or un-employment, unanticipated moving expenses, dental expenses, unexpected transportation costs or transportation costs that would wreak havoc on an individual's monthly budget, utilities, food and basic needs. Thank you to all our funders and donors of this great program! Your support has made a big impact on our LEEAP grant recipients!

Our second program that goes above and beyond our core services of building life skills is Langley FUN. Langley FUN allows everyone to choose an individualized outing in our community once a year. So far our Langley FUN outings have included watching a Harlem Globetrotters game, receiving spa services, Capitals games and going to dinner and a movie. We are scheduling more Langley FUN outings including a painting class, dinner theater outing, an Odyssey dinner cruise and a Kings Dominion day.

Everyone who participates in a Langley FUN takes a survey afterwards. We are finding that our individuals would not have had the financial means or companion support to participate in these activities without Langley FUN funding and that they had not participated in this type of activity in the previous year. We are thrilled to be able to support our individuals in pursuing what interests them and validating their place in our community. We cannot emphasize enough that one of the biggest emotional challenges of being a person with a disability is combating exclusion from mainstream society. Langley FUN helps our individuals bridge the gaps in what they can participate in and solidify their place in our larger community. We are very grateful to the Panaro Foundation for funding the majority of the first year of this program and giving many people the chance to have Langley FUN!

Join us at Game Night!

If you or someone you know is looking for a fun way to learn about Langley and who we serve, we have the perfect opportunity for you! We have launched a Game Night series which gives our residents the opportunity to decide if they want to invite people over to their home to enjoy pizza and play a game such as Sorry!, Uno or lawn darts. Make new friends, refresh yourself on the rules of games you may not have played in years and get a glimpse into the everyday life of our residents. To get on our list for future Game Nights contact Development Manger Angela Riesterer at 703-893-0068 ext. 1800 or Angela@LRSS.org.



Playing a game of Uno!

Celebrating March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Reelabilities Film Festival Northern Virginia Screening of "My Feral Heart"

On March 12th, Langley's Betsy Schatz led a panel discussion after the viewing of the film "My Feral Heart" as part of the Reelabilities Film Festival—Northern Virginia. Panel participants included representatives from the Philips Programs for Children and Families, The Arc of Northern Virginia, Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program, Community Residences and Hale Ball Carlson Baumgartner Murphy PLC. Without giving away spoilers we can share that the film features a young-ish man with developmental disabilities who ends up in a supported living residence that was not appropriate for him. Betsy, along with the other support providers, talked about the importance of making sure that any individual who needs residential support is placed appropriately so that they will thrive.

Everyone agreed that this film was about much more than a man finding an appropriate home. This film, led by the talented British actor Steven Brandon who has Down Syndrome, shows that not only does everyone deserve to lead a rich, full life, but that emotionally, everyone already leads a rich, full life! We look forward to seeing what films are selected for next year's Reelabilities Film Festival.



Rotary Club of McLean Visit

On Tuesday, March 20th Betsy and Langley's Development Manager were honored to be guests at the Rotary Club of McLean, where they were presented a grant award for \$2,000 for LEEAP. Since LEEAP's inception Langley has received \$7,000 from the Rotary Club of McLean. We are very grateful to the McLean Rotarians and especially our Rotarian champion, Dr. Michael DeRose, who has served on Langley's Board of Directors since 1996.



Langley Bowl Snapshots



Kelly, Jessica & Ellen having balloon fun!



Freddie, Alex, Chris and Ava snapping a picture!



The Yolles Family Bowlers!



Jaime and Cindy watching their team bowl



Singmasters on the red carpet!



Fred and Bill taking a break

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Langley Bowl Recap

Our 9th Annual Langley Bowl on Sunday, March 11th was a sea of purple and fun! Congratulations to our Highest Scoring Player, Jason Ameen, and our Highest Scoring Team: Matt Allen, Steve Allen, Bob Simpson, Sara Toni and Kyle Yolles. Eric Kelley, our 50/50 raffle winner, generously donated his winnings back to Langley, and Jose Genao won the bowling ball donated by Bowl America! The Langley Bowl netted over \$6,500 that will go directly to our programs and activities. Our bowlers took pictures on our red carpet and answered trivia winning door prizes from &Pizza, Barrel Oak Winery, Potomac Riverboat Company and Danette Rodriguez, Massage Therapist. Thank you to the great staff at Bowl America-Shirley for helping make this such a fun event every year and to everyone who joined us to celebrate March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month!



Betsy Schatz & Jason Ameen



Highest Scoring Team

Making a Difference in Someone's Life

Many of the men and women Langley serves live on fixed incomes with tight budgets. Programs like LEEAP and Langley FUN help Langley go above and beyond our core services of life skill building to enable the men and women in our programs lead rich, full lives. **Please consider donating to Langley today to help us be able to go above and beyond in our support of the men and women in our programs.**

Your gift to Langley makes a big difference!

\$10 could pay for an unexpected taxi ride

\$25 could pay for a new spring coat

\$50 could pay for a new pair of shoes

\$100 could pay for someone's prescription co-pay

\$250 could fund someone's Langley FUN outing

\$500 could pay for someone's root canal

\$1,000 could pay the rent for someone who was recently laid off

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