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Executive Director's Report

Over the past twenty years with Langley, I have learned a lot about a lot of things. I learned one very important thing from Langley's former Board Chairman, Russell Stevens, a child of the Great Depression—fiscal responsibility. Russell always insisted that if he could fix something himself, Langley funds should not be spent to pay for the repair. Our organization has grown since then, but his mantra continues to ring loud and clear. We continue to watch our pennies very carefully.

Given the deficit Fairfax County now faces, we are preparing to enter uncharted waters. County funding forms the major portion of our budget and we are not sure what we will receive for next year. We must take action now to prepare for the unknown.

We participated in our first Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) fair this fall and would love to branch out to other venues. Please let me know if you work for, or know of someone who works for, a government agency. All we need to have someone make sure we are invited to be present at their CFC fair.

Langley's Development Committee is very active preparing for a number of fund-raising activities this

year. We will continue to seek the help of our terrific volunteers to assist in these events, and will also reach out to the individuals we serve and their families to help us. We face challenging times, but know we can meet our goals with your continued support.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their best wishes and congratulations on my 20th anniversary with Langley. I feel fortunate to work for such a WONDERFUL organization. Most importantly, it has been an honor to serve those who lay at the heart of Langley's mission. They are my inspiration and the reason that all of us at Langley strive to do the best we can. Thank you again to the Board and those who attended. It was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with a lot of folks and to be reminded of why we do what we do.

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Langley Board Brews Up Some Fun!

The Langley Board happily descended on the Shenandoah Brewing Company in Alexandria on Saturday, February 7th to brew our first private release beer and root beer in preparation for our upcoming Barbeque Bash. Shenandoah Brewing is the Washington, DC area's first and only brewery that also has "brew-on-premises". Nine members of the board got right to work measuring out the hops and got in a bit of a workout along the way grinding up the grains; stirring the brew and finishing off the brewing with a rousing game of "kick the keg".

Not that all was all hard work, we also had a great time talking about upcoming Langley activities, getting to know our newer board members and did just a wee bit of tasting of Shenandoah's own releases. At the end of February more members of the board were on hand as we tasted, bottled and labeled the fruits of our labor.

A special thanks to board members Michael DeRose, Judy Yolles and Joanne Heiningner who underwrote the costs of the brewing to support this event. There's still time to donate a brick so you can join us at the upcoming event. We know you'll have as much fun enjoying the Red Brick Ale and Mr. Fizz Root Beer as we did making it.



Come Celebrate with Us!!

Langley Residential Support Services would like to say thank you to all the wonderful people who have bought bricks. On May 2, 2009, we will host a Backyard barbeque To Celebrate Our New Brick Patio.

All who have donated bricks will receive an invitation to attend this fun event .

Place Langley House

Date & Time : Saturday, May 2, 2009
from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm, rain or shine.

It is still not too late to buy a brick.
(See Below)

We are almost there!

Please consider buying a brick, or even another brick if you already have, so we can finish building a patio for our home in Dunn Loring.



Each brick will be engraved with a name—individual, family, or organization—as affirmation of your support for Langley. We hope to have the patio laid and finished by the beginning of May.

The proceeds will go into a capital fund, which will be held in a separate account and only used for material changes to the group homes. This would allow us to meet our repair and upgrade needs and to provide a modest foundation for the future.

Langley operates four group homes to provide supported residence for our consumers who live and work in the community. We purchased the Arden



Street house a few years ago and the other three are leased. As most of you know, funding is provided for qualified individuals through the Fairfax County Community Services Board, and for others through a private pay program. This funding is not sufficient to cover major repairs and renovations in the homes, nor does it provide the wherewithal to buy additional homes to meet total demand and avoid the uncertainties inherent in leasing.

Our capital fund would provide a pot of money to address emergency repairs. It would also allow us to plan for renovations and upgrade the homes to meet our standards. At present, we address repairs on an ad-hoc basis, often having to forgo a consumer service to meet an urgent need. Ultimately, we would like to be able to address the need for additional homes by having the funds to make down payments to qualify for the generous VHDA loan program.

To buy a brick and contribute to our campaign, please fill out the form in this newsletter that will indicate how many bricks you would like and how you would like your name or message to appear on the brick. Your contribution includes engraving (up to 3 lines) and placement. Costs for the different sizes available are listed below. Consider honoring your favorite organization or your whole family by splurging on the large center brick. Fully subscribed, the patio will raise \$50,000.

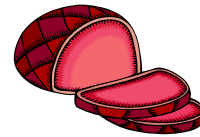
Capital Fund contributions are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Brick Prices:

- 4" X 8" \$100.00
- 8" x 8" Cornerstone \$500.00
- 8" x 8" Centerpiece \$1,000.00

We hope you can help us in this important project. Even if you do not wish to purchase a brick, any contribution to the fund will be appreciated. As our campaign progresses, we will keep you apprised of our progress.

Ham it up!



Buy your **Honeybaked Ham** for Easter through Langley. If you prefer turkey for your Spring celebration, we have that too! Trouble free for you, and it helps us a little. It's moist and sweet—is there anything better for that special meal? To make it easy, we've included the order form. To sum up:

- Orders turned in to Langley by Friday, April 3.
- Pick up Thursday, April 9
- Enjoy! And, thanks from us all.

Take a Chance, Win Big.

Langley will be doing a 50/50 raffle on May 2nd. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. The winner will receive 50% of all money raised through the raffle, and Langley will keep the other 50% in order to fulfill its mission. To purchase raffle tickets, please contact Kelly Wolfe at 703-798-4457 or wolfe_kelly@hotmail.com. Thank you.

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Special Olympics Basketball: Watch out for the Langley Lions and Wizards



Winter may bring snow and ice, but it also brings Special Olympics basketball season! This year, due to so much interest and demand, Langley has two teams – the Langley Lions and the Langley Wizards. Both teams have been practicing hard every Wednesday night since November in the “group home” league, which has a total of four teams. At practices, athletes get a chance to practice shooting and other skills, but they also get a chance to scrimmage the other teams.

The Lions and Wizards competed in two tournaments during January: the Loudoun Invitational and the Area 26 Tournament. Each team won at least one game per tournament. Athletes love competing in the tournaments and they bring all of their energy. There is always lots of high-fiving, fist-pumping, and cheering when baskets or good plays are made. When asked about his secret to playing well, Langley Wizard’s player, Chris stated, “I’ve been trying to watch a lot of college hoops and take some notes. I want to play my best and win!”

Both teams also competed in the Potomac/Rappahannock Regional Tournament on February 22nd. The Langley Lions got first place in their division and the Langley Wizards earned second place in theirs. Both Langley teams qualified for the State tournament

that will be held March 20-21 in Fredericksburg, Virginia. They will be the only two half-court teams representing Area 26. At States, the athletes get to stay overnight at a hotel and go to a Special Olympics dance, attend opening ceremonies, and then compete in the State games. When the Langley teams were selected for states, all the athletes yelled excitedly, “We are going to States! We are going to States! We are going to WIN at States!”

At practices and tournaments, several of the Langley individuals we serve come to watch and cheer on the teams. The athletes are thankful to have their support. The Wizards and Lions have enjoyed the season so far and hope it will end with winning States!

If you are interested in volunteering with Special Olympics basketball, please contact Kelly Wolfe at wolfe_kelly@hotmail.com. In addition, Langley would like to get new uniforms made for the athletes. Langley uses the generic Special Olympics basketball jerseys. At tournaments, most of the other teams have their own uniforms with their organization’s name on them. If you are interested in helping Langley to get new uniforms, please send a donation to Langley with a note saying it is for the uniforms.

by Kelly Wolfe

Go Langley Lions and Wizards!



Meet Our New Chairman of the Board
Ms Judith Yolles



I have served on the Langley's Board of Directors for over 10 years and have recently become the chair of this wonderful organization. My husband and I have lived in Northern Virginia for over 30 years. We have two adult children who attended Fairfax County public schools and who graduated (or who will soon graduate) from the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

I am currently employed as an Intellectual Property Law Specialist for the DC-based law firm of Steptoe and Johnson LLP. As such, I handle clearance, prosecution, due diligence research, domain name matters, and maintenance of large domestic and international trademark portfolios as well as trademark enforcement and domain name enforcement matters for firm clients.

The Langley Board and I are not only committed to the individuals we serve but also strive to strengthen our ties to the Northern Virginia community.

Judith Yolles



Langley Residential Support Services will be sending you a newsletter four times each year as part of our outreach efforts to friends and the community. We will also place it on our website and send electronic copies to all those on our email list. **Our next newsletter will come out in spring.** If anyone would like to receive this newsletter or contribute an article or picture, please email Carol at carol.mournighan@verizon.net.

If you would like to receive your newsletter and other updates from Langley Residential Support Services, please send an email with your address to carol.mournighan@verizon.net.

Thank you from all of us at Langley Residential Support Services.

