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## Langley Fall Event Raises over \$48,000 to Celebrate a Season of New Beginnings!



On Saturday, October 19, we hosted our Langley Fall Tastings & Auction Benefit, Falling into Place – Celebrating a Season of New Beginnings, and it was a huge success! We are so thankful for the generosity of our sponsors, friends, and supporters who raised over \$48,000 toward our mission and programs.

Thank you to our sponsors, our emcee Peggy Fox, elected officials Senators Rip Sullivan and Jennifer Boysko, Supervisor James Bierman, The Wine Attic and Amy Evans of Dionysos Imports, Cristian Perez, St. Germain Catering, the Junior League of Washington volunteers, Jose Nunez of Trinity UMC, Jason Skebeck Photography, Don Shipley, Ryan Craun, the Langley staff, the Langley Board of Directors, and especially our gracious host family who believe in a rich, full life for all for making this year's fall event a success.



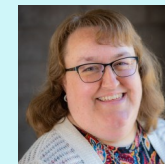
## Celebrating Changes and Our Lifelong Community

### a note from the Executive Director

The fall flew by quickly this year! With seasons changing so fast, I am excited to share a few changes at Langley. We have moved offices this fall, and we are excited to have a new office space where we can better serve and support our Langley community. In addition to the move, the residents of our Arden Street home had a beautiful renovation done to their shared living spaces, ensuring they can gather in comfort for many years to come. Finally, we launched our new partnership with Spur Local as a featured nonprofit organization in their annual Catalogue for Philanthropy, published in November.

As we wind down 2024, I am so thankful for you. You have continued to show up for Langley in many ways this year, through our Langley Fall Tastings & Auction Benefit and Langley Rock 'n Bowl, to supporting our Special Olympics basketball teams, to the opening of the Atwood House, to renovations at our homes, to support new programs like Langley MOVES and Langley Smiles, to volunteering time with our individuals, and every step of the way you poured love into our community. Thank you.

As we head into 2025, I hope our community can continue to grow to new heights and support adults with developmental disabilities to live fulfilling, valued, and vibrant lives.



Maureen K. Gum  
- Maureen

## Langley Smiles – Makes the Season Brighter

Earlier this year, Langley received funding from the Immanuel Presbyterian Endowment Fund to start one of our newest programs, Langley Smiles. Oral health is an important part of our total health and well-being, and the individuals we support are at higher risk for negative health outcomes associated with poor oral health due to a few different factors, including lack of dental insurance. With seed funding from the IPC Endowment fund, we have assisted two of our individuals who have received much-needed dental care thus far this year.

“Langley Smiles has been a tremendous help! The individual I support who used the funds has no dental insurance to cover the cost of care. She would have had to pay more than \$2,000 out of pocket if we did not have the Langley Smiles program.” Elaine Kersey-Alexander, Langley Program Manager. Programs like Langley Smiles and the LEEAP fund are essential lifelines for the 44 individuals we support who may not have access to healthcare services due to financial constraints. Please help make this holiday season brighter and consider donating to the Langley Smiles fund.

## Langley has Moved!



Changes keep coming at Langley. We have moved! After many years at our current location, it's time to move on – just next door!

Our new office location is 2070 Chain Bridge Road, Suite G40, just a few steps away from our old office! Though we haven't moved far, we are excited about how this new space will help us continue to serve our individuals and community. Check out the Instagram Reel & Facebook video of our new space, and stay tuned for an open house date.



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2024 Year-End and Planned Giving Strategies to Maximize Your Impact

By Doug Tees, CFP®, CAP®, CBDA

As we approach year-end, many of us reflect on how we can support the organizations that mean the most to us. Whether helping underserved communities, supporting vital programs, or contributing to impactful causes, we all want to ensure our gifts make the greatest impact.

Tax planning isn't usually our first thought when giving, but it can allow us to maximize contributions while minimizing taxes — meaning we can do more for the causes we care about.

1. Supercharge Giving Through Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs)

A Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) remains a powerful tool for charitable planning. With tax thresholds higher than ever, bundling contributions into a single year through a DAF allows you to itemize deductions that year while taking the standard deduction in others.

For instance, if you contribute three years' worth of donations to a DAF in 2024, you can claim a significant deduction now while disbursing funds to your favorite charities over time.

2. Donate Appreciated Assets for Maximum Impact

Markets have rebounded strongly, and many portfolios now include highly appreciated assets. Donating these assets directly to a charity avoids capital gains tax, enabling you to contribute their full value while claiming a tax deduction.

Here's an example: Suppose you bought \$5,000 of stock now worth \$20,000. Donating the stock directly - would let the organization receive the full \$20,000 while you bypass the capital gains tax and claim a full deduction.

3. Utilize Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) from IRAs

If you are 70½ or older, you can make tax-free distributions directly to qualified charities from your IRA. In 2024, the annual limit for these Qualified Charitable Distributions is \$100,000 (indexed for inflation).

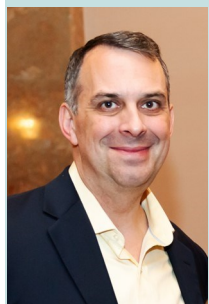
4. Be Strategic with Cash Gifts

With rising interest rates and inflation, cash gifts can still be effective, especially when aligned with matching gift programs from employers or other organizations.

5. Plan for the Future Through Legacy Giving

Consider including charitable organizations in your estate plan. This ensures that your values are reflected in your legacy while potentially reducing estate taxes.

As always, consult your financial or tax advisor to tailor these strategies to your unique circumstances. Your thoughtful giving and planning can amplify the difference you make to the organizations and causes you hold dear.



Thank you for making a difference!

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Doug Tees, CFP®, has served on Langley Residential Support Services' board since 2011. Tees is COO and Wealth Adviser with the Jason Howell Company, a family wealth practice focused on sustainable investing, family governance, and proactive philanthropy.

Langley Resident Featured Artist at Chimes Annual Event



We are so proud to share that one of our residents, Daniel, was recently recognized as a featured artist at the Chimes Foundation's second annual Art Fall24!

Meet Daniel, a Chimes member since 2019!

Daniel loves to spend his time creating colorful rainbows. His favorite part about Chimes? Hanging out with his peers! He also has a unique talent for organizing the Clubhouse — sorting is his jam.



Congratulations, Daniel! We are so proud of you!

Langley Happenings — Out & About

