

Langley's Latest



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Spring 2023

Changes in the Air this Spring

A note from the Executive Director

We are halfway through 2023, and it has been a big year for Langley so far! With new individuals, updates to our residences, and staffing changes, I am excited by all the new life brought to Langley this spring.

In January, we welcomed our first new resident, in seven years, to one of our group homes. I am proud to say they are flourishing in their new home environment. This spring, we completed a much-needed kitchen renovation at one of our group homes, and we are so thankful to our generous supporters that made this possible. Our residents are happy with the new kitchen.

I am excited to share we welcomed two new staff members to the administrative team at Langley Residential. This spring Elaine Kersey-Alexander, who joined as a direct support professional with our Community Support Program in 2022, accepted the role of program manager! I am thrilled Elaine took on this role. With 20 years of experience in the field, she has already shown she is an asset to our team. In May, we welcomed our new development manager Emily Hincer, who has already hit the ground running. I am excited by the new energy brought to our team and look forward to what we can achieve this year.

Finally, we are counting down the final days of our current operating year. Thank you to our champions who have continued to support our community year after year. We are grateful for your fellowship and dedication to our belief that everyone deserves to live a rich, full life.

Thank you for all you do to ensure everyone can live a rich, full life. I hope this spring has brought welcome changes to your life as it has to Langley!

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Champion Challenge: Help LRSS Raise \$25,000

To start Langley's new fiscal year, we are challenging champions like you to help us raise \$25,000! Donate today to help us start our year with an extra spring in our step. When you support Langley, you help us deliver exceptional care and support to 46 individuals with developmental disabilities—providing the opportunity for everyone to live as independently as possible and pursue their hopes and dreams.

We challenge you to donate \$25 or more by June 30. Any donation amount will go a long way to help our community thrive. Here are a few ways you can make your donation go farther and support our individuals now and in the future:

- \$1,000: Towards a new water heater at one of our group homes
- \$500: A medical procedure (dental surgery) for a participant in our community support program
- \$250: One month of gas for a vehicle at one of our group homes
- \$100: One month of MetroAccess fare for one of our individuals to commute to work
- \$50: Weekly gas for a vehicle at one of our group homes
- \$25: A copay for a medical check-up for one of our residents

When you give, you ensure our residents and community support individuals receive the highest quality care and support to live life to the fullest.

To make a donation visit lrss.org, go to Get Involved—Make a Donation, and click on the black Donate button to donate online or mail a check to the office at 2070 Chain Bridge Road, Suite G55, Vienna, VA 22182.



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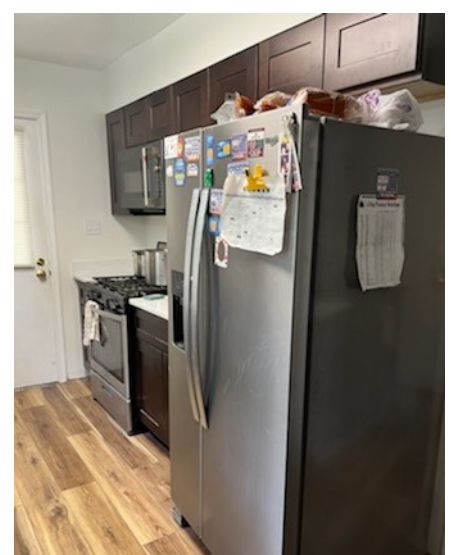
Kitchen Renovation at Langley Group Home Complete

Thanks to Generosity of Twinkling Eyes Foundation and Junior League of Washington

After months of anticipation, we are pleased to announce the completion of the kitchen renovation at our Duncan Drive group home! Thanks to generous funding from the Twinkling Eyes Foundation, Langley was able to do a complete kitchen remodel with new flooring, counters, cabinetry, and appliances. In addition to funding from the Twinkling Eyes Foundation, the Junior League of Washington assisted in financing a new stove and microwave unit for the kitchen remodel. With generous partners like the Twinkling Eyes Foundation and the Junior League of Washington, LRSS can continue to ensure our residents have safe and healthy homes to live in.



The kitchen renovation in progress...



The new kitchen!

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Welcome

Elaine Kersey-Alexander and Emily Hincer Join LRSS Staff

Please join Langley Residential in welcoming two additions to our staff! Elaine Kersey-Alexander has stepped into the role of program manager, and Emily Hincer has joined as the new development manager.

Kersey-Alexander joined Langley Residential Support Services in 2022 as a part-time counselor for the Community Support Program to support several people's personal health and daily activities who live independently on their own or with their families. Promoted to program manager in April, she brings a wealth of knowledge to our community.

Prior to LRSS, Kersey-Alexander spent nearly 20 years as a senior program support specialist at MVLE, focused on job training and coaching, placement, and progress management for people with developmental disabilities. Kersey-Alexander earned her associate's degree in education

from the University of the District of Columbia College and is a resident of Suitland, Maryland. When she's not working, she enjoys spending time with her family and looks forward to her grandkids visiting her this summer.

Hincer comes to LRSS with 7 years of experience in nonprofit management and fundraising in the DC area. While new to the disabilities support field, she is passionate about Langley's mission to ensure everyone deserves the chance to live a rich, full life. A resident of Stafford, Virginia, Hincer earned her bachelor's degree in social work from Appalachian State University and her master's degree in pastoral theology from Wesley Theological Seminary. When she's not working, she enjoys spending time with her husband Abdul, young daughter Murad, and her collie Aloo, reading, hiking, kayaking, and testing new recipes for her family.



Resident Happenings – Out and About

Langley individuals have been making the most of the good weather and early summer celebrations! June has been a busy month for our LRSS residents. Individuals from three of our homes participated in two annual dances hosted by Melwood and Service Source and had a blast dancing the night away!

Residents from Marshall Heights performed their civic duty by voting early in the Virginia primary race and celebrated Juneteenth by visiting the African American History Museum. Check out the photos below from our individuals soaking up some summer fun.



Tribute to Mary Frances Moriarty, Longtime LRSS Volunteer

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of longtime Langley Residential Support Services volunteer Mary Frances Moriarty. Mary Frances passed away peacefully at her home on May 6, 2023.

Part of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps, Mary Frances began volunteering with LRSS about 15 years ago and quickly won our hearts. An essential part of our administrative team, Mary Frances, assisted staff at the LRSS office every Monday with administrative tasks. With a friendly smile and warm personality, Mary Frances made everyone who came into the LRSS office feel welcome.

Director of residential services Stephanie Davidson fondly remembers Mary Frances would say, "God willing, I'll see you next week," when leaving her volunteer shift. We are thankful for Mary Frances' service to Langley Residential and will miss her greatly.



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