

# Langley's Latest

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Spring 2022

## Pressing Pause to Take in Everyday Moments

### A message from the Executive Director

It's June—already halfway through 2022! It's hard to believe, but with the busyness of our day-to-day lives, here we are. From the season of graduations to planning summer vacations, new chapters have begun for many. It's a good reminder that we all need to pause from time to time to really listen to the people around us.

It warms my heart when I receive phone calls and text messages out of the blue from the people we support. The joy you can hear in their voices is palpable and invigorating. Being able to share in those moments with them is truly an honor. One resident called recently – beyond excited, almost in tears – that they had found a place to go during the day. They can now be with a few people they know and make new friends with the people they don't. They have found a renewed purpose in life after being at home for two-and-a-half plus years. Another resident likes to text to say hello or let me know that they are looking forward to going away for the weekend to visit family. These are the moments that keep me going.

Being able to pause when staff come into the office also is very important. They are sometimes in and out in a flash to pick something up for someone they work with. It is nice when they have a few minutes to catch me up on family news or share some laughs of past Langley memories. I look forward to those impromptu moments.

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## Join LRSS in Reaching **\$25,000 Goal by June 30** to Do More for People We Serve Today, Tomorrow, and Beyond

Langley Residential has many highlights from the past six months to celebrate as we close out the current operating year. Because of the generous support from champions like you, we continue to deliver exceptional care and support to 49 local adults with developmental disabilities—providing the opportunity for everyone to live as independently as possible and pursue their hopes and dreams.

When you contribute to LRSS, your gift translates into more achievements for our community. Donations this month go toward meeting the needs of and supporting the life-enhancing care of the people we work with every day. [What part of our \\$25,000 goal can you help with by June 30, 2022?](#) By supporting our operations, you are making it possible for others to thrive.

## How a LRSS Board Member's Kindness Led to Outpouring of Generosity

Since joining the Langley Residential board of directors back in 1996, Judy Yolles has been a constant force in improving the lives of the people we serve and providing steady leadership to move this organization forward. From volunteer service on the board and various committees to donating and supporting the fall benefit auction, she always answers the call from the LRSS community.

This May, Yolles celebrated a milestone birthday and used it as a way to give back to her favorite nonprofit! In lieu of birthday gifts, she asked her friends and family to make a donation to Langley. What happened next was magical. **More than 30 of**

LRSS has continued to keep our residents, community support participants, and staff healthy during the spikes of COVID over the winter and spring months. Earlier this month, we again worked with Hann's Pharmacy to hold a booster clinic for our community. There is nothing more important than the health and safety of the people in our care. Donors helped make this clinic possible.

Our LRSS family returned to their Saturday bowling league hosted by our partners at ServiceSource, and we brought back the LRSS Spring Bowl. Getting back to this highly anticipated activity was a huge step toward resuming a well-balanced life. The people we work with are very good bowlers, and holding the 11th LRSS Spring

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## Yolles' loved ones made a collective gift of **\$2,000** to LRSS!

What started out as a single request from one person blossomed into a magnificent contribution from many people to support our local neighbors who need it most. We are so grateful for this gift and the creativity that made it happen – huge thanks to Judy Yolles and her birthday givers!! Consider your own special way to invite more supporters to this vital community effort, so we can thank you.



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# Welcome

## Board Spotlight: Don Shipley

Langley Residential is pleased to announce the addition of Don Shipley to our board. He brings more than 30 years of experience in strategic communications, video production and business development.

As the parent of an autistic young adult, Shipley has worked extensively in the local and national disability community and served on the board of the Autism Society of Northern Virginia for nine years, including three years as chapter president. He was ASNV's top fundraiser and spearheaded the chapter's golf tourna-



ment, Arts for Autism gala and Autism Awareness Month promotion with Rosenthal Automotive—three programs that each raised \$100,000+ for the chapter. He also has volunteered with the Organization for Autism Research and Autism Speaks and participated in a variety of events and campaigns related to autism and disability issues.

Shipley has helped numerous families in the autism community with lifespan issues such as applying for Social Security, creating special needs trusts, aging out of the school system, and finding jobs and housing for adults with disabilities. His interest in housing and other services for adults with disabilities and his personal stake

in these issues is what has drawn him to Langley Residential. He volunteered with this year's spring bowling benefit and plans to lend his communications skills to help with pursuing grants and donors, planning this fall's benefit auction, and raising awareness about LRSS with policymakers, community leaders, employers, current and prospective supporters, and other key audiences.

Shipley works as an independent producer and public relations consultant, and his current and past clients include the American Highway Users Alliance, Campbell-Hoffman Foundation, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, Diesel Technology Forum, Invictus Foundation, Keep America Moving Coalition, National Organizations for Youth Safety, Roadway Safety Foundation, Stratacomm, and Woodrow Wilson Center. Before going out on his own, he held leadership positions at two nationally ranked public relations agencies in Washington. A graduate of Syracuse University, Shipley lives in Falls Church with his wife Barbara, and they are parents to daughter Erica and son Kyle.

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Bowling Benefit in March was a way to see those skills in action and learn something from our residents and program participants. Supporters helped make these events possible.

Sponsors of the LRSS Spring Bowl offset the costs to host the event. What an incredible response to our request to local civic organizations, churches, companies, businesses, and families. Fifteen sponsors helped make this event possible.

More of the people we work with returned to day programs and jobs. One resident who hasn't worked since before the pandemic was finally able to start a day program where she'll learn new skills and meet new friends. Another resident returned to his job at George Mason. Another participant just celebrated his one-year anniversary working at a local grocery store. Contributors helped make these achievements possible.

## Here's More of the Good Your Gift Does to Keep LRSS Spirit Going

Giving to LRSS also results in the kinds of life-enriching needs and services below. Any donation level makes a transformative impact on our community. We cannot do this work without you – thank you!

**\$1,000:**  
month of meals at one of our group homes or  
new dining room set for all the residents at one of our group homes

**\$500:**  
medical procedure (eye surgery) for a participant in our community support program or  
month of spending money for a participant in our community support program

**\$250:**  
new vacuum cleaner for a participant in our community support program

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Here in the final weeks of our operating year and on our way to meeting our June 30 fund drive goal, I want to send a big THANK-YOU to all of the Langley supporters, from our families, board of directors, and volunteers to individual donors, churches, foundations, businesses, and civic groups. **Thank you for pausing and thinking of us.** It has been humbling to see and feel the support we receive.

I am thankful for each one of you in our LRSS community, knowing that our paths crossed working together to make life better for local adults with developmental disabilities. My door is always open and my phone awaits the next opportunity we have to share a "pausable" moment.

*Maureen K Gum*

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or special outing (Cirque du Soleil with a meal) for all the residents at one of our group homes

\$100: month of phone service or electricity at one of our group homes or weekend bowling outing for all the residents at one of our group homes

\$50: weekly gas for a vehicle at one of our group homes or Friday night pizza party at one of our group homes

\$25: co-pay for a medical check-up for one of our residents or movie ticket and concessions for a resident or participant in our community support program

Visit [lrss.org](http://lrss.org) to donate online, or mail a check to the office at 2070 Chain Bridge Road Suite G55, Vienna, VA 22182. Thanks so very much!

### Share Feedback about March 27 LRSS Spring Bowling Benefit Access to Event Photo Gallery after Completing Survey

We want to hear from you about your experience at the first in-person LRSS event since 2019. The 11th LRSS Spring Bowling Benefit was held Sunday, March 27 at Bowlero Tysons. We're asking for feedback on a 2-minute survey from both attendees and non-attendees to help us improve for next year. Complete the survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FDTS2CM>. After completing the survey, you will have access to the gallery of event photos. If you have questions or need help, please contact Katie Davenport at 703.893.0068. Thank you!



### Send Us Your Gift Cards for Fall Auction

If you have gift cards in the amount of \$25 or more that you don't plan to use, consider sending them to Langley Residential to be auctioned off at the fall event. Mystery prizes have been a fun way for more people to participate in the fall event, and we welcome gift cards to restaurants or local businesses that don't have an expiration date.

### LRSS Is Now on LinkedIn

Langley Residential would love your help growing our support on social media. In addition to Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, and Instagram, LRSS now has a presence on LinkedIn. Be sure to follow us there to stay in the know about LRSS news, events, and updates.



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Supporters of Spring Repair Effort Make Tangible Improvements for LRSS Residents – Thank You!!

For the second year, Langley Residential reached out to the community for help with repairs and systems upgrades at our group homes. Sometimes these needs exceed our allotted budget for the year, making support of this initiative crucial for creating a safe and comfortable living environment for LRSS residents and a reliable workspace for LRSS staff.

Tremendous thanks to our donors this spring, Virginia and Chuck, Edward, Sharon and John, Andrea and Jamison, Weetie and Wayne, Dave, Teena, Mary Beth, Nathan, Rose, and Junior League of Washington. These contributors made a difference with \$6,000 to address critical home repair and improvement needs.

A grant from Junior League of Washington was put into immediate action to replace a kitchen appliance at one of our group homes. The refrigerator that was original to the house when Langley Residential purchased it in 2010 was beginning to show its age with several components no longer working. Because of the generosity of JLW and other spring repair donors, we were able to order a replacement and have it

installed quickly. Big thanks to our champions for making this and other projects possible, so our residents and staff take pride in where they live and work!

Before and... After!



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