

Langley's Latest

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

Winter 2022

Marching On A message from the Executive Director

Greetings to all our Langley family, friends, and champions. It's March already, can you believe it?!! As I reflect on the past year, the first thing that comes to mind is the loss of our beloved longtime leader, Betsy Schatz. It's been a whole year without her, hearing her voice, and seeing her smile. Out of the sadness, it is my honor to now be carrying that torch and leading the organization. Betsy's impact on the lives of our residents, program participants, staff, board, volunteers, and many others marches on.

More than 71 donations totaling some \$16,000 have been made in Betsy's memory since her passing on March 6, 2021. Betsy always loved taking members of our community on special trips – just as any family goes away for a long weekend to the beach – so we look forward to a special summer outing made possible through generous contributions to the Betsy Schatz Forever Fund.

A lot more happened in the year. We continued to handle the Covid-19 pandemic with perseverance and grace. All residents and staff received booster shots shortly after they were available in November. We celebrated our residents and community support participants returning to work and day placements—most people going back to their previous jobs and a few starting a new work adventure. We all continued with marching on.

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Junior League of Washington Brightens Spirits with Extraordinary Generosity

Our partnership with Junior League of Washington dates back to fundraising efforts that helped with the purchase of one of the original LRSS group homes. Today, one of our homes bears the name of Junior League House to recognize the phenomenal generosity of JLW. But their involvement in improving the lives of the people we serve runs much deeper.

Junior League members host weekly book club meetings that have been a mainstay for residents for more than 25 years, focusing on improving literacy and life skills. When COVID hit, they wasted no time in pivoting the program to a virtual format and even had more engagement from the LRSS community than when it was in person. It takes about 30 volunteers to keep the book club program running – they are amazing, and our residents look forward to their time with JLW.

In October 2021, five volunteers from Junior League helped plant 100 yellow tulip bulbs that were donated by Colonial

Life. The volunteers mobilized at two of our group homes to work with residents to dig and plant the bulbs that we are now starting to see even in early spring pop up from the ground!

Also in October, members of the Junior League encouraged LRSS to apply for a community fund grant to replace a failed cooking unit in one of our group homes. This resulted in a \$1,000 award to install a new gas cooktop-oven unit just in time for the holiday cooking season.

More magic happened just before the end of 2021. JLW members held a secret santa drive to donate warm weather accessories for all of our residents and community support participants. This project brought huge smiles to all the faces of the people we work with, because they knew someone was thinking about them during the holidays. The hats, scarves, and gloves came in very handy during all the

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Junior League of Washington volunteers work with LRSS residents to plant 100 yellow tulip bulbs donated by Colonial Life.



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Welcome

Board Spotlight: Ryan Malkes

Ryan Malkes was drawn to Langley Residential Support Services after his family was brainstorming "random acts of kindness" activities and approached the organization about an idea that became the 2020 Virtual Holiday Sing-a-long for the LRSS community. Seeing the joy and smiles that the event brought to so many residents, he wanted to do more.

Malkes was drawn to the mission of LRSS and the concept that everyone deserves a chance to live a full and rich life. He joined one of the working committees and officially became an LRSS board member in December 2021. Later that month, he hosted the 2021 Virtual Holiday Sing-a-long that featured one of LRSS' counselors playing guitar. It was another successful event!

"The opportunity to give back to the community I live in has been a rewarding opportunity. My passion is to help others," Malkes said. "The opportunity to serve on the Board, use my skills and background, and influence the programs and the experience the residents receive at LRSS is truly humbling."



Malkes is part of the Leadership Fairfax Emerging Leaders Institute Class of 2022 and is currently working with Virginia Recovery Solutions assisting with outreach efforts among those battling homelessness and substance abuse. Previously, he participated as a Compass pro bono consultant assisting with board development and organizational strategy

with Encore Stage and Studio in Arlington.

In January 2022, Malkes started a new position as a senior specialist of digital and media at Electrify America responsible for the brand and digital strategy. In his new role, he is most excited about the opportunity to be part of the future of the automotive industry, marketing electric vehicles and network utilization of America's most powerful open EV charging network. At his previous role, Malkes served as a senior pricing analyst at Tegna. He looks forward to bringing his marketing, branding, and strategy experience to LRSS.

When he is not working or volunteering you can find him spending time with his family, traveling (when it's not a global pandemic) and following Cleveland sports teams!

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The restrictions and mandates that were once a part of our everyday life are beginning to roll back now. We are both excited and cautiously optimistic that this trend will continue, and our community will remain healthy.

I want to recognize the LRSS staff and their very hard work that got us through all the challenges and pivots of last year. We are so proud and grateful to have you on our team. You have played an enormous role in finding a new normalcy for our community.

While we held another successful virtual event in the fall, we are thrilled to be gathering again on March 27 to bring back the Langley Bowl. Our program participants are overjoyed to be bowling again with family, staff, board, sponsors, and other friends. I hope to see many of you there to finally catch up, or meet for the first time, in person.

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snow days at the beginning of the year.

Langley Residential would not be the organization it is today without the support of all our friends at Junior League of Washington. Their kindness and giving hearts have made a world of difference in the lives of the LRSS family – thank you, thank you, JLW!

A generous JLW grant made it possible to install a new cooking unit at one of our group homes.



Junior League members brought smiles to all our residents' and community support participants' faces by giving them warm-weather gifts.

Recognizing 2021 Langley Leaders

Every contribution to Langley Residential makes a direct impact on enriching the lives of the residents and program participants we work with. In 2021, there was an overwhelming response to the organization's request for support, from the spring repair campaign and fall event participation to #GivingTuesday and the holiday year-end effort. Many thanks for being part of these vital initiatives.

Langley Leaders came through for us in a big way last year. Supporters at these levels help us continue our stellar programs and compassionate care to help local neighbors with developmental disabilities. Consider joining this esteemed group of partners in carrying on the LRSS legacy. Please join us in a special thanks to the contributors below!

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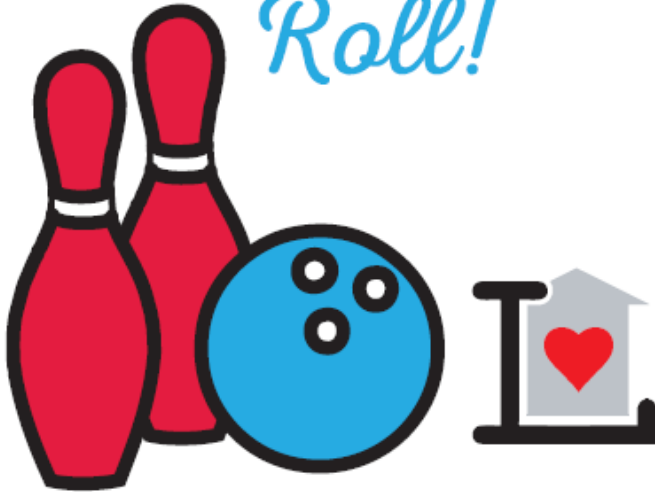


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