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Summer Sun, Summer Fun

a note from the Executive Director

Summer flew by here at Langley, and with the opening of the Atwood House and the beginning of new programs, our community stayed busy. Thank you to our supporters who helped us close our last fiscal year and start our new one on the right footing. Your support continues to build a rich, full life for all we serve at Langley.

The Atwood House opened in June, with our three new residents settling nicely into the home and our community. In July, we launched Langley MOVES, with most residents and some community support participants joining in group exercise and nutrition education classes. Immanuel Presbyterian Church hosted a summer book club, which helped our individuals, new and old, connect with young people in the community. *(continued on page 2)*

Falling into Place

Celebrating a Season of New Beginnings

Join us at our Langley Fall Tastings & Auction Benefit: Falling into Place – Celebrating a Season of New Beginnings on Saturday, October 19, from 6 - 9 p.m.! We are excited to gather with you - our supporters, residents, program participants, families, and staff! Thank you for believing everyone deserves the chance to live a rich, full life. 2024 has been a tremendous year for Langley and our community. We cannot wait to share how we are growing to create rich, full lives for those we serve now and in the future.

Enjoy a wonderful evening with the Langley community, tasting Portuguese wines and craft beers from The Wine Attic, hearty hors d'oeuvres from St. Germain Catering, live guitar music from a local artist, curated live and silent auction items for the Langley community, and more.

Ticket sales are open on our auction website. Use the discount code - **1983** - to receive a 20% discount when you purchase your Langley Fall Tastings & Auction Benefit before October 1! *(continued on page 2)*



SAVE THE DATE

Falling into Place

Celebrating a Season of New Beginnings



Saturday, October 19 | 6-9 pm
Langley Fall Tastings & Auction Benefit

Proceeds benefit the LRSS mission and programs to ensure local neighbors with developmental disabilities have every opportunity to live happy, valued lives.



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a note from the Executive Director cont'd.

I am so thankful for our partnerships that help build a rich, full life for those we serve and how our community has embraced our new residents and new opportunities over the summer.

As we enter the fall, we are excited to celebrate this season of new beginnings at our upcoming Langley Fall Tastings & Auction Benefit on Saturday, October 19. I hope you will spend the evening with us in support of a rich, full life and the individuals we love and serve at Langley.



-Maureen K. Gum

Falling into Place — Celebrating a Season of New Beginnings continued

This event wouldn't be complete without our live and silent auctions. It is free to participate in the auctions, but a credit card is required to register on the auction site. The online auction opens on Friday, October. Be sure to save room for dessert! We are pleased to bring back our dessert auction featuring delightful desserts from our talented community – including you! For more information about the online auction, getting your ticket, donating an item or a dessert, please visit our website by scanning the QR code above.



Direct Support Professional Recognition Week 2024



September 8 through 14 is Direct Support Professional Recognition Week! Our team of 24 Direct Support Professionals is the backbone of Langley. DSPs support our individuals in daily living skills, such as grocery shopping, cooking, managing finances, and monitoring health and wellness, and community access skills, such as accessing community resources, using transportation, time-management skills, and maintaining social relationships. In addition to supporting skill building, our DSPs help connect those we serve to the community and become like family to the individuals we support. In 2023 alone, our DSPs gave over 41,000 hours of support, assisting our individuals in living a rich, full life.

As we observe Direct Support Professional Recognition Week, we are part of the second annual Direct Support Professional of the Year (DSPY) Awards ceremony hosted by the Northern Virginia (NOVA) Coalition of Service Providers. The NOVA Coalition of Service Providers is a network of 30 to 40 service agencies in the area that have partnered since the early 1990s. The coalition includes organizations like Langley, the Hartwood Foundation, Gabriel Homes, and the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board.

Started in 2023, the DSPY Awards recognizes outstanding Direct Support Professionals who go above and beyond the call to support individuals with developmental disabilities. This year's DSPY Awards will be on Thursday, September 12, 2024. We are so proud to announce two Langley DSPs - Robin Burns and Deirdra Hailes - will be recognized for their hard work and dedication to the profession!

Robin has worked with Langley since 2015, and Deirdra has collectively worked with Langley for almost 30 years. These two wonderful women are nominated in two categories of outstanding service. Robin is part of a distinguished group of 5 nominees for the Above & Beyond award, highlighting her care for the individuals she supports. Deirdra is one of 5 exceptional nominees for the Community Engagement award for her work to connect the individuals she supports to the community. (continued on page 3)



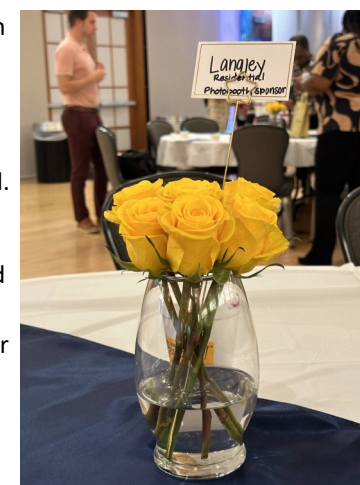
Direct Support Professional Recognition Week 2024 continued



It feels great to be recognized! Even though people tell me I'm doing a good job, I tend to brush it off, but this is affirming. This work is a calling and draws people who care for others, but it goes deeper than that for me. The individuals and families I work with come first. They are my family. I'm so honored. – Robin

I feel honored and appreciate the nomination! I wish we could all be recognized for all our work because everyone goes above and beyond. We all work hard for our clients and do our best for them. – Deirdra

Please join us in congratulating Robin and Deirdra for this distinct honor and thanking all our outstanding Direct Support



Amazon Wishlist – Extending to All Langley Individuals



Thank you to our community for supporting the opening of the Atwood House through the Atwood House Amazon Wishlist. We received all the items requested through the list - thanks to you! The new residents and staff at Atwood House have settled in, enjoyed a summer of adventures to the National Aquarium, summer camp, and family vacations, and participated in community activities like Langley MOVES and summer book club. We are very encouraged by our community's response to this Amazon Wishlist and plan to create an organization-wide Langley Amazon Wishlist, which will help support all our group homes and community support participants in times of need. Staff will update our list throughout the year and share about needs via social media and e-blasts.

Summer Sun, Summer Fun: Langley Happenings Out & About

Summer is a time for adventures, new and old! Our individuals stayed busy participating in Langley MOVES classes, the summer book club hosted by Immanuel Presbyterian Church, visiting the library, and even saw the Commanders' preseason win against the Eagles!

