



Newsletter

UPDATE FROM
THE PHOENIX RESIDENCE, INC.



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Advocating for Change at the State Capitol

Advocating for disability services is exhilarating and liberating, as it empowers individuals, fosters inclusivity, and highlights the significant contributions of people with disabilities and the supporting community. It is a powerful way to promote change in policy and address the needs of the community as a whole. Each year, we are energized as we march into the Minnesota State Capitol for ARRM's Disability Services Day at the Capitol. Nearly 1,200 people across the state participated in the event this year!



Several legislators took the stage at the rally – including our own Rep. Brion Curran and Rep. Peter Fischer, who represent seven of our homes combined. We cheered loudly and chanted to make sure we were heard! That afternoon, we joined with other disability providers for meetings with our legislators. We met with 16 of our 17 legislators to share our stories and ask for their support

on several bills our local trade association is carrying. For more on these bills, visit www.phoenixresidence.org/advocate.html

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this monumental day!



Staff, individuals, and family members from our Furness, Chaparral, and Drexel homes joined us as pictured.

Not Able to Make it? Head to our Facebook page for more photos from the event and to watch a livestream of the rally.

Donate Your Spare Change to Phoenix!

Want an easy and quick way to make an impact? Sign up for our Round-Up Program! Donate your spare change to us on purchases you were already going to make anyways!

With every purchase, we will round up your total to the nearest dollar and that roundup amount will go back to our *Close the Gap* program. You do have the option to cap your donations up to a certain amount or you can make it unlimited. Enter in your information once and we will do the rest! *Thank you for your support! Your small donation will make an enormous difference!*

Visit our website today to get started: www.phoenixresidence.org/give/round-up-donations.html

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Happy Spring! This time of year, always brings a sense of optimism and renewal as we look forward to the warmer weather!

This quarter we embraced our advocacy efforts at the Capitol, ramped up our volunteer program, and welcomed new team members along the way, including several new program managers and our new Financial Controller, Corrie Kopischke. Please give a warm welcome to any new team members you meet at the homes!

As we head into this new season, we look forward to all the fun activities we have planned this quarter! We await our annual Plant Sale and Golf Tournament, alongside the activities and outings at each home. For more information on these events, please visit our website at www.phoenixresidence.org. Please let us know if you would like to become more involved or if we can help you in any other way.

Thank you for your support!



Jackie Larson
Public Relations & Development Coordinator
The Phoenix Residence, Inc.

Right: Mark from Janet Court had a blast at our Valentine's Day Party! Complete with dancing, snacks, and bingo.

Close the Gap Update

Thank you for graciously supporting our team!

THIS QUARTER: \$ 20,200
TOTAL: \$1,086,272



Join Our Volunteer Team!

We have been ramping up our volunteer efforts recently and we would love for you to join us!

Sign up to volunteer weekly or one-time – whatever works best for you! Do you have a special talent? Please share that talent with us! Maybe you are an art teacher, have a musical background, love cooking, or you have a green thumb. We will collaborate with you to find the perfect fit!

Opportunities Could Include:

- Volunteer at one of our fundraisers, like our Golf Tournament on June 10, 2024
 - Lead a craft project
 - Make dinner for the home
 - Bring folks out to a new movie
 - Attend a sports game
 - Clean up the yard, plant flowers this spring, or rake leaves in the fall
 - Decorate the house for a holiday
 - Lead a cooking class, book club, or yoga class
 - Teach a class on technology
- The possibilities are endless...

Interested in Volunteering? Contact Jackie Larson to get started at 651-294-7964 or jl Larson@phoenixresidence.org

Thank you for your interest in Phoenix!

A Q&A with Volunteer Tom McCartney

Meet one of our latest volunteers, Tom McCartney! Tom first volunteered with us in December of 2017 when he took new photographs of our board members. And he has been coming back ever since—volunteering at our Golf Tournament last year and taking staff photos.



Q: Why did you want to volunteer with Phoenix?

A: I think the mission is great. Given the number of people that are helped, it is an asset to the community that needs to be supported. The staff at PRI is great to work with. I really enjoy being around part of the mission!

Q: What have you enjoyed the most about it?

A: Meeting and collaborating with the staff, volunteers & supporters. They all have remarkably diverse backgrounds. It has been great to get to know everyone's story.

Q: Do you have any suggestions for someone looking to volunteer with a nonprofit like ours?

A: Just jump in! There are many ways to help. And the experience is always rewarding!