



Newsletter



UPDATE FROM
THE PHOENIX RESIDENCE, INC.



SUMMER 2024

Record Year for Annual Golf Tournament

The 2024 Russ Douglas Phoenix Golf Classic brought together 126 golfers, eight new sponsors, and record donations – a first in the tournament’s history. **Thanks to all of you, \$46,848 from the tournament will benefit our Close the Gap campaign.**

We brought back the ever-popular “Social Hour” from last year and reintroduced the **virtual Silent Auction** for the first time since 2019. After a fun day of golfing, our golfers reconnected with old friends and got into friendly bidding wars during our Silent and Live Auctions.

A special SHOUT OUT goes to all our volunteers! Thank you so much for volunteering your time! You were essential in helping the event run smoothly, including board member Kirsten Gregerson, committee members John Kuhrmeyer, Dave Douglas, and Jamie Grupe, vendor representative Rachel Petersen, and family members John Bredesen, Cheryl Moore, Randy and Paulene Roering, and Liz McCambridge.

Also, a special thank you to the Kurten family from Chaparral House, who shared their family’s story. You moved so many of us with your story!

Finally, **thank you to all our donors and major sponsors!** You are what made this a successful event and we can’t thank you enough!



Left: Diane Joarnt from Ludden House with Assistant Program Director Shawna Zechmeister & Right: Representatives from Major Sponsor South Robert Street Business Association at the golf tournament

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Close the Gap Update

Together we have raised:

THIS QUARTER: \$54,220

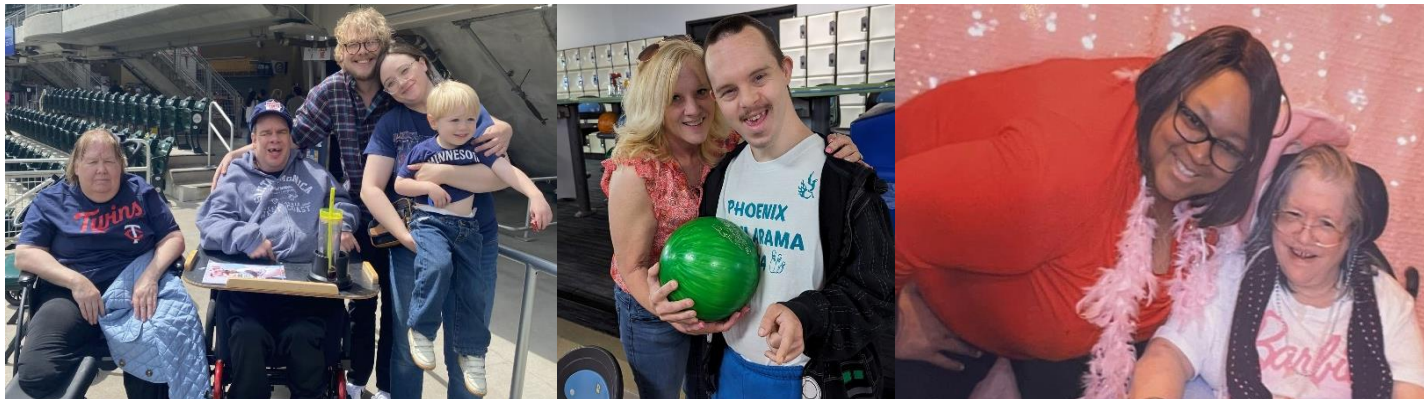
TOTAL: \$1,140,492

Thanks for your support!

Summer is here and we are ready for it! We have already embraced the warmer weather and participated in so many community activities. Getting our folks out into the community doing what they love is so important to us, and we want to help them do that.

This quarter we hosted our annual Golf Tournament, held our Gertens Plant Sale, attended a Twins game, and held an all-Phoenix bowling event, among other activities. Thank you to all the staff who helped plan and facilitate these events! It means the world to them!

Thank you for your continued support! Have a great summer!
Jackie Larson, Public Relations & Development Coordinator



We've had some fun outings in the community! From left to right: Mike from Drexel Court went to a Twins game with his family and staff; Phoenix hosted a bowling party in May; and Sue and Roberta from Foss House partied at TSE, Inc.'s "Come on Barbie, let's Go Party" Style Show fundraiser!

Cheers to the Next Chapter for Three Staff Members

Earlier this summer, we held a retirement party for three longtime employees who have been with us since the early days! With great honor, we recognized and thanked these staff members for their dedication to Phoenix all these years.

- **Pam Connolly: Vice President of Financial Services for 38 years**
- **Debbie Willis: Support Professional & House Supervisor at Several Homes for 29 years**
- **Ruthie McDuffie: Support Professional at Several Homes for 31 years**

These three individuals have been instrumental in helping the organization grow and thrive throughout the years.

"We were delighted to honor three employees at the Retirement Party celebration on June 26, 2024. Pam Connolly, Ruthie McDuffie, and Debbie Willis have nearly 100 years of dedicated service between the three of them," said President & CEO Darlene Scott. "They have committed their lives to supporting persons with disabilities through their service at Phoenix Residence, Inc. **Their unwavering commitment, compassion, and hard work have been the cornerstone of our success as an organization.** Their contributions have profoundly impacted the lives of those we serve, and **their legacy will be felt for years to come.**"



Pam Connolly with her daughter



Debbie Willis with her manager

To learn more about our campaign, visit www.phoenixresidence.org/give/close-the-gap-campaign.html