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Langley Board Welcomes Newest Member, Sylvia Aguwa

Langley Residential Support Services is excited to share that Sylvia Aguwa recently joined its board of directors. Sylvia is a CPA with progressive experience in corporate accounting and finance.

She is also an active member and volunteer with the Junior League of Washington and is committed to supporting the community and those in need.



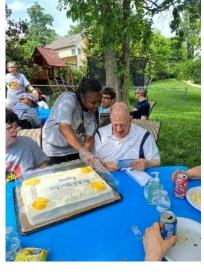
"I am proud of Langley's mission to support and

advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities and I look forward to leveraging my skills and insights to help Langley achieve its strategic goals." Please join us in welcoming Sylvia!

Langley is a Forever Family

Spring brings seasons of change with new beginnings and end-

ings. This Memorial Day weekend, our community gathered to celebrate a new season of change for one of our longtime residents, Kayvan. After many years of serving Kayvan, he is moving on to new beginnings. We are sad to see him go, but we are thankful for the many years we shared with him through ups and downs, smiles and tears, and lots of laughter. You will al-



ways be part of the Langley community, Kayvan!



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Langley's Latest

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Season's Change a note from the Executive Director

Spring has been a busy but fun time for us at Langley. We dusted off our bowling shoes and "striked" into the Langley Rock 'n Bowl in April. What a fun time we had! It was wonderful to come together and see old and new faces, all there for Langley.

With spring comes change, and at Langley, it has been an exciting time. Between home renovations, new programs, and the opening of a new home, we have lots to be thankful for. Thanks to a generous group of supporters, we replaced all the windows in one of our homes. The Atwood home is completed and is almost ready to begin welcoming some of our youngest and newest Langley individuals into their new home. We applied for and were awarded grants for two new programs for our participants, Langley Smiles and Langley MOVES.

I welcome you to join the movement to live a rich, full life There are many opportunities to make an impact on the lives of the individuals that we support. We are closing in on the end of Langley's fiscal year 2024. Your impact, whether it's donating time or a monetary contribution, is appreciated. We are especially grateful for organizations that volunteer with us for an annual impact day, beautifying the garden at one of our homes, or hosting a bingo night for our individuals. How you can make an impact is endless, so reach out if you have an idea or opportunity.

I hope that each of you had an exciting spring. As summer is upon us, I hope you, your family, and your friends will make long-lasting memories of your adventures. Stay tuned for our summer happenings and adventures of Langley in our next newsletter!



Maureen K. Gum
- Maureen

I Can See Clearly Now...Thanks to KOVAR

Monday, May 6, started early at our Junior League home. As our four residents got ready for their day, a work crew with new windows for the home got ready to work outside. Throughout the day a team of six contractors expertly removed and installed twenty new windows at the home. This renovation project extends our Langley Cooldown Campaign from last fall to the make home more energy efficient after installing a new HVAC system. The second phase of this campaign was possible thanks to a generous grant of \$20,000 from our funder, the KOVAR Corporation.

The KOVAR Corporation was founded in 1971, to "empower nonprofit organizations with financial support to improve access to affordable housing, job training, sports participation, and personal care for Virginians with intellectual disabilities." Langley has partnered with KOVAR in the past to furnish our group homes, make them more accessible for our residents, and to support our individuals pursue a rich, full life. We are so thankful to partners like KOVAR who believe in our mission and in serving our community in Fairfax County and across the state of Virginia.









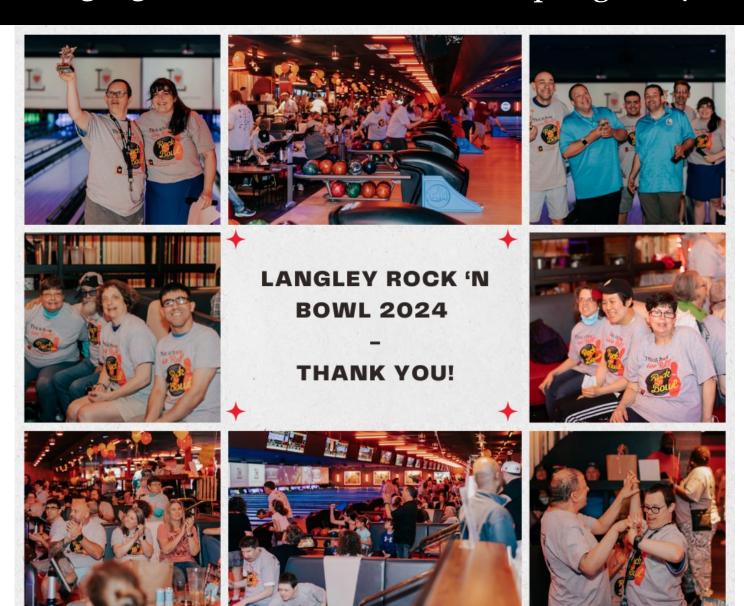






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The Langley Rock 'n Bowl – Thank You!

WHAT. A. BLAST! We have heard from many of our attendees they had a wonderful time connecting with friends, family, and our individuals. We are so grateful to our sponsors and community, which raised over \$22,000 for our individuals and programs. We love hosting this event, as it's a time for our community to gather in support of our mission, all while having fun.

Thank you to our sponsors, Bowlero Annandale staff; Leandra Finder, outstanding balloon animal artist; Laura Cheng Photography; volunteers Anne Parsons, Sheritta Taylor, Christina Gillespie, and Michaela Reyes of the Junior League of Washington, and Matthew Smarr; and our Development Committee for making this a wonderful event.

Atwood House – Home is Where the Heart Is...

The Atwood House is set to open in June and time is flying by fast! We need all the help we can to prepare this home for our newest residents. This house is the culmination of a long-held dream of a local family to support their son and other young adults with developmental disabilities to flourish and grow in the community.

The Atwood House is ready for our newest residents to move in. This spring we have been busy licensing the home with the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, identifying, hiring, and training staff, and setting up the home for staff and residents. Now that we are almost ready for our new residents, we would love your help.

We want you to be part of welcoming our newest residents home, and we need your support. Please consider sending a housewarming gift to our newest residents by donating, in-kind, an item from our Atwood House Amazon Wish List that includes essential items for the house like cleaning supplies, toiletries, and more.

In addition to giving a housewarming gift, we need assistance purchasing a new van for the residents and staff. We believe in the full inclusion in the community. Our work is to support and connect residents and program participants to the community through employment opportunities, day programs, civic group meetings and events, community-wide events and festivals, and more. Make our community more inclusive by donating to the Atwood House today!



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