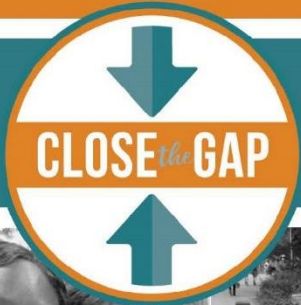


Newsletter



UPDATE FROM
THE PHOENIX RESIDENCE, INC.



FALL 2022



Recognizing Our ARRM Cares Award Nominees

As part of Direct Support Professional Week, we honored three DSPs who were nominated for the ARRM Cares Award this year. Although we didn't win, the nomination themselves speak to the amazing work they are doing! Thank you to all of you!! We appreciate you more than you know!

The ARRM Cares Award was established by our local trade association, ARRM, to recognize professionals in the Minnesota disability community who provide excellent direct care and demonstrate a commitment to quality services. We first won the award in 2018. This year we nominated:



Snow Ree



Laurie Case

- Snow Ree – Carver & Western Houses
- James Lessard – Centerville House
- Laurie Case – Chaparral House

To learn more about our 2022 nominees or read their full nominations, please visit www.phoenixresidence.org/news.html



James Lessard

Thank you to all of you for everything you do!!

Donate Your Spare Change to a Good Cause

A New Way to Donate! Have you heard about our Round-Up program? If not, you need to get onboard, because it's the easiest way to give to Phoenix! **You can now donate your spare change to us from your everyday purchases!**

With every purchase, we'll 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 make the donation amount unlimited, based on how much you use your card that month. It's that easy! You don't even have to think about making a monthly donation!

Simply visit our website today to get started! All you need to do is enter in your information and shop as usual! Your small donation can make a huge impact! <https://phoenix.harnessapp.com/wv2/donate>

Thank you for your support!

To learn more about our campaign or make a donation, please visit www.phoenixresidence.org/give.html

Close the Gap Update

You have made a difference!

This Quarter: \$52,715

Total: \$792,752

In 2021, we chose to use our Close the Gap funds to give our DSP staff pay increases.

Close the Gap continues to fund that increase. In 2021, we spent \$211,500, and in 2022, we have spent \$113,739 thus far.

After COVID kept us apart for two years, we returned to our annual Made in the Shade Walk, Run & Roll this September with joy and excitement! This 5K Walk brings together the disability community as we join with six other organizations to bring awareness to our community and the issues we face. With music, lunch, and friends to catch up with, it truly was a celebration for the ages!

And we knocked it out of the park, thanks to all of you—our supporters! **This year, we raised \$11,382!** All of the funds raised go directly to the individuals we support. Each Phoenix Residence home decides how to use the funds, whether that's on music therapy, weekend trips, or new equipment needed in the home.

Thank you to everyone who attended or donated to the event! To see a complete list of sponsors or more photos, please visit our website or Facebook page.



As we head into fall, we return to our normal routines but also show our appreciation as the holidays approach. We've made it a yearly tradition to celebrate our dedicated managers and direct care staff every fall with Manager Appreciation Week & Direct Support Professional Week. Thank you to all our managers and DSPs for your dedication and commitment to Phoenix—not only during these weeks, but all yearlong!

As we returned to our annual 5K Made in the Shade walk this fall, we also recognized how truly blessed we are to have such loyal family members, supporters, and vendors, and for our connections with fellow disability partners, who help make this event possible!

Thank you for your continued support!

Jackie Larson

Public Relations & Development Coordinator
The Phoenix Residence, Inc.

Supporter Shout-Out!

Over the years, we've had so many generous sponsors support our walk every year. But we want to provide a **shout-out two of our families from Eric's House who continually display their generosity year after year: the Seversons and the Myhrs!**

Ever since their daughters moved into Eric's House in 2014, they both have been strong supporters of the event – financially and by joining us in-person for the big day! They share information about the walk with their friends and family, raise additional funds for Eric's House, and bring their extended family to the event the day of! The Seversons always show up in crowds—up to as many as 20 people! And we have to give credit to the Myhr family, who are always one of the first supporters to make their annual donation!

**Thank you to the Myhr and Severson families!!
We are so grateful for your continued support!**

