



Newsletter

UPDATE FROM
THE PHOENIX RESIDENCE, INC.



FALL 2024

Community Comes Together for Annual 5K Walk

A little morning rain can't stop us! We braved the elements and took part in the 33rd annual Made in the Shade 5K Walk, Run and Roll this fall. Despite a little rain in the morning, we showed up with nearly 100 participants and supporters this year. Thank you to all who joined us down at the lake!



The sea of magenta T-shirts around the lake was a site to see! We flocked to Thomas Beach on Lake Bde Maka Ska for a day of celebration, complete with a warm-up, walk around the lake, music, and food as we reunited with six other disability providers to build awareness of the disability community.

Thank you to everyone who attended, donated, or shared about the event! You helped make this day a success! **Thank you to all of you, we raised \$14,214 to support our Phoenix homes!**

To view all our Made in the Shade photos, please visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ThePhoenixResidence



Left: Our Drexel and Carver teams down at the lake

Above: Wendy from Eric's House with her family who came down to support her. Thank you to her family for joining us!

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Close the Gap Update

Thank you for helping support our DSPs!

THIS QUARTER: \$60,409

TOTAL: \$1,200,902

Stay tuned for our next newsletter where we'll announce an exciting update to our Close the Gap campaign!

As the leaves start to fall and cooler weather sets in, we are reminded that this season is all about gratitude and counting our blessings.

And we certainly did that this quarter as we celebrated our staff and came together for our annual Made in the Shade 5K Walk. We are so thankful for all of you and recognize how truly blessed we are to have such loyal family members, supporters, and vendors supporting us along the way!

This edition celebrates the champions of our cause who make a difference every single day. Without their efforts, we wouldn't be where we are today. We hope this inspires you to make a difference in your community this season!



Jackie Larson
Public Relations & Development Coordinator



Managers from our CRS sites (below) and East group (above)

A Week of Gratitude for Our Team

You can never say thank you enough! It has been our tradition to celebrate our staff this quarter through Manager Appreciation Week in August and Direct Support Professional Week in September—and this year was no exception.

We recognized our staff through treats, gift bags, and an appreciation video from our vice president. **"This work can be challenging, chaotic and unpredictable, but at the same time, exceptionally rewarding and purposeful,"** said Vice President of Community Services Alan Berner. **"And we couldn't do it without the incredible investments that our DSP team puts into every shift and interaction and each person."**

But what really had the most impact during Manager Appreciation Week was the time spent with their fellow managers. Each Assistant Program Director treated their managers to lunch or an activity to say thank you and a job well done.

Thank you to our staff for everything! You're making a difference!

Celebrating Our Award Nominees

This year we nominated three of our staff for the ARRM Cares Award, an award from our local trade association that recognizes professionals in the disability field who provide excellent direct care and demonstrate their commitment to quality services.

- **Barb Sims – Foss House**
- **Samantha Summy – Suburban House**
- **Patty Mader – Drexel Court**



Barb Sims with Sue and Bruce from Foss House

Although they didn't win the award (which is announced during DSP Week), their nominations alone illustrate the incredible work they are doing! Thank you to all of you for your hard work and dedication!

Learn more about our 2024 nominees at www.phoenixresidence.org/news.html

Saying Goodbye to a Friend

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of a longtime friend, Tim Egan. Tim was the father of Chris Egan, who lives at Drexel Court.



Tim was very involved with Phoenix since the beginning. He barbequed for the house frequently, attended many of his son's appointments, and joined us for Made in the Shade and Disability Day at the Capitol.

He will be truly missed! We send our deep condolences to his family and friends.