



# Newsletter

UPDATE FROM  
THE PHOENIX RESIDENCE, INC.



SPRING 2023



## Phoenix Advocates at Disability Day at the Capitol

We did it! Your passion and enthusiasm were top notch, the stories were emotional, and we left our mark during Disability Services Day at the Capitol! **THANK YOU to all the family members and staff who joined us for this historic advocacy day!**

Nearly 1,000 advocates filled the Capitol Rotunda for the first time in three years. We rallied, chanted, and demanded investment in disability services. We met with 17 of our 19 Minnesota Legislators to talk about the challenges we face every day.

It was an eye-opening experience that reminded us how necessary it is to prioritize inclusivity and support marginalized groups—and to do it together with our fellow disability providers. Thank you to everyone who came or reached out to their legislators this session!

**Check out our Facebook page** for more photos or for a link to watch a livestream video of the rally.



*Phoenix joined advocates from across the state for the rally during Disability Services Day at the Capitol.*

## Target Reached for Matching Donation Program

A huge shoutout goes out to all our donors and contributor of our latest Matching Donation Program! We recently matched \$33,333 in donations—thanks to all of you and your generosity!



*Jill Jaszewski with her mother Jane Hess & stepfather Mike Kroll*

We especially want to thank family member Jane Hess who so graciously wanted to help us combat the workforce shortage with this matching donation. All the money we raised from this effort will go back to our *Close the Gap* campaign.

“We wanted to contribute to Phoenix, because after decades of doing the same work ourselves in caring for Jill, we understand the importance and value of it,” said Jane Hess and Mike Kroll, parents of Jill Jaszewski who lives at Western House. **“Caring for Jill has been a labor of love for all of us. The amazing people who work and care for [her]... should get the support they deserve.”**

To learn more about our campaign or to donate, please visit [www.phoenixresidence.org/give.html](http://www.phoenixresidence.org/give.html)

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**Happy Spring!** This time of year brings a sense of hope and renewal for what lies ahead! And that certainly was the case this quarter. Our advocacy was at an all-time high as we attended Disability Services Day at the Capitol in March, and endlessly advocated throughout the session. We're cautiously optimistic that our legislators will give us the relief we need to climb out of this pandemic – both on the federal and state levels. Thanks to everyone who joined us or reached out when we sent out those Action Alerts! Together, we can make a difference!

On the COVID front, we are settling into this "new normal." By now, everyone is used to working in a COVID environment, and we're continuing to do all we can to prevent COVID from entering into our homes. When it does, we are well prepared to tackle it head-on while keeping everyone safe.

You can rest assured that our nursing team is continually monitoring all the recommendations and requirements from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) & the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Because we are a medical facility, we are still required to follow all COVID protocols for long-term care facilities.

Staff in our 6-bed ICF homes are still required to wear masks and eye protection when providing care for your loved ones. We are still asking family members and all visitors to complete a symptom screening when visiting, as well as staff when they arrive for their shift. You can rest assured that we'll keep you updated on any COVID developments as we receive them.

*Thank you for your understanding!*

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

## Close the Gap Update

**Our staff are so grateful for your support! Thank you!**

**This Quarter: \$ 16,475**

**Total: \$ 904,930**



## What We Are Funding

**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 2022, we spent \$113,739 on these increases.**

## Leaving a Legacy for Phoenix



*Angela & Tanita loved the Night to Shine Prom*

Leave your mark on the future by ensuring The Phoenix Residence is here for years to come! There are so many more ways to give than just the traditional one-time donation.

A planned gift, such as an inheritance in your will or trust, will ensure The Phoenix Residence can continue our mission well into the future. It costs you nothing during your lifetime, but it will have a big impact on our future. A simple paragraph added to your will is all it takes!

### Ready to Make a Difference?

Consult your financial planner or attorney to create or update your will. We can provide you with the necessary information you will need to complete your planned giving forms.

**To get started, visit our website at [www.phoenixresidence.org/give.html](http://www.phoenixresidence.org/give.html) under Planned Giving or contact Jackie Larson at 651-294-7964 or [jl Larson@phoenixresidence.org](mailto:jl Larson@phoenixresidence.org)**

***Thank you for helping plan for our future!***



*Larry singing along at Music Therapy*

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