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# Newsletter



UPDATE FROM  
THE PHOENIX RESIDENCE, INC.



Celebrating  
The  
**Phoenix**  
Residence, Inc.  
40 years

**SUMMER 2025**

## Phoenix Staff Shines as ARRM Cares Finalist

We are thrilled to announce that Program Supervisor Zockinna Bell, was named a finalist for the prestigious ARRM Cares Award. This honor, awarded by our local trade association ARRM, recognizes outstanding staff who excel in the disability field in our state. We loved celebrating her at the ARRM Conference, where all the finalists were recognized.

Zockinna, a 38-year-old professional from Chicago, brings over seven years of experience to our team. Her journey with Phoenix began over two years ago, when she started as a DSP at Douglas House, then transitioned to Program Supervisor. After working at other homes, she now manages our Viking House.

Zockinna's passion for helping people has always been at the heart of what she does. One of her favorite memories at Phoenix was celebrating an individual's birthday. She dreamed of having a Princess and the Frog-themed party — complete with decorations and a princess dress. Zockinna made it her mission to bring that vision to life.

**"Seeing her light up with joy, dressed like a princess and surrounded by the theme she loved, was unforgettable," said Zockinna. "She smiled, cried, and thanked me, and in that moment, I knew I had done something special."**

***Congratulations Zockinna on this well-deserved recognition! Your hardwork, passion, and dedication inspires us all!*** Winners will be announced this fall during Direct Support Professional Week in September.

To learn more about Zockinna and read her nomination, visit [www.phoenixresidence.org/news.html](http://www.phoenixresidence.org/news.html)



### Make a Difference in Seconds!

Don't have much time on your hands, but still want to support us? With our text-to-give program, you can make a donation by **simply texting SOS2025 to 26989**, confirm your gift, and you're done within minutes. It's that simple! It's fast, secure, and impactful.

*Thank you so much for your support!*

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*Happy Summer!* We have been celebrating the season with our recent fundraisers and company-wide events, but we are also preparing for the challenges ahead.

The impact of recent federal legislative changes is becoming increasingly apparent. As you may be aware, H.R. Bill 1 was passed and signed into law earlier this month. This legislation will reduce Medicaid funding by \$1 trillion and increase administrative requirements for Medicaid beneficiaries. Consequently, individual states will need to address the resulting shortfall in federal support. In Minnesota, it is likely that a special legislative session will be convened later this year to respond to these developments.

In light of these changes, we are actively planning for the future and will keep you informed as new information becomes available.

Jackie Larson, Public Relations & Development Coordinator

*Right: Wendy and Diane from Eric's House bowling at our Bowlerama 2025 event!*

**Congratulations to our winners:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Chris from Suburban House | **2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Cody from Carver House

## Swinging into Action at Annual Golf Tournament



Despite dodging several rounds of rain throughout the day, the weather didn't dampen our spirits at the Russ Douglas Phoenix Golf Classic 2025. **With your help, we brought in \$ 51,622 from the event to support our *Sustain Our Services* campaign. Thank you to everyone who attended or supported us!**

This year's event featured a round of golf, social hour, program, raffle, virtual silent auction, live auction, Wine Wall, and an exciting new game called the Ball Drop. It was wonderful to see so many new faces this year!

A heartfelt shout out goes to our incredible volunteers, including those on the Special Events Committee, and those facilitating the games, taking photos, helping with registration, and setting up the event. Your help is what makes this event run so smoothly! We were honored to welcome KFAN's Dan "The Common Man" Cole to the tournament, who was out on the course golfing and emceed our evening festivities!

A special thank you to the Joarnt family from Ludden House who shared their inspiring story! Your journey touched the hearts of everyone present and reminded us all of the importance of our mission.

To see more photos, visit [www.facebook.com/ThePhoenixResidence/](https://www.facebook.com/ThePhoenixResidence/)

## Sustain Our Services Update

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