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Newsletter

UPDATE FROM
THE PHOENIX RESIDENCE, INC.



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FALL 2025

Community Steps Up at Made in the Shade 5K Walk

It turned out to be the perfect fall day for our Made in the Shade 5K Walk, Run & Roll in September! Supporters from all walks of life joined us for this special event, uniting the disability community to raise awareness and celebrate our shared experiences.

Alongside six other local disability providers and WCCO anchor Shayla Reaves as emcee, we enjoyed music, delicious food, and the company of friends—it was truly a day to remember! New activities this year included therapy miniature horses, engaging games, and face painting.

The Art Contest remains a favorite, and we're proud that Chaparral House took home 2nd Place in the assisted category for their creative depiction of the connection between the lake and their residents. Congratulations, Chaparral House!

Thank you to everyone who attended, donated, or shared about the event—you made this day a resounding success! **Your generosity helped us raise \$18,274 to benefit our Phoenix homes.**

To see photos from the event, visit www.facebook.com/ThePhoenixResidence.

Above Top: Kennedy from Janet Court walking around the lake with a staff member

Above Bottom: Jillian from Western House with staff

Right: Stuart and Wanda from Clinton House with staff



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Fall is here and we welcome it with open arms! This quarter was all about gratitude and thanking the people who support us every day. From our managers to our direct care staff to family members, we appreciate all of you! We celebrated this generosity during our annual Manager Appreciation Week, Direct Support Professional Week, and Made in the Shade 5K Walk, Run & Roll this quarter.

Looking ahead, we're excited for Give to the Max Day on November 20, 2025, along with upcoming festivities like our Halloween and Holiday Parties. As the season of giving begins, we hope you'll remember us and keep our community close to your heart.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season!



Jackie Larson
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Amber from Caswell House had a blast at our recent company-wide casino night at Mystic Lake!

Art Classes Enrich Lives at Eric's House

Thanks to the staff at Eric's House, the ladies there participate in a weekly community art class. As soon as Program Supervisor Eucharika Sike saw it offered in the Newport News flyer, she knew she had to sign them up!

The ladies said they enjoy talking with other women in the class, and how one of them was teaching them how to crochet and paint.

The art class is held by the Newport Library every Wednesday afternoon.

Thank you to our staff at Eric's House for making this possible!

Double Your Impact Through Matching Donation Programs

Want to make your donation go twice as far?

Matching gift programs are charitable giving initiatives set up by corporations, allowing them to match donations made by employees to eligible nonprofits—such as The Phoenix Residence.

Family member Liz Severson shares about her experience with the program:

"My company's new 'Give Your Way' program lets us support causes that truly matter to us. For my husband and me, that's The Phoenix Residence, where my sister-in-law receives wonderful care. When I saw Phoenix was eligible, I signed up...Even better, Phoenix receives a steady stream of donations throughout the year, which helps them plan and sustain their services—giving our family peace of mind knowing my sister-in-law is safe and happy."

Ask your employer about this today! Thank you for your support!

Sustain Our Services Update

You're making a difference!

THIS QUARTER: \$73,029

TOTAL: \$163,852*

** Total for Sustain Our Services campaign only*



A Standing Ovation for Phoenix Leader

An Update from Last Newsletter:

We are pleased to announce that one of our very own is an ARRM Cares Award winner! Please join us in congratulating Zockinna Bell from Viking House on winning this award!

This honor, awarded by our local trade association, ARRM, recognizes staff who excel in the disability field in our state. Phoenix has only received this award one other time.

We celebrated Zockinna as a finalist at the annual ARRM Conference in June, and as a winner at a luncheon we held in September. ***Congratulations Zockinna!***