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# Newsletter

UPDATE FROM  
THE PHOENIX RESIDENCE, INC.



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

**SPRING 2025**



## Rallying for Disability Support at the Capitol

Disability Services Day at the Capitol was a powerful and unforgettable event this year. With significant cuts to our field proposed at both the federal and state levels, it was crucial for us to make our voices heard—and we did just that! Over 1,000 passionate advocates from across the state united to rally for the support of disability services.

The rally was electrified by speeches from several legislators, including our very own Representative Brion Curran, who represents our Caswell, Centerville, and English homes. Their presence underscored the importance of our cause.

After the rally, we shared heartfelt stories and compelling testimonials with our legislators, emphasizing why organizations like ours cannot endure further cuts. We successfully met with 13 of our 18 legislators in the Minnesota House and Senate, making a strong case for the vital services we provide.



A huge thank you to everyone who joined us at the Capitol for this critical advocacy day! Your voice truly matters, and together, we are making a difference! **Missed It?** No problem! [Head to our Facebook page](#) for more photos from the event and to [watch the livestream of the rally](#).

## Advocating in Our Community



But the advocacy didn't end there! Throughout the legislative session, we attended several town halls hosted by legislators who represent our homes. At these town halls, they updated us on business at the Capitol, highlighted major bills they are working on, and took questions from their constituents.

Many of them included nearby legislators from their district and federal representatives Angie Craig and Betty McCollum even joined in. Those Town Halls addressed the steps our legislators are taking to protect working Minnesotans from actions being taken by the President. Thank you to our legislators for fighting for us!

*U.S. Representative Angie Craig joined several of our Representatives, including Senator Erin Maye Quade, who represents our Chaparral and Drexel homes.*

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*Happy Spring!* While this season usually brings a sense of optimism and hope, we find ourselves facing uncertainty due to the ongoing changes at the federal and state levels. The next six months will be crucial in determining our future.

Despite these challenges, we have been tirelessly advocating for the disability community. We've also managed to sprinkle in some joy with our Valentine's Day Party, birthday celebrations, concerts, and holiday festivities. A heartfelt thank you to all our staff who made these events possible!

We're committed to making the best of the situation and are excited about the upcoming quarter. We eagerly anticipate our renowned Plant Sale delivery and the Golf Tournament! For more information or to join in the fun, please visit our website at [www.phoenixresidence.org](http://www.phoenixresidence.org).

Thanks for your unwavering support as we navigate these uncertain times together!



Jackie Larson  
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*Right: Nina from Furness House had a blast at our Valentine's Day Party with Program Supervisor Shonte.*

## Sustain Our Services Update

*Thank you for continuing to support us as we relaunch this campaign!*

**THIS QUARTER: \$25,678**

**TOTAL: \$1,248,581**



## A Stitch of Kindness Warms Hearts with Pillowcase Donation

We are so grateful for a recent donation! Thank you to The Pillowcase Group for generously donating 25 Saint Patrick's Day and 29 Easter handmade pillowcases to us!

The Pillowcase Group reached out to a Phoenix family member when they heard about the work we do with her sisters. The group originated a few years ago with several members of the Saint Paul Retired Teachers, Inc. who volunteered at 3M's Pillowcase Sewing Day. After that event, the group decided to continue sewing these beautiful pillowcases for local charities in town—each year surpassing the total from the year before. In total, they've already made and donated over 1,000 pillowcases!

Every pillowcase is made of two coordinated patterns, including children's prints, sports, outdoors, animals, florals, etc. You name it, they've probably made it!

We shared these beautiful pillowcases with the individuals we support, and they loved them!

***Thank you so for your generous donation!***

*Pictured to the right: Family member Liz McCambridge joined Kathy Fuller from The Pillowcase Group and Phoenix staff members Mary Thirsten and Kim Phillips on delivery day.*

## Donate Your Spare Change to Phoenix

Want an easy and quick way to make an impact? **Sign up for our Round-Up Program!** Donate your spare change to us on purchases you were already going to make anyways!

With every purchase, we will round up your total to the nearest dollar and that roundup amount will go back to our *Sustain Our Services* campaign. You do have the option to cap your donations up to a certain amount or you can make it unlimited. Enter your information once and we'll do the rest! *Thank you for your support! Your small donation will make a huge difference!*

**Visit our website today to get started:**  
[www.phoenixresidence.org/give.html](http://www.phoenixresidence.org/give.html)



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