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Newsletter

UPDATE FROM
THE PHOENIX RESIDENCE, INC.



Celebrating
The
Phoenix
Residence, Inc.
40 years

SUMMER 2026



Volunteer Leaves a Lasting Impact

This quarter, we're shining the spotlight on someone who has made a lasting difference at Phoenix—longtime volunteer John Kuhrmeyer! Since the golf tournament's earliest days, he has played an important role on the planning committee, helping bring the event to life year after year. But his involvement with Phoenix didn't start there. Read on to learn more!

1.) How long have you volunteered with Phoenix? How did you get started?

"I have been connected with PRI since the late 1980s. As a young financial advisor, I was simply making walk-in cold calls in the neighborhood of Colorado Street [our original location]. My target was small businesses to assist with employee benefit plan needs. I walked into PRI unannounced and had no idea what services or products PRI offered. [The] executive director...invited me in for a chat...and the first thing [she] asked was for me to tour the facilities, meet the participants and staff, understand the services, financial pressures of a nonprofit, and on it went. From there, we worked on retirement plans...and enhance benefits to employees."



*John at Phoenix's 40th
Anniversary Party in 2017*



John and his group at the Golf Tournament this year

"In the early 90s, the day services provided by PRI were mandated to move off-site from the residential programs. [She] asked if I would consider taking a volunteer role to assist a new start-up company to provide those services."

2.) Why did you want to volunteer for us?

"I wanted to help because of the compassionate/caring/important/amazing services provided to participants with developmental disabilities. I also appreciated the dedication of staff to the mission and its work."

3.) What are your plans moving forward?

"My next steps are I am now 1,200 miles away in Hideout, Utah closer to family and [starting] a new season of life. I hope to stay connected with PRI and continue to support the mission and vision of the people you serve."

"It has been an honor and a privilege to get to know and work beside so many hardworking, warm, compassionate, caring, friendly people. All the best to PRI and its future service to others."

Thank you for your time and dedication to us John! You will be missed!

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Summer has arrived, and we're soaking up every moment! From cheering at baseball games to enjoying concerts, and heading out on a weekend adventure, our folks have been busy making memories in the community. Helping people get out, connect, and enjoy the activities they love is at the heart of what we do.

We are so grateful to everyone who helped bring our annual fundraisers to life! From the Gerten's Plant Sale to the Russ Douglas Phoenix Golf Classic, your time, generosity, and enthusiasm made all the difference. Without you, we wouldn't be able to do what we love—provide person-centered, quality care for the individuals we support.

Thank you for always believing in us! Have a great summer!



Jackie Larson
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Right: April and Shelley from English House at a Saint Paul Saints game this summer with several other homes. Thank you to all the staff who made this possible!

Sustain Our Services Update

Together, we have raised:

THIS QUARTER: \$98,632
TOTAL: \$346,680



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Thank you for your partnership!

This year's Russ Douglas Phoenix Golf Classic had it all: friendly competition, plenty of laughs, great company, and a whole lot of generosity

The event included a full day of golfing followed by a social hour and program, featuring a meaningful story from family member Carol Linnell, whose daughter Susan lives at Newport House.

Guests also enjoyed a raffle, silent auction, and live auction led by emcee Dan "The Common Man" Cole from KFAN radio. This year we introduced several new features, including a Closest to the Pin contest and the Ultimate Play Package, with mulligans, ruler and string shortcuts. We were also excited to welcome several new faces, including two new sponsors and a handful of new golfers!

Together, this generous community raised \$53,721—nearly \$2,000 more than last year—as the tournament continues its steady year-over-year growth. Major sponsorships also increased significantly, rising by nearly \$7,000 from last year.

We are deeply grateful to the volunteers, committee members, family members, staff, sponsors, golfers, donors, and friends who helped make this year's tournament possible. Thank you for sharing your time and talents!

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