



The League for People with Disabilities is committed to offering individuals the opportunity to gain independence, increase self-sufficiency and to improve the quality of life. This mission guides our actions and decision making.

June News from The League

A Message from our President & CEO

Dear Friends of The League,

As the Chief Executive Officer of this organization, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the horrendous murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis and to support the recent peaceful protests that are happening in Baltimore and across the Nation.

Since 1927, The League has had a very rich history of providing important life enhancing services to people with disabilities regardless of race, color, religion, or national origin. During the decades of legal segregation in Maryland prior to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The League chose to provide integrated services to all who could benefit from our supports. The League stands in solidarity with all the individuals and organizations that decry the racial injustice that permeates our nation. #BlackLivesMatter

We are one nation with a richness of diversity. I commit to you that The League will continue its historic culture of diversity and equity for all who choose to receive our services and supports. I am proud of the continuing work we are able to provide during this pandemic as well as the unity I see among the majority of Baltimoreans.

Sincerely,

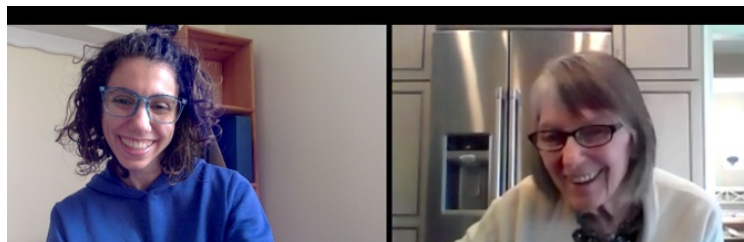
David A. Greenberg
President & CEO

June is Aphasia Awareness Month

June is Aphasia Awareness Month, and The League's SCALE program continues to meet the needs of their members who have aphasia.

Meet Kelly, A SCALE Member

Kelly has been a member of SCALE since 2016. Kelly has aphasia as a result of a stroke, and she continues to have challenges with language, short-term memory, visual neglect, and physical challenges. She reports that SCALE has inspired her to try new hobbies like writing post



Kelly (right) pictured here on a recent virtual SCALE program

cards, music, playing cards, yoga, and exercise.

with The League's Speech Language Pathologist, Hrisoula Mavrophilipos, MS, CCC-SLP (left).

Kelly continues to attend SCALE to share her opinions, learn about aphasia and other topics, tell her story, improve her communication, and make friends. Although Kelly has not been able to attend the SCALE program in person due to the COVID-19 pandemic, she continues to participate virtually, and work toward meeting her goals.

What is Aphasia?

Aphasia is a language disorder that impairs the expression and understanding of spoken language, reading, and writing. It occurs most often from a stroke or brain injury. This frustrating condition affects a person's ability to communicate but does not affect his or her intellect.

How is SCALE Operating During the COVID-19 Pandemic?

The League continues to meet the needs of our SCALE members by phone and virtually. We are providing several opportunities for our participants to virtually connect and participate in group programming. Some of the topics and classes include; exercise, bible study, toastmasters, art, and writing. All of this virtual programming is giving our participants an opportunity to socially interact and connect with each other, which contributes to meeting their goals within their aphasia journey.

For more information on The League's SCALE program and aphasia, please [click here](#).

2020 #OMGFOOD, A Virtual Experience

Our event committee invites you to join us for the 2020 #OMGFOOD, A Virtual Experience event on June 18th. We are thrilled to partner with La Cuchara, in bringing this virtual experience to your home!



Your virtual attendance includes dinner, dessert, and wine for two; a virtual cooking demonstration hosted by Ben Lefenfeld with La Cuchara; live music and entertainment; and more! All proceeds from the event benefit The League, as we continue to provide essential services to our more than 4,000 participants annually.

For more information, you can view the [event flyer](#), and visit the [event website](#) where you can also purchase tickets, raffle tickets, and/or make a donation.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities, please contact Lauren Yankolonis at 410-323-0500 x308 or lyankolonis@leagueforpeople.org.

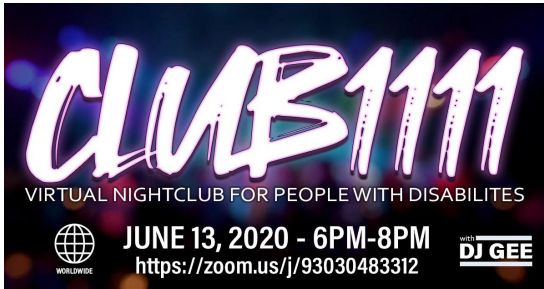
The League Goes Viral!

During the COVID-19 pandemic, The League has had the opportunity to be innovative in the way we are providing our programming. While there are services still being provided in-person, we do have programs that are operating virtually. Here are a few highlights:

League University – League University was launched as a virtual platform to provide daily programming for our participants in the Day Habilitation, Adult Medical Day, and Multiple Sclerosis programs. Live Zoom classes with different topics take place daily, and our creative



and highly dedicated staff are working to make sure the needs of our participants continue to be met through this much needed programming.



Virtual CLUB1111 – We have moved the in-person CLUB1111 from The League to a live Zoom event every month. It is still drawing a big crowd who want to get together to hear our live DJ music, and dance! [Click here](#) for more information on our Virtual CLUB1111, including information for the next one on June 13th.

Virtual Camp Greentop – We are thrilled to announce the launch of our Virtual Camp Greentop! Starting Wednesday, June 3rd anyone can access our online camp content on our [website](#).



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