



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.

April Newsletter

National Volunteer Week: April 18-24, 2021

National Volunteer Week kicks off on April 18th, and The League for People with Disabilities would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our volunteers, who share their time and talents with us!

In honor of National Volunteer Week, we would like to highlight one of our dedicated volunteers, Sarah Cusack. Sarah has been a volunteer with CLUB1111, and most recently on the committee for the 4th Annual Virtual #OMGFOOD Event!



My League Story:

Sarah Cusack, Volunteer with The League



"The second Saturday of the month is one of the most important dates on my calendar. I love CLUB1111!"

Last year when club was live, I met a club member who, like me, was in his thirties. He shared with me that his friends did not show up. He shared that he was feeling sad and unsure. I totally understand that feeling as I struggle with social anxiety around people I do not know. Outside of club, I don't always feel comfortable to share those feelings. But what I love about The League is that everyone can just be themselves!

I absolutely love volunteering at The League; specifically Club 1111. It's a place where I see the biggest smiles and the best dressed club goers from the mocktail lounge to the rap room

there is something for everyone! Thanks for letting me be part of something so great!

See you on the second Saturday!"

-Sarah Cusack

The League would like to thank Sarah for sharing her story with us. If you have a story that you would like to share about how The League has positively impacted you or a loved one's life, please email Tue Trinh at ttrinh@leagueforpeople.org.

Autism Awareness Month

April is Autism Awareness Month, and at The League we continue to meet the needs of individuals with autism both virtually and in person. Our staff are going in to the homes of individuals and providing virtual support when needed.

For more information on The League's Youth Autism Services, please [click here](#).



Thank you to all of our Direct Support Professionals who have continued providing services throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, including Dawn Latorre, Youth Autism Services, pictured here.

4th Annual #OMGFOOD

There is still time to purchase tickets and join us for the *4th Annual #OMGFOOD Virtual Event* on Saturday, April 24th! Please join us for a three-course dinner prepared by La Cuchara, a Culinary Kit filled with wine and lots of event items, and access to our exciting virtual program, hosted by Jason Newton, Anchor, WBAL TV 11.

We invite you to pick up your items outside The League at our *Drive-Thru Extravaganza*, featuring snack bags, a DJ and fun from your car! There is also the option to have your items delivered if you live in Baltimore County or Baltimore City.

For more information on the event and tickets, please visit our website here: [4th Annual #OMGFOOD](#).

Sponsorship deadline has been extended!

There is still time to sponsor the event and be included in our print materials. Please email lyankolonis@leagueforpeople.org or call 410-323-0500 x308.

Are you unable to join us, but would still like to make a donation to Fund Our Mission? Please [click here](#), and indicate that you would like your donation to benefit the #OMGFOOD event.

For more information on the *4th Annual #OMGFOOD Virtual Event* to benefit The League, please contact Robyn Dammers, Director of Development at rdammers@leagueforpeople.org or 410-746-3831.

In Case You Missed It

- **#OMGFOOD in The News!** On March 15th, Ben Lefenfeld with La Cuchara shared more about the 4th Annual #OMGFOOD Virtual Event on Fox 45 News: [FOX 45 News, #OMGFOOD & La Cuchara](#)
- **The League's Virtual Community Gathering** - The League hosted a Virtual Community Gathering on March 24th, sharing updates on our programs and future plans: [The League's Virtual Community Gathering](#).
- **The League is Hiring!** The League hosted a Virtual Job Fair on March 31st. For a full listing of our current open positions, please click here: [Career Opportunities](#)
- **Virtual CLUB111** - Virtual CLUB111 was held on Saturday, March 24th. We hope you can join us this month, on April 10th! [Click here](#) for more information!

A Note from Our President & CEO

Dear Friends of The League,

I am pleased to share that The League had the opportunity to host five COVID-19 vaccination clinics from April 1st through April 5th in partnership with the Baltimore City Department of Health and the Maryland Department of Health. We were able to offer the vaccine to **485** individuals over those five days.

Under the direction of our Vice President of Customer Relations, Rhonda Johnson, we quickly prepared our main campus for the clinic. We put safety measures in place, created a layout of the clinic and began offering the appointments to our staff, participants and their caregivers, as well as, the disability community at large.

On Friday, April 2nd, Maryland Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford and other key government officials toured the clinic at The League. I had the pleasure of hosting he and his team so that they had an opportunity to see the great work that was being done at The League.

We are thrilled that we were able to offer the vaccine to our participants and staff in almost all of our programs as we prepare to safely reopen our facility, as is allowed by the guidelines of Baltimore City and the Department of Health. It was wonderful to see many of our participants in person for the first time in more than a year!

I would also like to extend the invitation to you to join us for the **4th Annual #OMGFOOD Virtual Event**. You will not want to miss this unique, exciting event that our committee of dedicated volunteers have been planning for the



*The League's Vaccination Clinic, April 1, 2021.
Photo Credit: Baltimore Sun, April 2, 2021*



From left to right: General Janeen Birkhead, Maryland Army National Guard, Carol Beatty, Secretary of Disabilities, Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford, David A. Greenberg, Kendra McDow, MD, Medical Director, Baltimore City Health Department

past six months! All proceeds from the even
benefit The League.

Thank you for your ongoing support of The League!

Sincerely,



David A. Greenberg
President & CEO



Your gift to The League's Annual Fund allows The League to continue providing important services in our community. Donations can be made online through the button below:

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