



*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.*

## December Newsletter

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL FUND

### The League's Day Habilitation Program Gives Thanks!

The League's Day Habilitation program has been offering services virtually during the COVID-19 pandemic through our virtual platform known as League University. Leading up to the Thanksgiving holiday, this group learned more about the traditional Thanksgiving meal and cooking, and together made a meal of their own!

The Day Habilitation program offers individuals access to essential life skills such as cooking, and our staff do an exceptional job at keeping it fun! To learn more about the Day Habilitation program, [click here](#).



*Malcom, along with our other Day Habilitation participants, enjoyed the Thanksgiving meal that was hand delivered by staff at The League.*

### A Special Message from CLUB1111

This year has been much different than we could have ever imagined for CLUB1111, as we celebrated our 5th Anniversary. We are so thrilled that we figured out a way to virtually continue to hold CLUB1111 once a month, and more importantly that so many were able to be a part of it.



We hope that you will be able to join us for the last CLUB of 2020 on **Saturday, December 12th from 6pm-8pm**. As of right now, we plan to continue to hold our Virtual CLUB once a month until it is safe to return to having events in person. And we can't wait until we can all be together again.

*We would like to thank our incredible guests, volunteers and staff for your continued support and dedication in making CLUB1111 the success that it is today! We hope that you are all staying healthy and safe during this time. - Nick Miles, Manager, CLUB1111*

Join Us Saturday 12/12 at 6:00 PM. [Zoom Link Here](#). Passcode:1111

### A Tribute to A Few Friends of The League

#### **Bob Dockendorf**

On November 2nd The League was saddened to hear the news that Bob Dockendorf had passed away. Bob was the former Executive Director of The League from 1959 to 1981. Under Bob's leadership The League consolidated multiple locations around Baltimore into a brand new facility, planned and built specifically for serving children and adults with disabilities. In 1964 The League's new headquarters opened at 1111 East Cold Spring

Lane in Baltimore City. This facility continues to serve as The League's headquarters 56 years later. We are thankful for the donations we have received in Bob's memory to support The League's Camp Greentop program, where he met his wife Pat in 1953.



### **Emily Levitas**

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Emily Levitas, a volunteer with The League for many years, specifically supporting the Annual Fur Sale benefitting The League.

Emily passed away on November 16th, and dedicated memorial gifts to The League in her memory. As a result, The League has established the "Emily Levitas Tribute", where all donations that are made in her memory will benefit the 4th Annual #OMGFOOD Event on April 24th.

Thank you Bob and Emily for your dedication to The League.



*Marilyn Levin (left) and Emily Levitas (right) volunteering at the Fur Sale.*

## **4th Annual #OMGFOOD Event Updates**

The 4th Annual #OMGFOOD Event to benefit The League is scheduled for April 24, 2021. We are pleased to share that we will be partnering again with La Cuchara as our food and beverage partner for the evening!

The committee is diligently working to create a memorable event experience for all of our guests. We are creating a fun drive-thru experience outside The

League, putting together an impressive Culinary Kit with everything our guests will need for their event at home, and planning an entertaining virtual program for our guests to enjoy. Stay tuned for more details!

Tickets go on sale in early 2021. If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities and/or more information on the event, please contact Lauren Yankolonis, Vice President of Development at [lyankolonis@leagueforpeople.org](mailto:lyankolonis@leagueforpeople.org) or 443-629-4378.



## **Thank You for Supporting Giving Tuesday**



Thank you to everyone who made a donation to The League's Annual Fund in response to our Giving Tuesday efforts. There is still time to make a year-end contribution to The League's Annual Fund and support our growing needs to support individuals with disabilities, especially now during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### ***Do you know about the CARES Act?***

On March 27, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law to help combat the far-reaching impacts of COVID-19. The bill may provide increased tax incentives for charitable giving for some donors, but these benefits apply only in the 2020 tax year, so you must act by December 31.

If you are interested in learning more, we advise our donors to check with their tax advisor to learn more about how the CARES Act may specifically apply to their tax situation. If you would like to have a conversation with someone at The League about

## A Final Note from Our President & CEO

Dear Friends of The League,

Greetings! As we approach the end of 2020, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated team of staff, volunteers and generous donors for your support of The League this past unprecedented year.

The League relies on the support of our donors and volunteers to help us continue to do the important work that we do. Last week we had the pleasure of hosting a *Board Alumni Virtual Gathering*, where we brought together many of our past members of The League's Board of Directors. Having the chance to re-connect with this group and share updates on The League and our programming was a privilege, and I am thankful that we have so many dedicated friends of The League.

As an organization, we continue to navigate the complex and multiple challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are continuously making changes to assure we have safe environments for our staff and participants. We are committed to offering the exceptional programming that our participants need and deserve.

If you have not yet supported The League's Annual Fund this year, I encourage you to do so if you are in the position to give. A gift of any amount helps The League continue to service the disability community in Baltimore.

Wishing you and your loved ones a happy & healthy holiday season.

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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You can also mail a check made payable to "The League for People with Disabilities" to:  
The League, c/o Annual Fund  
1111 E. Cold Spring Lane  
Baltimore, MD 21239

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