

2023 Annual Report



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YOU'RE INVITED!



LASA is hosting our annual FriendRaising Breakfast, raising development funds for the second part of Gravelly Lake Commons: 30 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom Affordable Housing apartments and an affordable daycare, and we would like you to be our guest!

Please book your (free) ticket here:



Wednesday, April 17th at 7:30 AM
Clover Park Technical College Building 23
McGavick Conference Center
4500 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood, WA 98499



Who we are...

Our Mission

LASA is a community-supported agency committed to the prevention of homelessness and recurrent homelessness.

Our History

In 1989, Rev. Luther Kriefall brought in congregants from 16 houses of worship. They all shared a common interest in both their neighbors and social justice. Together, they created a program that addressed the immediate issues causing homelessness.

LASA Programs

- Hygiene Center - shower and laundry services
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Rapid Rehousing
- Affordable Housing
- Rental Assistance
- Utility Assistance
- Emergency Shelter
- Essential Needs Closet
- Diaper Closet
- Pantry
- Winter Coats/Gloves/Hats
- Hygiene Essentials
- Little Library

Soon to come....

Gravelly Lake Commons Affordable Housing
Computer Lab

Business of the Year



Chic-fil-A, through their Shared Table program, helps fight hunger in local communities.

Our local Chick-fil-A, at 100th St. SW in Lakewood, donates surplus food every week to LASA, which is then distributed to our neighbors in need.

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Special Projects

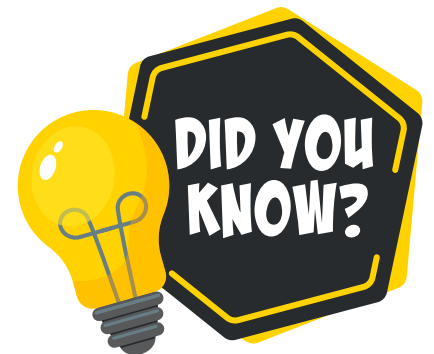
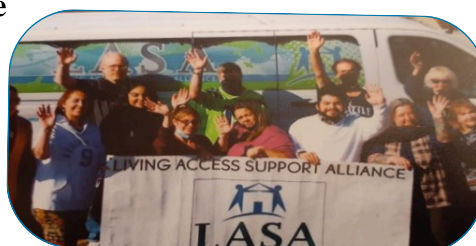
Tammy Keffer

Admin. Asst.

Interns:

CPTC

Jasmine



The 2023 Fair Market Rate (FMR) for a three-bedroom apartment in Pierce County is \$2,800 per month.*

This is an increase of 20% over last year. The estimated annual income increase for 2024 is 4%.** Income is not keeping up with housing prices.

To afford FMR without being cost burdened, a family of four needs to earn over \$8,400 per month, or over \$100,000 per year.

Special Thanks Also to:

Pease Construction for completing our Hygiene Center!

*US HUD **CNBC

LASA's Vision:

To create a campus where our neighbors in need can find affordable and permanent supportive housing, access to a hygiene and laundry facility, a 24/7 affordable daycare, onsite case management to meet personal goals, and support with basic needs such as food, clothing, and household goods.



Phase I:
LASA's Client Service Center & 14 units of Permanent Supportive Housing - *Prairie Oaks* Completed 2015



Phase II:
Completion of our Hygiene Center - access to laundry and shower facilities Completed 2023



Phase III:
Gravelly Lake Commons 25 1-, 2-, & 3-bedroom Affordable Housing Apartments Fully Funded 2023; Planning NOW!



Phase IV:
Gravelly Lake Commons 3,000 sq ft affordable daycare & 30 additional affordable units **Fundraising NOW!!**



Partner Spotlight



Rep. Mari Leavitt with Jason Scales, executive director of LASA

WA State Representative Mari Leavitt was instrumental in helping LASA obtain grant funding through the Dept. of Commerce. It was due to her hard work that we were able to fully fund the construction of the first phase of Gravelly Lake Commons: 25 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom Affordable Housing Apartments.

When community partners Linda and Jerry Evanson found out about LASA's need for washers and dryers for our new Hygiene Center, they sprang into action and obtained three commercial grade sets for the use of our neighbors in need. We could not have completed the project without them.



Donated washers and dryers from L. & G. Evanson, community partners of LASA

Director's Corner

As I head towards my one-year anniversary as Executive Director, I could not be more grateful, humble, and excited for my first year and what is yet to come. Thanks to the incredible work and foundation that Janne Hutchins laid over her time at LASA, we have been able to accomplish some big things in the last year. First, we completed construction on our Hygiene Center that will provide laundry and shower services for those without that access. We also raised \$12.1 million for our Gravelly Lake Commons Affordable Housing project that will provide 25 new units of affordable housing. These projects would not have happened without all of you, and the amazing staff at LASA!



2023 Highlights

- 87 households received rent assistance
- 45 households received utility assistance

- Over \$44,000 raised at our annual *FriendRaising Breakfast*

- LASA's emergency shelter served 18 families in crisis

- LASA's Rapid Rehousing program permanently housed 16 families

Meet Katherine. She, her partner, and their 6-year-old daughter relocated to Europe during the pandemic. When they returned, their savings were exhausted and they ended up without a place to stay. They spent 3 months in a friend's garage, then were living in their car. After moving to a safe parking center, they were entered into Coordinated Entry where they were referred to LASA. Working with their case manager, they were able to move in to emergency shelter while using the Rapid Rehousing Program to find an apartment that would accept their application. LASA assisted them with move-in and rent costs while they got on their feet. Due to their budgeting, they've made their last 12 months rent on time, and are currently working on improving their income.