



Those who bring sunshine to  
The lives of others cannot keep  
it from themselves.

—James Matthew Barrie

SUMMER

## Happy Summer!

All of us here at LASA are excited to share with you the success of our Annual *FriendRaising* Breakfast. Through the generosity of our sponsors the entire costs of the event were covered, so every penny raised goes directly to our programs. **Together we raised over \$44,300! These funds will make a substantial impact in the lives of our neighbors experiencing homelessness and help all of us work towards our goal of ending homelessness.**



### LASA Campus Update:

Thanks to the Washington State Housing Trust Fund, Pierce County, the City of Lakewood, Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland for a federal appropriation, State Representative Mari Leavitt for sponsoring a direct state appropriation, and the generosity of our donors we have raised \$13.1 million to fully fund the next phase of LASA's campus.

We are currently in the planning and development to build 25 one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments for our neighbors who struggle to find affordable housing for their families. **We are looking forward to breaking ground in the spring of 2025.**

**We will keep you posted!**



### Hygiene Center Update:

As many of you are aware, in January a burst pipe flooded the LASA offices days before the grand opening of our completed Hygiene Center.

While the Hygiene Center suffered little damage, most of the rest of the offices were damaged. Repairs have been slow but are projected to be completed later this summer. **We will be rescheduling the grand opening and begin serving our neighbors in need. Stay tuned for updates!**



### LASA: Direct Impact

Having a stable home is critical to children's development. **Housing instability negatively affects children's health, school progress, and their ability to reach developmental milestones.\* The stress that parents experience trying to provide that stability for their children can translate to emotional and behavioral problems as well. When parents are forced to pay more than they can afford for housing the funds aren't available to pay for less immediate needs such as medical care and education.\*\***

One of the reasons we all do this work is because we believe that providing families with affordable housing is foundational to children's success. Recently LASA was able to house a family of four who were living in their car. The car needed work so badly that they could only drive it for five minutes at a time, so the family spent the night before their appointment with their case manager parked within walking distance of the LASA offices. We were able to get them into emergency housing immediately and used the time they spent there to find them an affordable long-term home.

