

## 2021 Business of the Year

### Michael Morrison

Michael has been a friend of LASA for many years. He has been there for us whenever we needed turkeys for Thanksgiving or a bicycle for a teen in need. He was also there when the property next door became available.



He guided us through the negotiations and the purchase through his company *Morrison House Sotheby's International Realty*. He then thanked us for letting him be a part of it and said it was one of the most meaningful transactions of his career. Why? Because he knows we are starting a \$10 million campaign to build affordable housing on this very site. Thank you, Michael.

## 2021 Volunteer of the Year

### Steve Ferris

Steve came to us as an intern from the University of Washington and promptly started working in our Emergency Covid Rental Assistance.



When his internship was completed, he stayed on for another six months and helped households impacted by

Covid, navigate the waters of emergency services. Staff came to rely on Steve for his IT experience, his can-do attitude and his reliability.

We salute Steve and his commitment.

## Marching Into the Future...

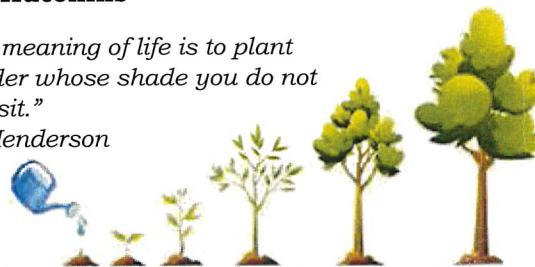
LASA was created over 30 years ago to meet immediate needs and help prevent homelessness. As we watch a growing crisis unfold, we need to plan and adapt for our future, that includes the need for sanitation services.

When writing an annual report, you look over your shoulder to where you were, while looking ahead to where you want to go. That is the story of our Hygiene Center. Last year with help from the City, we raised funds, to add Hygiene services at our center. So where is it? We will break ground this year and provide services next year. Even though you can't see the expanded facility yet, I believe our biggest accomplishment of 2021 was to plant the seed to grow these new services. Keep your eyes open for the showers, laundry facility and multipurpose/classroom space coming. For those of you who share in our vision and have contributed time, gifts, or vision. Thank you.

- **Janne Hutchins**

*"The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit."*

-Nelson Henderson



LASA, in partnership with the city of Lakewood and Pierce County is at the forefront of the ongoing efforts to combat homelessness in our community. LASA's family focused housing programs, family

emergency shelters and rental assistance have helped mitigate some of the devastating effects of the Covid pandemic. Our case management services provided support and helped families in need to navigate additional resources.

In the unabating struggle with homelessness LASA is continuing to innovate approaches to improve the quality of life for our most vulnerable community members.

Of the many different ways to ameliorate the housing deficit those families are experiencing. We are working on creating 25 units of affordable housing. In that effort LASA just announced a fundraising campaign to bring in \$11 million.

- **Walt Sommers**

