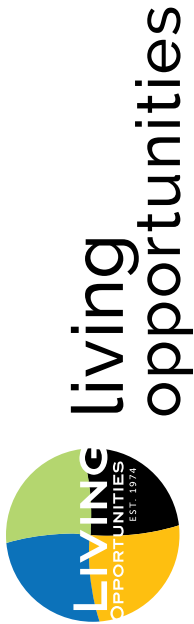


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## Our Mission

Our Mission is to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live in the *same* neighborhoods, work for the *same* employers, and share in the *same* experiences to which we all aspire.

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FROM THE DESK OF OUR

# ceo

Dear Friends,

I want to begin by thanking everyone for their caring thoughts and warm wishes as we navigate uncharted waters. We are tremendously grateful for the Direct Support Professionals and Frontline Leaders who have been working long hours as we continue our mission in this unprecedented time. I also want to offer a special thank you to our community for generously donating much needed supplies.

Living Opportunities started on a high note in 2020 by achieving the goal of leasing a new house in Central Point. Our Assistive Technology department has also developed a Learning Collaboration team to teach a curriculum to families on how to best use their computers, tablets, and phones.

This year, I've had the privilege of welcoming three new members onto our board, C.J. Shipley, Micah Shanks, and Hugo Sanchez. Polly Williams has stepped into her new role as Board Chair. I would also like to recognize retiring board member Denise Wisnovsky for her six years of service. We appreciate all of our board members for their dedication.

The ongoing support of our sponsors and donors continues to help our mission become a reality. As many of you know, we had to cancel our major fundraiser. With the funds raised from this event we had hoped to purchase a gurney and hoist lift. In April we sent a letter asking for your continued support to reach our goal of \$15,000. Thank you to those who have already donated as we have received over \$10,865 towards our goal.

On behalf of everyone at Living Opportunities, I wish you well in the days and weeks to come. Stay strong and healthy!

*Emilie Wylde Turner*

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# What's Happening

the studio  
AT LIVING OPPORTUNITIES



## Amy, School of Rock

Amy had no previous musical experience, but now she plays songs that she loves on the piano, keyboard, and guitar. Amy enjoys playing music with her sister Ariel, who also attends School of Rock. "I love playing the keyboard and guitar, but playing keyboard is my favorite."



## Nicole, Artist

Nicole says "I like Mondays and Thursdays because those are the days I get to come to The Studio." Nicole's colorful abstracts are expressive and energetic. Nicole enjoys being creative and interacting with other artists at The Studio.



# Thrive, Independently

**Living Opportunities has realized a long-term strategic goal of providing three-bed homes to the people served by our Residential Services program.**

In February 2020, a unique partnership enabled us to acquire another home, thereby reducing the number of people living together. Additionally, the transition assists us in pursuing our mission by giving our residents choice in how they live in neighborhoods throughout our community. The new arrangement also enables more personalized support to meet each person's unique needs.

Did you know it requires over 250 hours of weekly support—13,000 hours annually—provided 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by up to eight trained Direct Support Professionals to assist three people to live as independently as possible in their homes?

By partnering with Living Opportunities, you can help the individuals we serve find housing solutions that best suit their needs. We start by building relationships with property management companies, apartment and single family home owners, and land developers within the community. Living Opportunities guarantees rent payments and building maintenance. To learn more about our Residential and Supported Living real estate partnerships, please contact us at 541-772-1503.



## The Joy of Giving

During the holidays, many of the people served by our Supported Living program are not able to be with family. Some may not have anyone to send them gifts for under tree and many cannot afford to cook a traditional holiday meal. Fortunately, kind people in our community are willing to contribute generous gifts to make the holiday season fun for those in need.

Living Opportunities expresses our utmost gratitude to Kim Hurley and Matt Barnes of REMAX Integrity for providing wonderful meals with all the trimmings for both Thanksgiving and Christmas to all the individuals living in their own apartments. We also received handmade quilts from the Sewing Women of Trinity Church. Wonderful presents were donated from the Church of Latter Day Saints in Medford. We would also like to thank Valley Immediate Care for the party they throw each year which includes the infamous snowball fight with cotton balls. Your generosity during the holidays and throughout the year is greatly appreciated!



## Kevin's On The Job!

Kevin has been employed with Leone Holden's Tax Service since 2008. He thoroughly enjoys performing duties including vacuuming, sweeping, dusting, recycling and shredding, and maintaining the landscaping. Kevin works one day each week and is a reliable part of the team. He loves his job and workmates.

## Assistive Technology Team

The Assistive Technology (AT) team at Living Opportunities is working on two projects. We are developing a Learning Collaboration team to assist agencies statewide in developing their own internal AT teams. We are also developing a class curriculum for families to learn how to best use their devices and get connected with beneficial resources.

## A Special Thank You!

We appreciate our longtime sponsors who continue to support our mission, especially through this trying time.



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