UNITED FRIENDS GROUP HOMES

SUMMER 2026 NEWSLETTER



LINCOLN PARK GROUP HOME

If there is something we value deeply here at Lincoln Park, it is outings! Ranging from simple errands to drop off library material to concerts and spectacular shows at the Paramount, the fun never ends. Judy is an avid thrifter at Goodwill, making regular weekly trips with staff to get new yarn and her famous Iced Tea on the way. Judy has still been making hats and scarfs to donate to local charities and can never have enough yarn (or water bottles, also her prized possessions). Some great movies have come out recently that the residents have enjoyed in theatres. Spider-Man: Brand New Day and Toy Story 5 were hits. Many of the residents have been participating in weekly activities: Andrew's drum circle, Shalene's line-dancing, Janet's puzzle making and dance class, and Judy's bingo! All highly anticipated outings! Ryan has loved getting some rays outside with staff and his housemates. If there's something Ryan seems to enjoy doing, it's getting to sprawl out on a soft blanket in the grass or getting to wheel around by the beach, free as a bird. Lisa also seems to treasure her time outside, so much so that one of her favorite lines to sing lately has been, "the sun'll come out, tomorrow!"



INTRODUCING: KAREN AND JAZZY

Lincoln Park's list isn't complete without Karen, and her sidekick, Jasmine (Jazzy). Karen joined the group in early August and has already brought so much energy and excitement to the Lincoln Park family! To introduce our new friend: Karen's favorite color is blue, which she chose for her room (thanks Pam!). Karen loves her chihuahua Jazzy "more than anything." Her favorite music is Country/Western music, including Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton and loves to line dance. Karen's one wish is to have everyone singing "9 to 5" by Dolly Parton at the table with her. Her final remarks were, "I'm cute, I'm gorgeous. You can add that too!"

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Crown Hill Group Home
Congratulations, Casey!



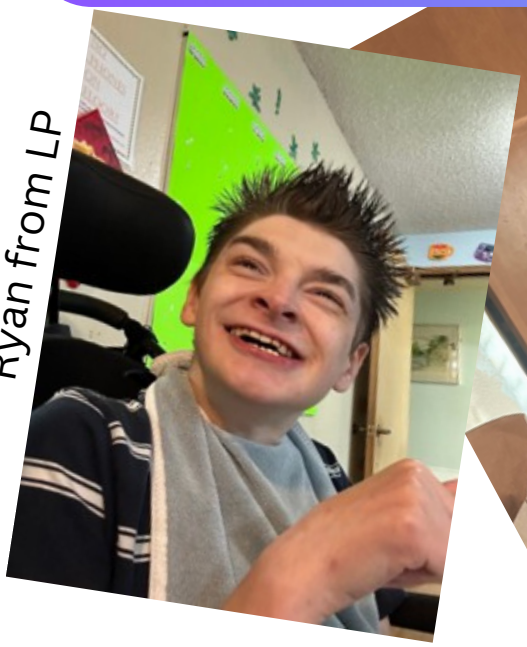
One of Crown Hill's residents, Casey, recently celebrated an exciting milestone by graduating from the Ingraham High School Program. His graduation marks the end of his educational journey after several years of a lot of hard work, dedication and growth. We at United Friends Group Homes are proud to celebrate this accomplishment and all that Casey has achieved along the way since he moved in to Crown Hill in October 2025.

Beyond graduation, Casey continues to be engaged and give back to the community through volunteering at Tilth Alliance at the Good Shepherd Center. He has been consistently going to Tilth to offer his service by doing some gardening and other related activities such as weeding, planting, tending to fruit trees and packing bags of fresh produce. Casey enjoys these activities which reflect his wonderful spirit of service and willingness to contribute to the community. We are excited to see what comes next for Casey and look forward to celebrating the many accomplishments ahead.



BEVERLY PARK GROUP HOME

BP residents have been enjoying some fantastic summer outings! Highlights include a ferry ride to Bremerton to explore the Naval Museum and MOPOP's unforgettable "Rebels & Icons" exhibition. The $1 summer movies at Regal Cinemas have been a true box-office hit . Most of all, it's been wonderful to see how helpful, kind, and supportive everyone has been toward one another.



Ryan from LP



Malcolm from CH



Deb from BP

In Memoriam 2026



Donna Wells lived at Lincoln Park Group Home for 25 years. There is so much to say about Donna and not enough space to do her justice. She touched so many lives and filled all our hearts with song, especially if she had a microphone. She had style and loved to shop downtown and at the mall. Donna loved her sisters more than anything. She loved talking on the phone, real or not, to her sisters. She would be the first to the party if there was cake. Heaven must have the cleanest floors now that Donna is there to sweep them. Lincoln Park will never be the same without Donna. The room was always a little bit brighter with her there.



Terri Jeffcoat moved to Beverly Park in 2001 and quickly became known for her kind, friendly, and caring personality. She had a love for art and photography and was never afraid to talk and make connections to people when she was out in the community. She was very proud of her years of working and eventually retired from Boeing and Duke's Chowder House. Her brother and sister-in-law made sure Terri had the opportunity to live life to the fullest, arranging trips for her to visit them in Denver. She also traveled many other places supported by Trips, Inc. Music and dancing were a part of her daily life and brought her great joy. Terri's kindness, joyful spirit, and love of life will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by everyone who knew her.

Alan Andrew lived at Beverly Park for 46 years. His mother was one of the founding members who helped establish United Friends Group Homes. He enjoyed watching a good movie at the theater, having a meal at a fast-food restaurant, and going bowling. His love for his family, especially his brother, who provided companionship, and his sister, who made sure everything was taken care of for him, was always evident. Alan was also known for his gentle handshake and his love for all things Mickey Mouse. His smile had a special way of warming the hearts of everyone around him. He will truly be missed and fondly remembered by all who knew and loved him.



Founded as a non-profit in 1974, United Friends Group Homes (UFGH) emerged from a commitment by a group of parents that their children should have a home in the community rather than an institution

Our first home, Crown Hill Group Home was opened in 1978. It was followed by Beverly Park Group Home (opened in 1980) and Lincoln Park Group Home (opened in 1987).

Current fundraising activities will focus on resident activities as well as needed house renovations (after all the houses are 40+ years old).

Donations gladly accepted by mail:
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