



The parade must go on.

COVID-19 pushes Shangri-La teams to think outside the box regarding Individual Service Plan goal achievement.

Anyone who knows Sam knows about his love for parades. When the weather turns nice, Sam can be seen at a variety of local parades, including one of his favorites, the Portland Pride Parade. Not only does Sam enjoy parades, attending parades is part of his Individual Service Plan (ISP) goal to engage with his community.

Even though COVID-19 has changed much in the world, it doesn't mean that Shangri-La can stop helping individuals achieve their personal goals.

Due to Oregon's "Stay home, Stay safe" order, Sam was unable to attend a parade for his birthday. Instead of just accepting this and deferring his goal, one of Sam's support team members had the idea of bringing a parade to Sam so he could enjoy it from the safety of his driveway.

"Sam did have a goal of attending parades this year,

and thanks to one of our amazing staff who came up with this alternative, he was still able to meet his goal," stated Shana Winn, Sam's house manager.

On the day of his birthday parade, Sam took his time getting ready in his head-to-toe rainbow outfit. All at once, several Shangri-La employees arrived on Sam's street with their cars decorated with birthday messages and balloons. Some even played 'happy birthday' music as they drove by.

"He really enjoyed it. He was all smiles as we reflected on what a cool experience it was," mentioned Shana.



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Better Together Giving Community
with a \$10 monthly contribution.**

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Recurring donations help ensure we can stay mission-focused, even during pandemics. Set-up your automatic, recurring donation at www.ShangriLaOregon.org/give.

Better Together Event raises funds for barrier-free homes

Thirty percent of individuals-served in Shangri-La’s residential program for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities require a mobility assistive device, and, of those served, nearly 60% are over the age of 50.

To ensure these individuals can be safely supported in their current home through their golden years, Shangri-La’s Better Together event illustrated the need for more barrier-free homes at Shangri-La, which include widening doorways, remodeling bathrooms, removing carpet, adding entry-way ramps, and more.

Typically held in-person, the Better Together Event was quickly adapted to a virtual format this year in response to recommendations to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

The total costs for the planned barrier-free home remodel projects carry a price tag of about \$45,000. Event attendees raised \$16,000 towards these projects. Combined with already secured grant funds from the **Barbara Emily Knudson Foundation**, Shangri-La is halfway to the \$45,000 goal.

Over the next six months, Shangri-La will work to raise the remaining amount through grant funds and additional donations and hopes to complete the remodel projects over the fall and winter months.

1 WATCH THE BETTER TOGETHER VIDEO



**BARRIER-FREE
FUTURES
START AT
HOME.**

Better Together Build Plan

1. Watch + Learn
Play the video to learn about the importance of barrier-free homes and why these are necessary in helping individuals with disabilities reach their full potential.
2. Help Build a Barrier-Free Future
Join us in building a barrier-free future by making a donation or offering support in other ways.
3. Share
Knowledge + action = more inclusive communities. Tell a friend about something you learned today.

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Shangri-La’s annual Better Together fundraiser was held virtually this year on the organization’s website. Rather than an in-person luncheon, guests watched a 30-minute online video about the need for more barrier-free homes at Shangri-La. The virtual event was attended by supporters from Oregon and eight other states.

**You can still help! Watch the video and support barrier-free homes at:
www.ShangriLaOregon.org/bettertogether**

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Thank you to these donors and volunteers whose contributions helped people with disabilities and families with disadvantages thrive at home, at work, and in our community.

We truly are, *better together.*

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* denotes new Better Together Giving Community member

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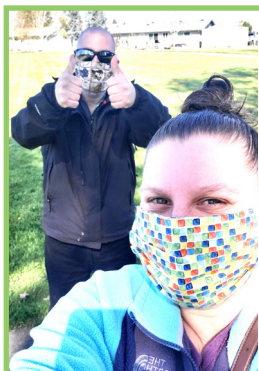
Grants

\$8, 813 from **SAIF Corporation** for PPE and sanitizing supplies

\$5,000 from **Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund** for housing assistance

Interns

Andee Kahler
Kimberly Castro-Monroy



Thanks to this group of fabric mask makers and givers, over 650 fabric masks have been given to Shangri-La direct support professionals and individuals served to help keep them healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic.



This list represents supporter contributions made between March 1 - May 31, 2020.

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Feeding Community

After closing their campus due to COVID-19, **Chemawa Indian School** donated their remaining perishable foods to Shangri-La homes.



Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) don't have the option to work from home during pandemics, and we can't afford to have them stop showing up for the individuals they serve.

Send some appreciation/thanks/encouragement to Shangri-La's DSPs by sending DSP fan mail (card, postcard, coloring, inspirational quote, etc.).

Send mail to: Shangri-La
Attn: Awesome DSPs
4080 Reed Road SE #150
Salem, Oregon 97302



Doing Our Part

During Child Abuse Prevention Month, Shangri-La employees declared how they would help create healthy families and prevent child abuse.



More than John Deere Green

John Deere donated 1,000 plastic face shields to help protect essential workers at Shangri-La during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Loud and Proud

During Developmental Disability Awareness Month, Shangri-la wore yellow bracelets displaying the abilities and characteristics we are most proud to have.



Mental Health Matters

Shangri-La locations painted the town green to bring awareness to mental health during Mental Health Awareness month.

At Our Core

Mission: Serve individuals with disabilities or disadvantages so they may recognize and achieve their full potential.

Vision: Communities where all people are accepted for their abilities and celebrated for their successes.

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