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**Blind Since Birth:  
Michigan Supreme Court  
Justice Richard Bernstein  
Disability Advocate & Force  
for Change**

IN MEMORIAM

**Honoring Michael Laage  
and Sandy Strohofer**



Empowering Adults with Disabilities since 1975



## “Force for Change”

LADD doesn't just envision change; we embody it. Through our services, events and programs, we empower individuals with developmental disabilities and together strive to build a more inclusive nation, and future, where everyone is treated with dignity and given the opportunity to thrive.

### MISSION STATEMENT

LADD is guided by the belief that every person has ability and value. We empower adults with developmental disabilities to live, work and connect.

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Michigan Supreme Court Justice Richard Bernstein fervently believes in the power of storytelling and advocacy.

“We just need our stories told so that able-bodied people provide us opportunities, and we can seize them to succeed,” said Justice Bernstein, who has been blind since birth.

At 49, Justice Bernstein has dedicated his life to sharing his story and advocating for those with disabilities. He travels the world and advises governments, business leaders, and disability and religious organizations on how to best create policies and laws that make life better for people who experience disabilities. Before being elected to the Michigan Supreme Court as its first blind justice, as a private attorney, Justice Bernstein worked on cases involving the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Those cases made airlines, buses and stadiums for people with disabilities nationwide.



Michigan Supreme Court Justice Richard Bernstein

# Justice Richard Bernstein’s Mission of Advocacy through Connections

“I’ve never seen an organization that cares as deeply for the disabled as LADD does,” Justice Bernstein explained of his ongoing support of LADD. “LADD and the Film Festival show us that people with disabilities know their capabilities and potential. LADD is not a typical social service organization. They always take the initiative and go above and beyond. They lead in everything they do, tackling challenges head-on.”

Most recently, Justice Bernstein participated in LADD’s annual Run Walk & Roll 5K event with LADD staff, supporters, individuals served by LADD, and their families. He also met with Cincinnati media outlets to discuss the importance of empowerment, opportunity, and accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

“Justice Bernstein is a transformative leader and true visionary in the field of human and civil rights,” said LADD CEO Susan Brownknight. He is a person who is literally changing the word, person by person, school by school, city by city and country by country.”

Just Bernstein, in turn, expressed how much LADD and visiting Cincinnati continue to mean to him.

“It’s truly wonderful to come and be with friends,” Bernstein said. “That’s what makes LADD so special—being with the people you care about and the community you love being a part of.”



Fox19 reporter and meteorologist Ashley Smith interviews Justice Bernstein before the 2024 LADD Run, Walk & Roll 5K event.



Justice Bernstein in an orange LADD t-shirt standing next to a pig mascot wearing a 'FINISH LINE' banner.

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Justice Bernstein is also an avid runner, completing 26 full marathons and an Ironman triathlon when not advocating for disability rights.

Justice Bernstein first became involved with LADD in February 2014, speaking at more than 20 events, including schools and businesses around Cincinnati, during his first visit. During that first visit, Justice Bernstein emphasized that through hardship and struggle, every human being has the opportunity for tremendous growth, perspective and knowledge. He emphasized for people with disabilities, that means having equal opportunities to participate in life through going out, traveling, working, spending time with friends, having families and finding their own purpose.

“The hardest challenge for every person with a disability is the burden of low expectations,” Justice Bernstein said at the time. “You not only have to work harder to overcome struggles that come with experiencing a disability, you have to fight to make people believe you are capable at every step along the way.”

In the decade since that first visit, Justice Bernstein continues to share his experience and message of opportunity with organizations in Greater Cincinnati. That has included being the keynote speaker for the 2017 ReelAbilities Film Festival (Over-the-Rhine International Film Festival, organized by LADD).



Justice Bernstein delivers the keynote speech during the 2017 ReelAbilities Film Festival.



Justice Bernstein laughs with Q102's Jenn Jordan during a 2014 visit.

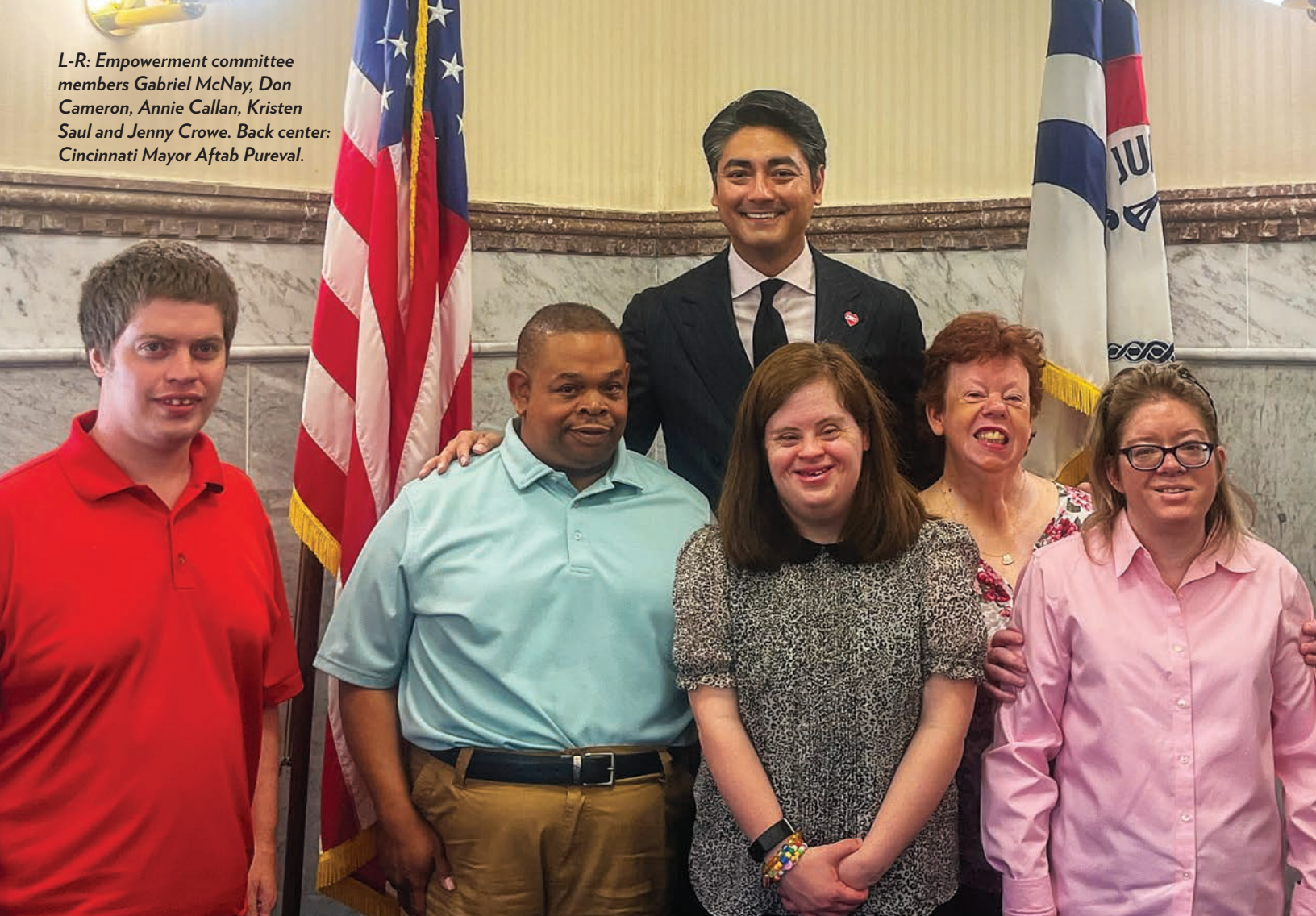


Justice Bernstein speaks with Symmes Elementary student in 2014.

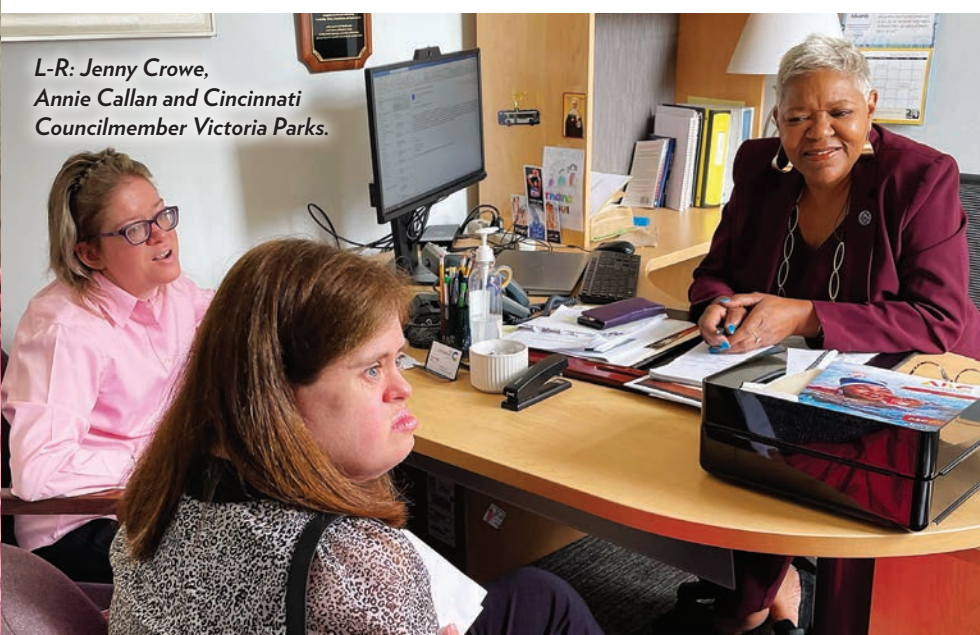


OTR International Film Festival Leadership Committee Chair Jack Geiger introduces Justice Bernstein during a 2018 event.

L-R: Empowerment committee members Gabriel McNay, Don Cameron, Annie Callan, Kristen Saul and Jenny Crowe. Back center: Cincinnati Mayor Aftab Pureval.



L-R: Mayor Pureval, Gabriel McNay and Don Cameron.



L-R: Jenny Crowe, Annie Callan and Cincinnati Councilmember Victoria Parks.



L-R: Jenny Crowe, Kristen Saul and Cincinnati Councilmember Meeka Owens.

# Empowerment Committee Makes Change at City Hall



Empowerment committee member Jenny Crowe and Cincinnati Mayor Aftab Pureval

On Wednesday, May 8, members of LADD's empowerment committee met with Cincinnati elected officials to voice their concerns and offer insights into what those officials can do to empower and improve the lives of individuals with disabilities in the city.

Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney, along with council members President Pro Tem Victoria Parks, Anna Albi, Jeff Cramerding, Mark Jeffreys, Scotty Johnson, Meeka Owens and Seth Walsh to advocate for changes to increase accessibility in multiple areas within Cincinnati.

Not only were committee members' voices heard, but their advocacy also resulted in city council approving a motion introduced by Councilmember Victoria Parks two weeks later regarding the number of accessible portable toilets for those with disabilities. The motion tasked the city's administration to research and present a report in 60 days on how to best address the number of accessible portable toilets at public events.

Committee members Annie Callan, Jenny Crowe, Don Cameron, Gabriel McNay, and Kristen Saul met with Cincinnati Mayor Aftab Pureval and Vice

"As Cincinnati looks to care for all its citizens and make sure no one gets left behind, we must make sure our public events are enjoyable for all people," stated the approved motion.

Other issues the empowerment committee members advocated city council to consider included:

- Increasing METRO bus routes, and the number shelters along those routes which will allow individuals with disabilities who depend on public transportation more opportunities to find employment and travel around the city.
- Adjusting certain requirements and formalities that currently create barriers for individuals with disabilities applying for public sector jobs in the city.
- Incentivizing and assisting small business owners in OTR and Downtown to address accessibility issues, such as wheelchair-friendly entries and bathroom at their establishments.

"The empowerment committee delivered a powerful message to elected officials while at City Hall," said Susan Brownknight, CEO of LADD, Inc. "They leveraged their voices as taxpayers and voters to advocate on issues important not only to them but also to others with disabilities who contribute to the vibrancy of Cincinnati."

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## SAVE THE DATE:

**LADD Empowerment Committee Annual State of Disability Town Hall**  
**Tuesday, October 1, 2024**

LADD Center for Community Engagement  
 955 Glenwood Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45229

Town Hall discussion with elected officials hosted and moderated by Empowerment Committee Officials



# CELEBRATING DISABILITY PRIDE IN GREATER CINCINNATI THIS JULY

LADD, Inc. and Over-the-Rhine International Film Festival, organized by LADD, is joining Cincinnati and Hamilton County arts, community groups, governments, businesses and social service agencies to celebrate Disability Pride Month with events and activities throughout July. The initiative, Disability Pride Cincy, marks a continued effort in the region and across the nation to recognize and promote the rights of individuals with disabilities, building on the legacy of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), passed on July 26, 1990.

The ADA is landmark legislation that safeguards the rights of individuals with disabilities, ensuring access to accommodations, transportation, employment, communication, and state and federal programs. Since its passage, national and local events have evolved into a month-long observance of Disability Pride, highlighting the achievements and contributions of the disability community.

The more than 26 partner organizations that make up Disability Pride Cincy are utilizing social media and a shared website to promote events across the region, offering everyone the opportunity to honor the culture, resilience, achievements, and experiences of the disability community.

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- **July 1:** A special Disability Pride flag-raising and press conference at Cincinnati City Hall.
- **July 18:** Proclamation at Hamilton County Commission meeting.
- **July 20:** Visionaries & Voices puppet cabaret at Urban Artifact.
- **July 24:** Over-the-Rhine International Film screening of "The Remarkable Life of Ibelin" (see page 19 for more information).

Also, the Cincinnati Hamilton County Public Library will also offer printed copies of the Disability Pride Cincy events calendar at each of its branches.

People, organizations, businesses, and all local governments are also encouraged to raise Disability Pride flags.



**Disability Pride Cincy**  
disabilitypridecincy.org



L-R: Health & Wellness Coordinator Oliva Moore with walking group members.



Sis Geier



Joe Laage



Margo Wayne

## 'FLEXING' HEALTHY LIVING AT LADD

While many of us have long forgotten our New Year's resolutions to eat better and exercise, many individuals LADD serves continue their commitment to healthier living through LADD's Health & Wellness offerings.

Since its launch as a pilot at LADD's Smart Home Edwards House in Anderson, the My25 program has been a hit. This unique initiative combines weight loss with the joy of preparing healthy, delicious meals, a concept that has resonated with our residents.

As Health & Wellness program coordinator Olivia Moore explained, My25 is an online program that gathers participants' food likes and dislikes, favorite meals, dietary restrictions, house schedules and the height and weight of individuals to know how much food everyone should be eating before creating weekly meal plans.

Plans based on that information allow individual participants to create their own meals, using a colored score guide to help them make the best healthy meal decisions.

"The people living at Edwards House seem to be really enjoying it, making mealtime enjoyable for all," Moore said.

Based on its success, Oliva expanded My25 to the Victory Parkway campus.

Of course, a healthy diet is just part of the equation to better personal well-being. Through the Health & Wellness program, Oliva has also worked with Don Cameron to reach a personal goal of walking for one hour a day and organized a training program for individuals LADD supports interested in participating in LADD's annual Run, Walk & Roll 5K team during the Flying Pig weekend. She also introduced yoga and partnered with community organizations to provide more exercise options to individuals.

Each month, Oliva shines a spotlight on individuals from the LADD community who are making significant strides in their personal health. In her 'Healthy Flex' newsletter, she shares their stories of commitment and advocacy. This year, we've celebrated Joe, Sis, Margot, Donna, and Tom for their inspiring journeys towards healthier living.



L-R: Margo Wayne & Marc Fried

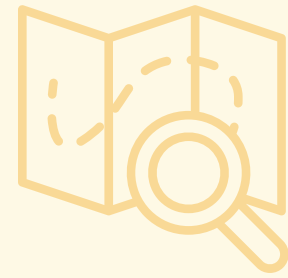
Don Cameron



Tom



Scan QR code for a full list of Disability Pride Cincy events. For more information or to get involved in Disability Pride Month, please email Molly Lyons, LADD Chief Development Officer at [mlyons@laddinc.org](mailto:mlyons@laddinc.org).



## Out and About

Participants in LADD's Community Connections program have been busy so far in 2024.

Whether it is a trip to Cincinnati Museum Center, American Sign Museum, or admiring outdoor murals, individuals are able to socialize and connect with their communities.

AND, LADD is happy to announce that, thanks to LADD supporters, Community Connections purchased three new vans to go to-and-fro.



Josh Meyer at the Cincinnati Zoo



LADD social guide Brad Rouse with the Community Connections group at the zoo.



Toni at Wright-Patterson Airforce Base



Sarah and Marie at Krohn Conservatory

## BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

# Kim Vincent



Kim Vincent

LADD congratulates Sibcy Cline Realtor Kim Vincent for winning Leading Real Estate Companies of the World's 2024 Good Things Award.

The by-invitation-only organization, consisting of 550 firms and 138,000 sales associates, recognized Kim for her passionate support of LADD, which has positively impacted our local community in empowering adults with developmental disabilities.

Kim has directly supported LADD for more than five years and was integral in helping launch our Forever Home initiative. Kim has worked tirelessly to secure properties for LADD Smart Homes locations throughout Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

She is also the 2024 Taking Flight Legacy Award winner. Kim, along with her colleague Kathy Landstra, will be honored during LADD's Taking Flight Celebration the evening of Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024.

For more information about Taking Flight, visit [laddinc.org/tfa](http://laddinc.org/tfa).

Thanks for helping to make a better region for everyone to live and thrive in, Kim!



Kim Vincent and LADD 3603 Executive Director Jessica Knight

## REMEMBERING MICHAEL D. LAAGE JUNE 8, 1978 – APRIL 2, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we share that Michael D. Laage, who lived at Find-A-Way Apartments in Oakley, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on April 2, 2024, at the age of 45. Mike's family described the five years Mike lived at Find-A-Way as "the best in his life, as he had his own apartment and freedom." They also noted Mike loved his fellow Find-A-Way residents and support staff from LADD.

Those who knew Mike, including the people he met through LADD's Community Connections program, described Mike as a prankster who never met a stranger, and was a friend to all. Mike's love of people was also reflected in the relationships and interactions he had with fellow employees and customers at Lowes, where he worked for more than 20 years, first in Springdale and then in Pleasant Ridge.

Mike, who graduated from Princeton High School, loved playing sports and was active in Special Olympics, participating in track and field, softball, bowling and golf over many years. He also served Special Olympics Ohio on the Executive Board for many years, representing athletes from across the state of Ohio.

When not playing sports, Mike enjoyed talking sports, especially of the Reds and Bengals, and XU Basketball. He was recognized by many people around both Springdale and Oakley, usually riding his electric bike, always wearing his team logo hats and clothing.

Mike is survived by his parents, Beth and Mike Laage, brother Joseph, and sisters Sarah {Rob} Tanis, and Kate {Rob} Cunningham. Mike is predeceased by his sisters Emily and Betsy and his grandparents Madge and Carl Vollmar and Marie and John Laage. Mike is also survived by his niece, Emmy Proffitt and nephews, Tanner Proffitt, Liam, Gus and Charlie Cunningham. He is also survived by a large family of cousins and aunts and uncles.



## REMEMBERING SANDY STROHOFER

With profound sadness, we share the passing of Sandra "Sandy" Lee Strohofer, 74, on Thursday, May 9, 2024. Sandy holds a special place in the hearts of many people. Her story is deeply connected to the history of LADD.

In a 2016 interview, Sandy shared how she became involved with LADD as the organization took shape in the 1970s.

Sandy related that she lived in an institution before living at Victory Parkway. Staff at the institution told her she shouldn't be there. One of the institution's staff members reached out to LADD's founder, and those founders acted by helping Sandy become part of LADD's residential living program, which was at the Victory Parkway campus at the time. Sandy ultimately was served by LADD for 44 years when she passed.

"Sandy lived her life brilliantly, building deep and meaningful friendships, enjoying adventure, and finding reasons to smile every day," noted Susan Brownknight when sharing the news of Sandy's passing with LADD staff. "Sandy's authentic calm and sense of joy resonated with anyone that crossed her path. And while Sandy smiled so readily, she was also not afraid to speak her mind and tell you what she wanted."



Kristy, a direct support professional at VP, shared that Sandy won her last game of Uno with her the night before she passed. Upon hearing Kristy's story, Susan noted it was no surprise that Sandy went out loved and without question on top.

"Sandy touched so many people and cared for so many people in her decades with LADD. We were her family as she had no immediate next of kin. She will be missed."





## New LADD Community Engagement Coordinator offers Personal Touch Helping Individuals with Disabilities and Their Families

Kimberly Bolden is passionate about community, providing a space for individuals to share their diverse voices and experience, and building connections.

"I've always been drawn to creating a sense of community and engaging individuals in whatever I do," said Kimberly.

Her passion for community building, along with an impressive resume that includes founding the Cincinnati Poetry Slam and working for Starfire, a Cincinnati-based organization that works to build better lives for people with disabilities, is what made Kimberly the ideal person to fill the role of Community Engagement Coordinator at LADD.

"We at LADD are so grateful to have Kimberly join our organization," said Molly Lyons, chief development officer at LADD. "Kimberly brings a warmth and passion for what she does and those in the community she serves."

As community engagement coordinator, Kimberly's job is to work directly with developmentally disabled adults and their families seeking LADD services.

Her work begins whenever an individual or family member contacts LADD seeking services by acting as the initial point of contact and a guide throughout the process of identifying LADD programs – be it housing, remote or direct support, employment, or community connections – that meets an individual's needs. Kimberly then continues to support individuals and families throughout LADD's

**KIMBERLY OFFERS ONE-ON-ONE SUPPORT TO THOSE SEEKING LADD SERVICES... AND BEYOND**

program placement process and continues her relationship with them throughout their time with LADD.

Since joining LADD in February, Kimberly has also started building bridges with Hamilton County arts groups, social services organizations, and government agencies such as Hamilton County Developmental Disability Serves. In her short time with LADD, Kimberly has attended

the Housing Empowerment and Resource Affair powered by the NAACP and Cincinnati Public Library, to let more people know about the services LADD provides and potential volunteer opportunities for the families of individuals LADD serves.

Additionally, Kimberly is helping to launch Disability Pride Cincy alongside multiple Hamilton County organizations to promote Disability Pride Month events to celebrate the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act in July 1990. (See page 4 for more information about Disability Pride Cincy.) She is also coordinating family volunteers and planning events during Direct Support Professionals Appreciation Week in September to honor LADD staff who work with individuals who LADD serves.

"I'm so excited to have met so many passionate and talented individuals within the short time since joining LADD," Kimberly said. "I'm humbled to assist and get to know each individual and family through my work at LADD."



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHTS

Each month staff and individuals served by LADD nominate employees who they believe exemplify a fundamental quality that makes possible LADD's mission to empower adults with developmental disabilities to live, work and connect.

Below are the individuals recognized each month for "Leading the LADD Way."

## JANUARY

Never Compromise on Wellness



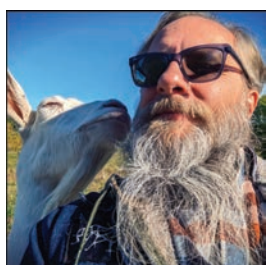
**AMY KRIEG**

Direct Support Professional,  
Community Supported Living

To kick off 2024, LADD recognized Amy for her commitment to wellness. Nominations noted Amy's dedication to those she serves, high standards of service, and expectations of excellence for health, safety, and quality of life for the individuals served by LADD. Upon being recognized, Amy said, "I do try hard to work on health and wellness, and individuals' personal choices and freedoms."

## FEBRUARY

Speaking Thoughtfully



**SCOTT STEVENS**

Program Manager,  
Community Connections Program

Staff and individuals LADD serves recognized Scott Stevens for his outstanding ability to speak thoughtfully. Nominations for Scott highlighted his respectful and well-thought-out conversations, especially those involving updating Community Connections the fleet of vehicles used to transport individuals LADD supports on day trips. Thanks in large part to Scott's calm, deliberate demeanor, and the generous support in the

community, LADD has purchased three new vans for the program.

## MARCH

Work Curiously



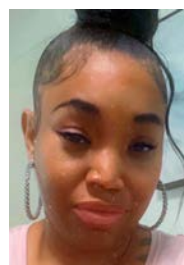
**CHRIS WEIGAND**

Data Coordinator

In March, LADD honored Chris for the curiosity he shares to not only related to his job, but also to those he works with. Those who nominated Chris celebrated his willingness to ask meaningful questions and ensure everyone understood LADD's history of projects, events, and actions. They also described him an unsung hero who spends his time inputting data and updating records that are integral to the organization's day-to-day operations. Chris celebrates his tenth anniversary at LADD this year.

## APRIL

Play Up Strengths/  
Troubleshoot Weaknesses



**LAKISHA MCCLURE**

Integrated Support Specialist

In April, LADD coworkers and those she serves recognized Lakisha for her outstanding approach to highlighting others' strengths and troubleshooting weaknesses related to her work. Nominators highlighted LaKisha's forthrightness in asking for help and clarification or instruction

in areas that aren't her specialty. They stated she also exhibits humility and cares about everything she does for those she serves at the Smart Home in Anderson Township where she works and utilizes every resource available to her in her role as an Integrated Support Specialist.

## MAY

Get Involved



**PHYLLIS THOMAS**

Timberlane Program Coordinator

For more than 40 years, Phyllis has been involved in the lives of individuals served by LADD. As noted by those who nominated for recognition in May, Phyllis always goes above-and-beyond her duties. As one nominator noted, Phyllis embodies LADD's mission and the fundamentals that guide employees' approach to supporting it. Phyllis constantly encourages the women she serves at Timberlane to be involved in their community, encouraging them to advocates for themselves and use their voices to make a difference in the world.



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# TAKING *Flight* AWARDS

## Award Winners



**Tim Valerius**

*Spirit of Independence*



**Marc Fried**

*So Others May Fly*



**Sheila Hinton**

*Employer Excellence*



**Tennille Raines**

*Excellence in Housing*



**Stephanie Withers**

*Provider of the Year*



**Kim Vincent & Kathy Landstra**

*Legacy Award*



**Blair Whitt**

*Above and Beyond*

Join us for an unforgettable evening of celebration, hope and community.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**When:** Thursday, September 12, 2024

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. Doors Open  
6 p.m. Ceremony

**Where:** Bally Sports Club  
Great American Ball Park  
100 Joe Nuxhall Way  
Cincinnati, OH 45202



For more information and to register visit [laddinc.org/tfa](http://laddinc.org/tfa)





L-R, Kristen Schlotman, *FilmCincinnati*; Allyson West, *Independent Film Festival*; Aymie Majerski, *LotusShark*; Jaime Meyers Schlenck, *Women in Film*



Screening of *Julia Reichert* documentary



tt stern-enzi, *OTR Film festival* artistic director and Elvis Mitchell, film writer and documentarian



## OVER-THE-RHINE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL SELLS OUT FIRST TWO 2024 PROGRAMMING EVENTS

Over-the-Rhine International Film Festival organized by LADD is presenting quarterly programming throughout 2024 before the full festival returns on its new dates of March 6-8 in 2025.

The film festival kicked off its 2024 programming in February with a SOLD OUT screening at the Harriet Tubman Theater in partnership with the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. The event celebrated Black History Month with a viewing followed by a discussion of the documentary “Is That Black Enough for You?!?” The documentary’s director, acclaimed film writer Elvis Mitchell joined OTR Film Festival artistic director tt stern-enzi on stage after the screening to discuss the history of Black representation in American Cinema for the evening.

In April, the film festival then partnered with the Contemporary Arts Center for a retrospective of the life and works of Academy Award-winning documentary filmmaker Julia Reichert title “Celebrating Julie Reichert, Pioneering Indie Filmmaker.” Reichert’s filmmaking partner and husband Steven Bognar joined tt stern-enzi, along with a host of filmmakers and friends influenced by Reichert, for the screening of four short films centered on Reichert,

who passed away in 2021, a year after her documentary “American Factory” won a Best Documentary Oscar.

And save the date for the film festival’s third 2024 program, a screening of the Netflix-distributed documentary “The Remarkable Life of Ibelin” on Wednesday, July 24 at the Kenwood Theatre. The screening, which will be followed by a discussion, of this yet-to-be-released film is part of the celebration of Disability Pride Month.

For more information about programming and future film festival announcements, scan the QR Code.



### THE REMARKABLE LIFE OF IBELIN

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2024**

**6:30 p.m. Film Screening followed by discussion**

**Kenwood Theatre**  
5901 E. Galbraith Rd., Suite 200,  
Cincinnati, OH 45236





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2024



LADD Director Robert S. Bullock and wife Lesley Bullock, center: volunteer Brian Rohling.



LADD CEO Susan Brownknight, volunteers Neil Dignan and Brian Rohling.

# Spring Spruce Up: Volunteer Event at Blue Ash Smart Home Cluster

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Over-the-Rhine International Film Festival Screening | 5 p.m. | July 24, 2024

For its third quarterly event, and to celebrate Disability Pride Month, OTR Film Festival is screening Sundance award-winning documentary "The Remarkable Life of Ibelin." For more information and to purchase your pay-what-you-can tickets, visit [otrfilmfest.org](http://otrfilmfest.org).

### Fall Car Raffle | July 1- November 14, 2024

To purchase your raffle tickets for a chance to win a new car or up to \$50,000 cash, visit [laddinc.org/car-affle/](http://laddinc.org/car-affle/)

### DSP Appreciation Week | September 8-14, 2024

In September, LADD is holding a full schedule of events to recognize Direct Support Professionals, Integrated Service Support and other frontline staff. Family members interested in volunteering at one or more Appreciation Week events can email Kimberly Bolden at [kbolden@laddinc.org](mailto:kbolden@laddinc.org).

### Taking Flight Awards | 5-8 p.m. | Thursday, September 12, 2024 | Great American Ball Park

Come celebrate the accomplishments by adults with developmental disabilities and those who support them on their journey to independence during LADD's Taking Flight Awards event and dinner. For tickets and more information about Taking Flight, visit [laddinc.org/tfa/](http://laddinc.org/tfa/).

### Avondale Film Festival | Thursday, September 14, 2024

Over-the-Rhine International Film Festival organized by LADD is a proud supporter of the Avondale Film Festival. For more information about the Avondale Film Festival, visit [growavondale.org/avondale-film-festival](http://growavondale.org/avondale-film-festival).



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