IN GRATITUDE 2023 Community Report



LANGTON GREEN Growing together since 1984

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Dear Family & Friends,

I am so grateful to each of you and your extraordinary generosity and kindness. As I reflect on this past year, I am deeply thankful to live and work in such a giving community. Your continued support is deeply appreciated, especially as we look to the future. Taking stock of our accomplishments reminds me of our strengths: dedication to our mission, excellence, and the individuals we support. We are so fortunate to have an extraordinary community of volunteers, donors, and giving partners. Thanks to your generous support, fiscal year 2023 was a year of exciting growth! Our amazing staff supported the individuals in our care with true compassion and dedication. Our relationships with the wider community grew. Thank you for opening your hearts to us!

Highlights for Fiscal Year 2023



We applied for mission-centric grants for the fifth year in a row.

- We received funding to launch Langton Learning, an exciting virtual activities website for our community. Our staff met the challenge of day-program closings by developing dozens of virtual activities—everything from cooking, yoga and travel tours to Farm visits. This makes it possible for the individuals in our care to learn and have fun together. We're learning together!
- We received awards in support of our programs and the Farm. These include, for example, a new tractor, materials and labor for sustainable gardens, upgrades to our industrial kitchen, new equipment, and funds to enhance our Sensory Garden and outdoor performance space with a stage, murals, and plantings. We received cash grants to fund resources to deliver fresh vegetables to our group homes.

Thanks to ACDS, who managed grant funding in the amount of \$1,700,000 to finance the project, we began in 2022 extensive renovations to our residential apartment complex, including patios and new kitchens. These renovations improve the quality of life for the individuals in our care and were completed in the fall 2023.

We dedicated ourselves to excellence and community.

- We maintained high standards of care, recognized by our MANO accreditation.
- Staff are mentored and trained in support of our high standards—in fact, we continue to exceed the standards for our industry. Our staff —234—attended more than 20 different kinds of in-person and virtual training programs in 2022 and again in 2023. In 2023, staff participated in more than 4,447 hours of training—a 50% increase over previous years.
- Through our Employee Give-Back program staff contributed \$11,722 in 2022 and \$12,500 in 2023; they distributed this back to people in their care.to improve the quality of life for individuals at Langton Green.
- Your generous gifts in fiscal year 2023 funded "extras"—so essential to quality of life for individuals in our care.

Our Community Farm and supported employment program is thriving!

- Your gift to the Farm's Vocational Fund makes it possible to provide meaningful work for individuals at the Farm, despite minimum wage increases.
- Thanks to ongoing support from a Nature Sacred grant and help from volunteers, we are building outdoor spaces for performances and community events. We were one of five winners (\$100,000 each) in the Kubota Hometown Proud Grant Program.
- We touch lives with our livestock and animal therapy program. Our Sensory Garden, a county-wide demonstration site, is thriving.
- We harvested nearly 14,000 pounds of produce and collected more than 13,000 eggs! Our produce harvest was less than previous years due to the pandemic, but significant considering the challenges we faced!
- The individuals we support worked thousands of hours—on the Farm and in the community –at competitive wages. Your generous gifts make this possible.

We've expanded our relationships with the wider community.

- Our volunteers work side-by-side with the individuals we support.
- We're sewing seeds through partnerships through Arlington Echo Outdoor Education programs for Anne Arundel County public schools, senior communities, and local church youth groups.

A special thank you to the artist, who is a member of our wider community, for the cover art.

As I reflect on the past year, the warmth and dedication of our staff, the spirit of giving in our community—and your generous support are just as important as ever. Thank you for being there for us! I look forward to seeing you at an event at Langton Green.

In gratitude,

Kimberly Breton laquinta, CEO

Our Fiscal Fitness Adds Up

| | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
|----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Revenue | 16,285,492 | 15,486,972 | 14,179,016 | 12,164,810 |
| Expenses | 13,814,729 | 13,247,937 | 11,676,636 | 11,090,320 |

Langton Green, Inc. was founded in 1984 as an independent nonprofit to provide homes, support, and a wide variety of services to men and women aged 21 and older with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are from the state of Maryland. While many of the individuals we serve receive funding from state and federal sources to pay for services and support, Langton Green, Inc. is not a state organization –we are a 501-C3 nonprofit organization with high standards of care and personalized services and support.

Our Annual Report offers a snapshot of our success. In 2021, both revenue and expenses increased as expected as we grow in the excellence of our staff and supports for the individuals we serve.

The board of directors of Langton Green engage an Independent Certified Public Accounting firm to audit our financial statements annually. Our auditors issued an Unqualified Opinion for Fiscal Year 2021. Financial statements of Langton Green, Inc. are available for review on location, as audited by Mullen, Sondberg, Wimbish & Stone, P.A., Certified Public Accountants. Please contact our office for more information.

Since 2006, Langton Green has been proud to display the "Standards for Excellence" seal from the Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations, certifying that we have met the highest standards of ethical practices and accountability for nonprofit organizations across the State of Maryland.



Employee Give-Back Program

Our employees take the phrase "give back" to heart. They strive for excellence and are generous contributors. They have donated more than \$48,000 since the program's founding in 2017. Our staff contributed \$11,722 in 2022 and \$12,507 in 2023 and distributed this back to people in their care. Give-Back Grants are used in many ways: to pay high dental bills, for special requests in our homes, like larger televisions, exercise equipment, outdoor furniture—to name a few. These funds help improve the quality of life for the individuals in our care.

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Giving back to people is truly meaningful. Yes, we are paid to work with people, but they teach us love, kindness, and generosity. I receive much more than I give.

Langton Green Direct Support Professional



2023 Income Total Income: \$15,285,034

Fees & Grants

Donated services

Realized and Unrealized

Investment Income

Client fees

HUD rents

Other

\$94,156 \$74,655

\$15,285,034

\$23,240

\$362,968

\$445,709

Your Gift Matters

A \$25 donation has impact. It can provide necessities like medicine and therapies not covered by federal and state funding—or something as simple as a movie ticket. Thanks to our donors Langton Green received increased monetary gifts from previous years and many generous gifts-in-kind in FY 2023. Our goal is to continue to support vulnerable individuals and their families.

Your gift helps support therapy appointments that are not covered by insurance; this includes much needed grief counseling. Your gift helps us provide virtual activities for those whose day programs closed, much desired music and art classes, and therapeutic yoga to name a few important activities.

Each person at Langton Green has a Person-Centered Plan in place for every personal goal. Your gift takes the pressure off lower-income individuals and their families and helps support each person's dream—of living a full life. Thank you for your generous support!





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It's very difficult letting your child go... You always think you can take care of them, and of course it doesn't always work out that way...We went to Langton Green and it was a perfect fit. They take really good care of some of the most vulnerable in our society, and give them choices.

Liz Spears, Parent & Volunteer

Grants Fund Our Mission

In FY 2023, for the fifth year in a row, Langton Green applied for—and was awarded—several mission-centric grants. We are deeply grateful to our giving partners and grantors; they help us further our mission of ensuring dignity, opportunity, and community for all people. The support we received is being used in many ways: to launch Langton Learning, our virtual activities site; expand our garden spaces; build a triple-bay steel garage, and provide for new plants, fencing, and feed. This support also funds unplanned medical expenses for livestock and the delivery of fresh vegetables to our group homes. We're making good use of the renovations to our rancher, including an industrial kitchen and a sustainable wash station. Murals by a local artist welcome visitors to the Farm.

Thanks to funding that supports our Vocational Program at the Langton Green Community Farm individuals:

- Harvested nearly 14,000 pounds of produce
- Worked more than 2,000 hrs. at competitive wages at the Farm and in the community.
- Collected more than 13,000 eggs

Thanks to ongoing support from a Nature Sacred grant and help from volunteers, we have new outdoor spaces for performances. We were one of five winners (\$100,000 each) in the Kubota Hometown Proud Grant Program.

Finding One's Voice

At Langton Green we encourage each individual to find his or her voice. Many of these individuals have never had anyone listen to them in their lives. In 2022 and 2023, we offered many opportunities for finding one's voice and learning to advocate for one's self. Our Health Matters Advocacy Group empowers individuals to make suggestions, resolve conflicts, and respond to training on issues such as abuse. Each person develops selfadvocacy skills and learns to communicate his or her needs in a positive way. We also provide connection through virtual activities for those isolated due to the closure of day programs.

Through Touchstones—a reading-based discussion group each individual is listened to and treated with respect. One of our individuals who receives services, JK, found her voice through Touchstones. She lowered the stress in her life by learning to communicate productively with staff and other individuals at Langton. JK learned that her voice matters. Once she was heard, she could participate in finding a positive solution to her challenges. We look forward to offering Touchstones again in-person!





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Individuals at Langton develop meaningful relationships and build the skills needed to participate in productive activities -Langton is a real community, a warm and supportive extended family.

Langton Green Board Member

In everyday life, I've learned to appreciate what's around us: the smell of the warm earth, each plant as it is growing, each animal as it is going about its daily routine.

Colette Preis, Volunteer

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When Wes moved to Langton Green our family was in upheaval. Our mom has just died. It was a full year before we could really become involved in his life again. When we reconnected, we saw how much he had grown into himself! Wes had blossomed! We have Langton Green to thank for that.

Family Member

Growing Together

Langton Green in the Community

At Langton Green we are proud of our high standards and commitment to excellence. We continue to exceed state and federal standards of care for our industry, and are accredited with MANO. At Langton Green we believe in community and embrace our vision of self-advocacy, dignity, opportunity, and community for all people. At Langton Green we pride ourselves on the recognition we receive for our excellence and our relationship with the wider community.

- Before the pandemic, people receiving services contributed more than 1,500 volunteer hours annually in the local community for organizations such as the Annapolis Lighthouse, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Maryland Food Bank, and churches. In 2022, we volunteered despite reduced opportunities post-pandemic and in 2023 we contributed 1,346 hours. We are happy to be helping in the community again!
- When day programs closed during the pandemic, our staff developed innovative virtual activities for folks at Langton. These individuals enjoyed virtual cooking classes, coffee chats, travel tours, music and art activities, and physical recreation like yoga. Thanks to our staff, individuals receiving services participate in more than 6,000 free or low-cost outings in the community annually. We visit libraries and take day trips in the community to parks, museums, and more!

Volunteers at the Langton Green Community Farm

By building new relationships in the community, we increase volunteer participation! Our volunteers work sideby-side with the individuals we support. Many of our volunteers do not start out as family and friends of Langton Green—but they end up being so. That's what Care Farming is all about. They come to us through food! Then they fall in love with our mission. Having a community farm this accessible in Anne Arundel County is rare indeed.

Each year, organizations choose Langton Green as a focus for employee giving, volunteer work days, and other meaningful projects. Projects include volunteer workdays with organizations like the Rotary Club of Annapolis. Rotary volunteers worked alongside our individuals to build a new outdoor performance stage. They discovered that working on the Farm is fun!



To be grounded and have purpose is so meaningful for the individuals we support. At the Langton Green Community Farm, they can literally touch the earth and experience this. We foster independence and offer support along the way. We like to say, "Come grow with us."

Kimberly Breton laquinta, CEO





LANGTON LEARNING VIRTUAL GARDEN

Langton Learning, our new virtual activities site, offers activities like fitness, yoga, and cooking for our community. During the pandemic many day programs remained closed or limited in their offerings. Our staff responded by developing virtual activities to teach new skills, offer much needed exercise, and social fun. Virtual activities reduce isolation and create community for individuals who once attended day programs.

LangtonLearning.org

Caring for Others

Langton Green Community Farm

At the Langton Green Community Farm, we are harvesting relationships. Through the Farm's vocational program, individuals learn to care for other living things and form meaningful connections. These connections were especially important during the pandemic. We continue to expand our animal therapy program—with chickens, goats, and pigs—the individuals who work at the Farm thrive on this new challenge. Many discover purpose caring for our livestock and develop communication skills that help them lead more productive, calmer lives.



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There's a certain new freedom, new independence for individuals that comes from going to the farm and working there. It's a more level playing field, a switching of roles: instead of being cared for, they're now caring for something.

John laquinta, Chief Development Officer

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I believe that service to humanity is the best work of life. The world would be a better place if we can strive to make someone around us happy. No matter how little, just give.

> Moses Newman, Langton Green Direct Support Professional





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I provide counseling and psychotherapy to individuals at Langton Green with the assistance of our therapy animals that we affectionally refer to as our Animal Ambassadors.

Diana Davis, Certified Animal Assisted Psychotherapist & Director of Community Supports

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IN GRATITUDE Partner Giving 2023

We are deeply grateful for the generous support of the following organizations during fiscal year 2023 and look forward to renewed partnerships with Langton Green and the Langton Green Community Farm in the coming year.

Amazon Smile Annapolis Arts Alliance Annapolis Music Therapy Annapolis Civitan Club

Annapolis Community Grant Program

Arundel Community Development Services (ACDS)

Anne Arundel County Economic Development Corporation

Anne Arundel County Executive Community Support Grant

Anne Arundel County Farm Bureau – Women's Committee

Anne Arundel County Recreation & Parks

Anne Arundel Senior Provider Group

Anne Arundel County Soil Conservation District

Anne Arundel Economic Development Commission

Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Program

Arts Council of Anne Arundel County ARC of Maryland

Baltimore Life

Bay Country Moose Lodge No. 831

BB Professional Services BGE Exelon

Capital Office Solutions

Conagra Brands

Chesapeake Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture

Chesapeake Bay Trust Chesapeake Conservation Corps, at Chesapeake Bay Trust

Chesapeake Regional Accessible Boating (CRAB) **Chesepioos Craft Brewery** City of Annapolis Dept. of Planning & Zoning **City of Annapolis** Clover Buddies Jr. 4H Club **Community Foundation of Anne Arundel** County (CFAAC) Costco Wholesale Danny's Day Foundation Davidsonville Ruritan Foundation, Inc. **Digital Insurance Dimensional Health Care Associates Enterprise Holdings Foundation Forever Maryland** Foundation for Children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (FCIDD)

> Future Harvest CASA Home Response Team

The Joseph E. and Marjorie B. Jones Foundation

Kyle Todd Public Service Foundation Inc. Kubota Hometown Proud Grant Program

The Light House, Inc.

Looking Out Foundation

Maryland Community Health Resources Commission

Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council

Maryland Food Bank

Maryland General Assembly Legislative Bond Initiative

Maryland Organic Food & Farming Association **Maryland State Arts Council** Medicare Savings Advisors Microsoft Philanthropies Mullen, Sondberg, Wimbish & Stone, P.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service Nature Sacred Northrup Grumman Echo Community **Outreach Fund One Digital Health & Benefits** Phillips Charitable Foundation, Inc. **PSA Insurance & Financial Services Red Wiggler Community Farm Rotary Club of Annapolis Ruth Parker Eason School** Senior Provider Group Helen J. Serini Foundation Southern Maryland Agricultural **Development Commission** St. Andrew's Church & School St. Paul's Lutheran Church Edward N. & Della L. Thome Foundation, Bank of America, N. A. Trustee **Touchstones Discussion Group** USDA Veterinary Services, Dr. Katherine Minardi The Wawa Foundation Volunteer Maryland Whole Foods Market Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church, Severna Park, Md. 4-H

Our Mission

We are committed to guiding individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) to live the lives they choose with the highest degree of independence.

Growing together since 1984



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