



Tyler Forgeron presents donation checks to the Walpole Food Pantry and Lifeworks' Autism Support Center

Dear Friend,

Spring is here, we are ramping up our operations, and seeking support to continue our new hybrid and traditional in-person programs. This year especially, we are thankful for your support of our mission to provide **Advocacy, Empowerment and Opportunity to people of all abilities**. The Lifeworks community has demonstrated strength and leadership, while providing essential services and supports to more than 2,300 people since last March. We had to pivot, we had to be creative, we had to reinvent some of our programs- and our staff met this challenge with professionalism and compassion!

Today I am asking you to donate to the Lifeworks Spring Appeal in honor of all of the efforts, *large and small*, that have had a ripple effect on our communities. Spring is a season of renewal and celebration, and I am writing to shed light on those individuals that are shining bright, creating a wave of kindness and positive change. As we reopen in person programming, our carefully planned activities will look somewhat different. And, we could use your support.

One beacon of light within our community has been a young man named Tyler Forgeron. Tyler is a science fiction and movie buff, who is an employee at the Showcase Cinemas in Foxborough. At the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, Tyler was not able to work due to the closure of the theater. Tyler decided to spend his time and energy recycling cans and donating the returns to local charities. **Since then, Tyler has raised over \$13,000 for local organizations, including \$3,900 for Lifeworks!** Tyler is supported by our Autism Support Center, and wanted to give back to organizations, like Lifeworks, that have supported he and his family.

Tyler is one example of the people we serve, giving back to their communities every day. Lifeworks and a local charitable foundation are currently working with Tyler and his family to install a shed on Tyler's property in order to assist with managing his ever-increasing charitable endeavor. Tyler's recycling efforts and charitable giving have been featured on [Fox25 News](#), [Walpole Media](#), and even The Bobby Bones show on Boston's iHeart Radio 101.7.

When Tyler is asked why he started the Tyler Can! Initiative, he says ***"I wanted to turn a negative situation into something positive"***. We hope that Tyler's story inspires you to give within your community.



2,300+



PEOPLE SERVED

Thousands of individuals receiving direct services- including CARF accredited day hab programs and employment services

Advocacy Programs
 Adult Family Care
 Autism Support Center
 Family Support Center
 Recreation Programs
 Adult Autism Support Center
 Community Residences
 Individualized Supports
 Harbor Counseling Center

COMMUNITY RESIDENCES AND INDIVIDUALIZED SUPPORTS



VIRTUAL PROGRAMS



Daily ZOOM classes including art, cooking, and yoga. Counseling Center clinicians provide specialized telehealth and in person counseling.

To learn more, visit:
www.lifeworksarc.org

(Lifeworks' Annual Fund Donation Form on next page)

Lifeworks' services and funding from the state and federal governments have been greatly challenged this year but, we continue to be there for the people we support and our families. Since last March, Lifeworks has successfully implemented programs and services for the community, including but not limited to:

- Distributing technology (iPads & Chromebooks) for adults and families to access virtual programming and telehealth Harbor Counseling Services; often providing technical assistance and training on how to use these devices;
- Providing families and community members Personal Protective Equipment and meals delivered to their homes;
- Serving up to 60 people through staggered schedules in our Boston day programs, more than 50 each day in Norwood and 25-30 in our Westwood Abel Therapeutic Center;
- Receiving and welcoming new residential and employment placement referrals every day to support new individuals;
- Increasing the size and scope of our Autism Support Center services to include a new Adult Autism Support Center in Boston; and continuing to grow our community-based family supports through our public partnerships with the Department of Developmental Services;
- Training and support for law enforcement and First Responders virtually and in person through our ALEC program (Autism Law Enforcement Education Coalition). We have a new certified ALEC trainer in Connecticut who is on a mission to promote autism awareness and educate law enforcement; and,
- Celebrating the opening of a specialized residential program in Westwood to provide high-quality medical and social supports to individuals with intellectual and development disabilities, through an innovative partnership with the town, state and a private developer.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and the agency, we appreciate all that you do for our community, for our organization, for the people we serve, their families and our staff. If you are inclined to provide support, please make your check payable to "Lifeworks". We can also accept donations through our website donation form at www.lifeworksarc.org. In the absence of in person, large events, we have not requested sponsorships from community partners and businesses.

If you or your company have supported us through a sponsorship in the past, we hope you will consider a donation to our Spring Appeal. This donation will have a direct impact on our programs, without our agency having to support the fancy event expenses. Lifeworks Spring Appeal a way to provide accessible opportunities for social interaction for hundreds of persons with disabilities and their families. Please consider joining the Spring Appeal today, thank you.

Sincerely,



Daniel Burke
President/Chief Executive Officer
Lifeworks, Inc.

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- \$2,020
- \$1,000
- \$500
- \$200
- \$100
- \$25
- \$_____ Surprise Us!

YES! I would like to support Lifeworks' programs and services with a donation to the Annual Fund.

Check Made Out to Lifeworks Visa Mastercard Amex

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Expiration Date on Card: _____

Name on Card: _____

Mailing/Billing Address: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ Email: _____

Lifeworks, Inc. is a 501c3 charitable organization. Your donation is tax deductible.

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