



July 2026

KOVAR Bi-Monthly Newsletter

OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

President – Vance Stewart, FDD, PGK	Chuck Curran, FDD, PGK
VP Finance – Matt Wheeler	Jay Hoffmeier, PGK
VP Fundraising – Barry Holland, FDD, PGK	Jim McHugh, DD, PGK
VP Grants – John Cochran, FDD, PGK	Tim Minnich
VP Home Loans – Michael Szablak, FDD, PGK	Kevin Parry, FDD, PGK
VP Strategic Planning - Tim Shea	Steve Stoecker, PGK
VP Audit – Rick Witty, FDD, PGK	Brian Tumulty, PGK
Treasurer – Brian Ripple, PSD, FDD, PGK	Eddie Whitlock, FDD, PGK
Secretary – Jim Thunder, PGK	

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, I am humbled and honored to be elected as the new KOVAR President. KOVAR is a great organization and, because of you, we are able to accomplish amazing things. I'd like to thank Past-President Eddie Whitlock for the great work he accomplished during his term. I know I have big shoes to fill -- I'm looking forward to the challenge.

We had a banner year for grants requests: 50 including 16 (30%) from organizations applying to KOVAR for the first time. After our reviews, we approved 36 grants for \$574,000. These grants enabled programs that improved the quality of life for over 4,100 Virginians with ID!

Word is getting around of our good works; but that comes with a challenge to raise more funds to meet this increased demand. Please keep KOVAR in your council's budget and make plans to conduct fundraising events as we begin a new fraternal year.

We've created a Council Fundraising FAQs for your information, see the second attachment or our website.

I'm also pleased to announce three new directors: Brian Tumulty, Jim McHugh, and Steve Stoecker. Brian is a PGK of St. Timothy Council 7369 (Chantilly), Jim is a PGK of Pope Leo XIII Council 10804 (Virginia Beach), DD #3 and past president of Marian Homes, Inc. Steve is a PGK of Council 40434 (Fredericksburg). KOVAR Board Members are assigned to Districts to provide assistance as needed -- Council GKs and KOVAR Chairmen are encouraged to reach out to them. A list of Board Members by district is on pages 4-5.

Last, I want to thank each one of you for all your dedication to KOVAR. With your support, we will continue to achieve great things for the people we serve! ***Vivat Jesus, Vance***

SUMMARY OF GRANTS AWARDED AT JUNE BOARD MEETING

GRANTEE	Purpose of Grant	Amount
Alleghany Highlands Community Services Covington, VA	Funding for a 14-person passenger wheelchair accessible van for its day support program.	\$20,000
St. Johns Community Services Annandale, VA	Funding to purchase a commercial passenger van for its Virginia community-based day program, across Fairfax, Prince William, and Loudoun Counties.	\$15,000
EQUI-KIDS Therapeutic Riding Program Virginia Beach, VA	Funding installation of new fencing to create a new pasture in ADA compliant area.	\$11,807

TOTAL AMOUNT APPROVED: \$46,807

Featured Partner Agency

Langley Residential Support Services Vienna, VA

Langley Residential Support Services empowers adults with developmental disabilities to lead fulfilling lives. One filled with independence, community, and purpose for all. Their mission is to serve adults with developmental disabilities, their families, and their community by providing quality, comprehensive residential and community support services. They believe everyone deserves the chance to live a rich, full life. The vision is to create a trusted community where adults with developmental disabilities and their families can thrive. Through their residential and community support programs, they serve 36 adults, ages 22 to 76, with developmental disabilities. Some of the individuals in their programs have been there for more than three decades and have flourished. At Langley, the focus is on lifelong care and fostering a beloved community with their individuals.

In April, KOVAR provided Langley a grant to replace the roof and the siding on one of their group homes. This was the fifth grant we have provided them over the years. We recently received this letter, and would like to share it with you.

Thank you for supporting Langley Residential Support Services through your recent grant award to replace the roof, gutters, and siding at our Arden Street home. Your \$20,000 grant award was received on 5/4/2026. We are honored that KOVAR believes everyone deserves the chance to live a rich, full life. Your award enables us to continue our mission of serving adults with developmental disabilities, their families, and our communities by providing high-quality, comprehensive residential and community support services.

KOVAR makes it possible for Langley to be a trusted community where adults with developmental disabilities and their families can thrive. With your help, Langley continues to nurture the individuals in our care, enabling them to achieve their dreams. Your support helps Langley remain a home and a steadfast community for all those we serve. When you give, you help create a more inclusive and whole community for all in Fairfax County, VA. Your support provides opportunities for the individuals we serve to engage in their community, like visiting the zoo or library, going to work or grocery shopping, participating in Special Olympics Basketball or the Langley MOVES program, and attending festivals like Viva Vienna or the Chocolate Lovers Festival.

Your gift makes a lasting impact on the lives of those we serve and in your community. Thank you.



Hundreds of people – and their families – have relied on Langley to support their independence and the development of life-enhancing skills over the past four decades. With generous stakeholders like you, we continue to meet the needs of the residents and community support participants who rely on us for exceptional care and guidance to develop critical skills for day-to-day life.

On behalf of our residents, staff, Board of Directors, and volunteers, thank you for your contribution.

With deepest appreciation,

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Your \$20,000 gift (received on 5/4/2026, check #2348, dated 4/25/2026) is fully tax-deductible, and no goods or services were provided in exchange. Langley Residential Support Services is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; federal ID number 54-1285712.

Matthew,
Thank you so much for KOVAR's many years & very generous support of our mission. Your grant will help our Arden Street home remain a safe & welcoming home for our residents. Thank you.

Because everyone *deserves* the chance to live a *rich, full life...*

- Emily

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KOVAR District Alignment 2026-2027

Central

Rick Witty:	7 (Petersburg: 694, 4568, 6372, 13170, 14511), 8 (Chesterfield: 6189, 6546, 9507, 14059, 17630), (10 councils)
Eddie Whitlock:	9 (Henrico: 395, 7538, 9953, 11172, 14129) (5 councils)
Jim Thunder:	20 (Fauquier: 5561, 6328, 13860, 14755), 21 (Charlottesville: 3670, 11262, 11324, 11475) (8 councils)
Mike Szablak:	27 (Chester: 5476, 6589, 11533, 11710, 12525), 28 (Eastern Henrico/Hanover: 6457, 6936, 11042, 14034) (9 councils)

NOVA

Chuck Curran:	13 (Alexandria/Springfield: 5998, 6153, 9407, 11170), 15 (Annandale/Vienna: 4522, 6790, 9655, 10723, 14523) 31 (Sterling: 6175, 10754, 12791, 16234) (13 councils)
Jay Hoffmeier:	16 (6292, 7812, 8403, 17056), 37 (Arlington: 459, 11947, 14516, 15244, 18572) (9 councils)
Tim Shea:	14 (Burke/ Fairfax Station): 7992, 8600, 11922, 12846, 29 (Arlington: 2473, 4654, 11122, 11806) (8 councils)
Brian Tumulty:	17 (Herndon: 7369, 7566, 9781, 12579, 16468, 17995), 19 (Gainesville: 5332, 10947, 12187, 12963, 12982, 16793) (12 councils)
Vance Stewart	18 (Round Hill: 6831, 11136, 13468, 15256) 32 (Shenandoah: 3572, 7771, 8393, 9002, 16938) (9 councils)
Steve Stoecker	10 (Stafford: 7877, 9259, 11958) 11 (Fredericksburg: 4034, 7812, 10246, 12434, 13599), 12 (Woodbridge: 5750, 7165, 8183, 9285), (12 councils)

SouthWest

Tim Minnich:	22 (Upper Valley: 670, 9286, 9488, 10760), 33 (Roanoke: 562, 10015, 12134), 36 (Covington: 11557, 17457) (9 councils)
Kevin Parry:	23 (Lynchburg: 595, 11678, 16535, 17599), 24 (Halifax/Mecklenburg:) (9309, 11741) (6 councils)
Matt Wheeler:	25 (Blacksburg/Salem: 6747, 11323, 11639), 26 (Abingdon: 6695, 7853, 10979, 17313) (7 councils)
Brian Ripple:	34 (Martinsville: 6143, 6538, 14509) (3 councils)

Tidewater

Jim McHugh	3 (Va. Beach: 4632, 10804, 13467, 13784), 4 (Va. Beach: 6963, 9056, 10515, 12117, 12378, 14263) (10 councils)
John Cochran:	1 (Norfolk: 367, 418, 3548), 2 (Chesapeake: 8240, 10601, 10766, 11984), 5 (Newport News: 511, 5480, 11264, 11781, 16226) (12 councils)
Barry Holland:	6 (Gloucester: 8116, 9428, 10578, 11210, 11667), 30 (Williamsburg: 6828, 7469, 12589, 17189), 35 (Suffolk: 7363, 17335) (11 councils)