



Royer-Greaves School & Services
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Join Us at Our Annual Spring Festival on June 13!



Dear Royer-Greaves Community,

The air is warm, the trees are in leaf, and the flowers are blooming – finally! I'm inviting you to share this beautiful time of year with us at the Royer-Greaves Annual Spring Festival on June 13. We'll have a wonderful evening of great music with the Chester County Concert Band, food, ice cream, and family friendly games. Tickets, activities, and parking are free! Learn about the event and how to get your ticket in this issue, on our [Eventbrite page](#) or by scanning the QR code.



Also in this issue:

- Learn how you can support Royer-Greaves and those we serve by volunteering or a donation.
- Meet William Tucker, Royer-Greaves Director of Development and Community Outreach.
- Watch our new videos made by Edge of Cinema, a local video production company which awarded us a \$10,000 grant that covered the cost of these engaging videos.
- Learn about our Lifesharing residential program and how you or someone you know can choose this residential option or open your home as a host.
- Remember the life of Pat Reeser, founding Board member, devoted advocate, and cherished friend of Royer-Greaves.

Wishing you all the promise of Spring,

Debra Jerome-Campbell

DEBRA JEROME-CAMPBELL
Executive Director

Royer-Greaves



With Your Gift, We'll Grow to Meet Their Needs

There are children and adults with a complex mix of visual, intellectual, and physical disabilities who would thrive with Royer-Greaves – if only there were room for them.

Your donation helps us get them off the waiting list and on the path toward their brightest future!



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Royer-Greaves Invites All to Enjoy the Chester County Concert Band, Food, & Fun at Our Annual Spring Festival on Saturday, June 13

[Royer-Greaves School for Blind & Services](#) invites the community to our 2026 Annual Spring Festival - a festive evening featuring the big sound of the 90+ member [Chester County Concert Band](#). The free June 13 event begins at 6 p.m. on the Royer-Greaves campus, 118 S. Valley Road, Paoli, PA.

This special performance of the Chester County Concert Band celebrates the 250th Anniversary of the United States. The event also offers family-oriented games and arts and crafts for people of all abilities. Food and ice cream will be available for purchase.

The crowd will spread out on Royer-Greaves' big front lawn - chairs will be provided, but picnic blankets are welcome! In case of inclement weather, the show and fun will move indoors to our auditorium. Free, off-street parking is available.

"This is a chance to gather as a community and enjoy wonderful music and food together," said Royer-Greaves Executive Director Debra Jerome-Campbell. "We hope to see many old friends and meet new ones who are not yet familiar with Royer-Greaves mission. For them, this joyful event is also a chance to learn about what we do and who we are."

Royer-Greaves serves children and adults who have visual impairment along with a complex mix of intellectual and physical disabilities or autism. Individualized educational, vocational, recreational, therapeutic and supportive residential services

allow all we serve to achieve their most rewarding and independent lives.

"Royer-Greaves has been filled with the universal language of music every day since our founding more than 100 years ago," Debra said. "We can't wait to enjoy the Concert Band together."

Help us host you well! Please secure your free ticket at [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1988417725945?aff=oddtcreator) <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1988417725945?aff=oddtcreator>

Meet Royer-Greaves Director of Development and Community Outreach, William Tucker



William "Will" Tucker followed an unusual path to become Royer-Greaves School for Blind & Services Director of Development and Community Outreach.

His ability to engage stakeholders in initiatives crucial to financial goals, data management skills, and ability to pivot as needed in a frequently changing environment

were honed in his 20+ years in the highly-regulated world of drug development. He has significant program development and operations experience in the not-for-profit and for-profit healthcare, life science and education sectors.

William first acquired grant-writing experience as a research assistant at the University of Pennsylvania. He has been a staunch Royer-Greaves advocate for more than a decade. Prior to joining the leadership team, William served on the Board of Directors, acting as its Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee from 2016-2025.

"Operations and program management experience have been instrumental in my career, but so has emotional intelligence, which has allowed me to successfully build relationships," he said.

Eager to partner with community, corporate, and non-profit leaders who share his passion for mission centered work, William's business philosophy is centered around the idea that data, when harnessed correctly, can lead to significant improvements in delivering services to the most vulnerable.

William holds a BA in Political Science from Syracuse University, an MBA from Villanova School of Business, and an MED from Cabrini University. He also completed two years of post-graduate science courses, clinical education and rotations in General Medicine and Psychiatry at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

A certified scuba diver, who also enjoys sailing, hiking, and mountain biking, William lives in West Chester with his wife, Erica, and their three young sons.

Edge of Cinema Gives Royer-Greaves a New Way to Share Our Stories



Every person at Royer-Greaves has a remarkable story to tell. Thanks to a \$10,000 grant from Edge of Cinema and their incredible talents, many of these stories are featured in a new series of documentary-style videos.

Royer-Greaves applied for and was awarded the first Edge of Cinema \$10,000 Non-Profit Grant last fall. “Showing is so much more powerful than telling,” said Executive Director Debra Jerome-Campbell. “We knew Edge of Cinema’s work would give us a new way to show people who would benefit from our school or services, who would love working here, or who want a meaningful way to make a difference exactly what Royer-Greaves is all about.”

Many grant applications were received and the Edge of Cinema staff voted to select the winner. “We think the work Royer-Greaves is doing is incredibly important, so this felt like a great non-profit to support,” said Jeremy Schmidt, Edge of Cinema’s Founder & Creative Director.

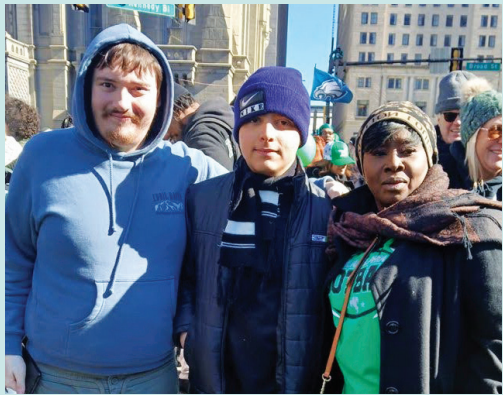
The new videos showcase everything Royer-Greaves does through the perspectives of those directly involved: our students and adults, direct personal aides, teachers, therapists, leadership, and active community members who give time, talent and financial support to help Royer-Greaves thrive. **Please enjoy a new video introduction to Royer-Greaves School for Blind & Services at this link: <https://youtu.be/P3B0MaOitNo>.**

“The Edge of Cinema team really connected with our students, adults, and staff. They put everyone at ease and made the entire process fun,” said Jerome-Campbell.

“I have a daughter with special needs, and it was impactful for me to see this whole organization helping people with special needs,” said Schmidt. “Royer-Greaves is a joyful place, and everybody there has a huge, amazing, giving heart.”



Confidence Gained Through Royer-Greaves Lifesharing Helped Toby Land a Job He Loves



Toby and Nora met through [Lifesharing](#), a Royer-Greaves School for Blind & Services adult residential program that matches adults who have special needs with local people who receive specialized training, ongoing support, and a stipend.

In the four years since, Toby, who is now 25, gained a home within a caring family, self-confidence, and his first job, at Wawa. “I work in the cold box. I stock the drinks,” he said. “I’m good at it.”

Toby chose Lifesharing after his mother and grandmother died. “If it wasn’t for Nora, I don’t know where I would be,” he said. “She took me into her home and made me feel welcome. I feel safe here,” he said.

Nora knew almost instantly that Toby would fit in well with her and her son Ryan. “He is just a sweet, nice person who is easy to talk to,” she said. “We fell in love with him, and he fell in love with us.”

She’s proud of Toby, too. “He has come a very long way,” she said. When he moved in about four years ago, he was resistant to anything new. “Now he tries everything. He is working. He cleans his bathroom. He eats new things. And he wants to help you with anything you are doing.”

It was all a matter of convincing Toby how capable he is, Nora said.

Toby, Nora, and Ryan consider each other family. They shop together, watch movies together, and travel together.

Toby loves being with Nora and Ryan and also loves his alone time in his room.

“I have a really good home here, and I really like it,” he said.

Lifesharing is a residential option that places adults with special needs in the homes of other community adults and families who share their lives with them. This mutually beneficial living arrangement creates a family-like bond for both the providing household and the participant, allows more independence and continuity for the Lifesharing person, and is a rewarding and meaningful experience for the Lifesharing provider household. To learn more, become a Lifesharing host, or inquire about this special living option for yourself or someone else, please contact Lifesharing Program Supervisor Lauren Jenkins at Ljenkins@royer-greaves.org or 610-644-1810 x 246.

In Memory of Harriet (Pat) Elizabeth Reeser, Royer-Greaves Founding Board Member November 2, 1928 – January 9, 2026



The Royer-Greaves School for Blind & Services community mourns the passing of Pat Reeser, founding Board member, devoted advocate, and cherished friend. Pat’s vision, leadership, and unwavering commitment were instrumental in shaping the foundation and future of our organization.

From the beginning, Pat believed deeply in the mission of Royer-Greaves and in the tremendous potential of the children and adults we serve. She gave generously of her time, wisdom, and heart, helping to guide Royer-Greaves with integrity, compassion, and purpose. Her advocacy extended well beyond governance- she was a true champion for inclusion, opportunity, and dignity for individuals who are blind or visually impaired, and have multiple, complex disabilities.

Pat’s legacy is one of service, leadership, and enduring impact. We are profoundly grateful for her many contributions and for the example she set through her thoughtful stewardship and steadfast support. Her influence will continue to be felt in the lives of those we serve and in the strength of the Royer-Greaves community.

We continue to extend our deepest condolences to Pat’s family and loved ones and we continue to remember her with great affection, respect, and gratitude.