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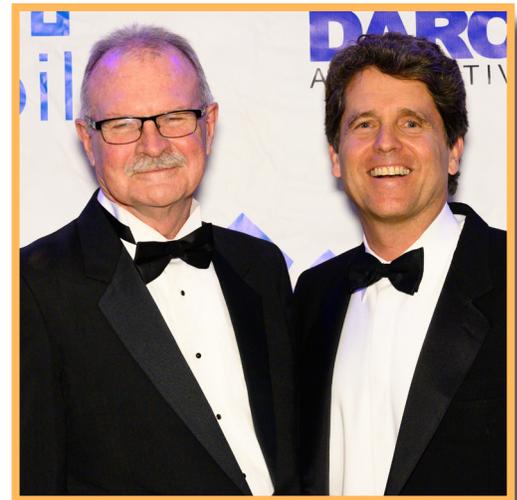
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## The 2019 Jubilee Gala Honoring Jubilee Executive Director Tim Wiens

After finishing his speech, thanking individuals Jubilee serves, their families, staff, elected officials, sponsors, and donors for helping him make Jubilee what it is today, Jubilee Executive Director Tim Wiens tearfully looked out to the crowd as he received a standing ovation for his 40 years of care at Jubilee. Retiring on June 30, 2019, Tim was instrumental in growing Jubilee from three staff members and seven individuals to over 270 staff and 140 served individuals. Throughout the last year, Jubilee has showered Tim with various events such as a Montgomery County Delegation Reception, the Client Council Retirement Party, and a reception with Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett. However, what better way to celebrate 40 years of providing community-living supports and opportunities for adults with intellectual and other developmental disabilities in Montgomery County than to honor Tim at Jubilee’s most anticipated event, the Jubilee Gala. The evening began with the VIP reception being held for top donors, Ruby Society members, and elected officials to honor Tim. Councilmember Will Jawando presented Tim with a Certificate from the Montgomery County



*Tim Wiens and Mark Shriver*

Council for his four decades of dedication. Following the reception, guests mingled in the foyer of the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center where they enjoyed hor d’oeuvres and drinks. At 7 p.m., 438 guests were then directed into the main ballroom. Preceding dinner, Rev. Cindy Lapp from the Hyattsville Mennonite Church blessed the evening with a faith statement, prayer, and well wishes for Tim. After guests enjoyed a three-course meal, the Master of Ceremonies and long-time friend of Tim, Save the Children Action Network’s President, Mark Shriver, lead the evening as guests enjoyed laughter, tears, and great music provided by interPLAY Orchestra lead by Paula Moore. Jubilee Foundation Board President Susan Hoffmann recognized elected officials who were in attendance such as U.S. Representative Jamie Raskin, Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich, Councilmembers Will Jawando, Craig Rice, Sidney Katz, Gabe Albornoz,

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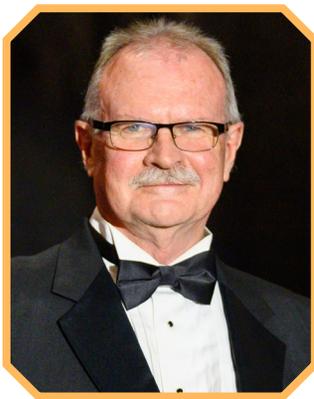
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## From The Executive Director



*Tim Wiens*

This is my last column as Jubilee's Executive Director. There have been many events to mark the conclusion of my work at Jubilee. I am grateful for these opportunities to say goodbye and to express my appreciation for the opportunity I have had to be a leader at Jubilee.

I often tell people that I love working at Jubilee. And it is true, I do. But it is an attitude toward my work that I have chosen. I'm sure that there are

many places and jobs that I could not bring myself to love. I realize that it is a privilege to be the Executive Director and to be able to work at a place like Jubilee.

As I look back and reflect on my work I do see God's hand in the choices that I have made. I do see the teachings of Jesus in the work that I do. It is not the same as choosing to love my work, but it is similar. I think we chose to see God in our work in our lives or we don't.

I think how we as individuals and we as a community treat people who are vulnerable reflects directly on who we are as people. The work we do as a faith based organization is transformative. We do this work attempting to not be exclusionary. We invite our employees to see their work as an expression of their faith, regardless of whether they are Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist or Hindu. We invite the people we serve to be connected to the faith community of their choice. We actively help and encourage those connections.

We are celebrating the life of Jean Vanier these days. He passed away a few weeks ago. I had the privilege of meeting and visiting Jean about three years ago in Trosley, France, his home at the time and the home of L'Arche. L'Arche was the model of services and community that Jubilee was modeled after when it was founded, and it has continued to inform our work at Jubilee over the years. Jean was in-person what his writing are. He was interested in who we were and what we were doing and his answers to our questions were profound. He talked to us, as he writes in his books, about how he was and about how we can be transformed through our relationships with people with intellectual disabilities.

I have been transformed through my relationships with people who receive services from Jubilee. I have also been transformed by my relationships with people who are work colleagues of mine at Jubilee, the families of the people we serve, the Board members, and volunteers who are part of the Jubilee family. I have been blessed beyond measure by the work that I have done at Jubilee.

-Tim Wiens, Executive Director

## The 2019 Jubilee Gala Honoring Jubilee Executive Director Tim Wiens *Continued*



*Councilmember Will Jawando, Tim Wiens and  
Councilmember Andrew Friedson*

and Andrew Friedson, Maryland Senators Jeff Waldstreicher, Craig Zucker and Ben Kramer, as well as Maryland Delegates Kumar Barve and Jared Solomon. Jubilee also received a congratulatory pre-recorded video message from Governor Larry Hogan. Afterwards, Susan Hoffmann was awarded the Betty Mae Kramer Award for Community Service for her decade as President of the Jubilee Foundation Board. The evening continued with auctioneers Craig Rice and former Redskins quarterback, Joe Theismann, auctioning off items to benefit Jubilee. After raising \$12,200 by the auction items alone, DARCARS' President and CEO John Darvish took the stage with longtime friend Joe Theismann, along with Jubilee individuals Elaine Carney and Curtis Cooper. Together they honored their friend and former veteran Jubilee individual, Holly Amsterdam, who passed away earlier this year. John reminisced about how Holly's close friends understandably didn't believe she was friends with Joe Theismann after she said she had his cell phone number. It wasn't until she called him in the middle of a Redskins game and Joe answered that the legitimacy of their friendship rang true. Together, Joe and John encouraged attendees to donate to Jubilee and their cause that assisted individuals like Holly. The evening continued with Tim Wiens' wife Mary Jo and their two sons, Jacob and Jonathan, providing a bit of comedic relief as they roasted Tim on various family moments. Ending the evening, Tim Wiens gave a tearful final speech on looking forward to his new life in retirement, but that he will always love the Jubilee family that he created over his 40 years. We would like to thank everyone who came to celebrate the legacy of Tim Wiens and helping us surpass our goal of \$300,000 for Jubilee.

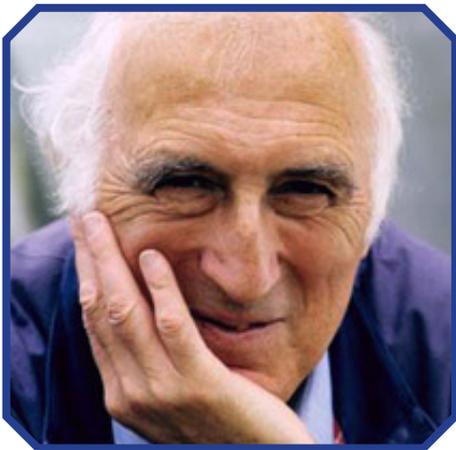
## Welcoming Our New Executive Director, Steve Keener

It was a gray 7:00 a.m. on a Sunday, and I was driving to the law firm where I worked. I was transfixed by what was playing on the radio. After parking on G Street, I sat motionless in the car as the words from the radio slowed my breathing and brought tears to my eyes. It was Jean Vanier. He was speaking on Krista Tippett's radio show *On Being*. Vanier was talking about the tenderness and frailty of humanity and how our deepest desire is to be appreciated, loved, and seen as somebody of value. He talked about the joy of being known and being together with others, and particularly with people with disabilities. In that moment I felt the tug of my own loneliness, but also a kind of permission that Vanier had given me to be gentler, with others and with myself.

In his mid-30s, Vanier had been a philosophy professor in Toronto when he went to visit his friend who was working as a chaplain at a mental institution in Paris. Vanier was moved by the inhumane and isolated existence forced upon the 80 men living there. In response, he bought a small cottage in rural France several months later and invited Raphaël Simi and Philippe Seux out of the institution to live with him. What followed for these three men was a discovery of how life together in a community of people with and without disabilities can transform us.

Vanier's experience inspired the L'Arche movement and also Faith and Light communities around the world. Vanier's message was also an inspiration to the members of Hyattsville Mennonite Church who started Jubilee in 1978, inviting people out of Maryland institutions into our community. And Vanier's writings and example continue to guide us. A daily lesson for us is how mutual relationships must animate everything we do. We are more than just service providers, clients, family members, and supporters – we are being invited to share our lives, and together we become more human.

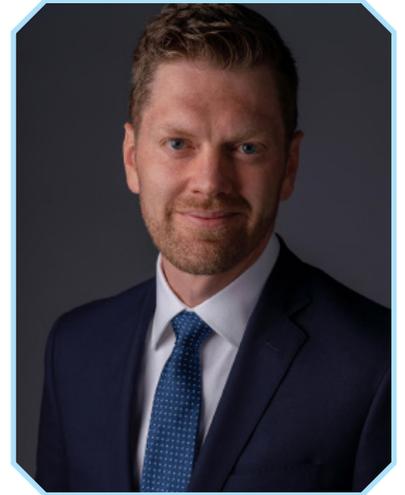
Jean Vanier died on the morning of May 7 in Paris at age 90. Thank you Jean for inviting us to love more tenderly.



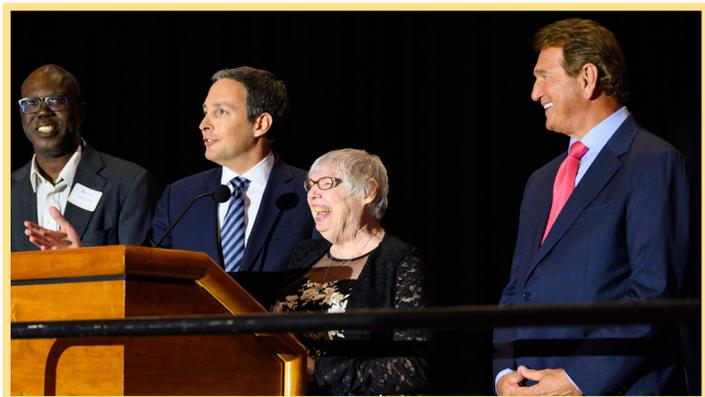
Jean Vanier  
1928 - 2019

*“Love doesn’t mean doing extraordinary or heroic things. It means knowing how to do ordinary things with tenderness.” - Jean Vanier*

**About Steve Keener:** Jubilee will welcome Steve Keener as its new Executive Director beginning July 1. Steve is a former Jubilee Board member and comes to Jubilee from Special Olympics International where he currently serves as Corporate Counsel and Assistant Secretary. He previously served as Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel for L'Arche Greater Washington, D.C. and before that as an international trade attorney at King & Spalding's Washington office. Steve is originally from Goshen, Indiana, and first became involved in disability services at Mennonite Disabilities Committee (now Goldenrod) in Goshen where he volunteered as a live-in caregiver. He holds a law degree from Notre Dame (Ind.) and Bachelor's degree from Eastern University (St. Davids, Penn.). Steve, his wife Bethany, and their sons Tristan (12) and Seth (8) currently live in Arlington, Virginia, and plan to move to the Kensington area in the next few months.



# The 2019 Jubilee Gala Honoring Jubilee's Executive Director Tim Wiens



*Curtis Cooper, John Darvish, Elaine Carney, and Joe Theismann*



*Steve Keener and Tim Wiens*



*Mary Jo Schumacher, Jonathan Wiens, Jacob Wiens, Becky Pankratz, Keith Wiens*



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## THE GIFT OF A LIFETIME



In 2018, Jubilee celebrated 40 years, the RUBY Anniversary! We introduced Jubilee's RUBY Society which will provide funds to Jubilee through planned gifts such as wills, bequests, special needs trusts, and others. These legacy gifts will transform the lives of adults with intellectual and other developmental disabilities by allowing Jubilee to continue providing the very best quality of services while maintaining staff longevity. Our goal was to get 45 Ruby Society members before the end of our fiscal year, June 30th, 2019. Within days before the end of our fiscal year we achieved our goal! However, Jubilee is still looking to add your family to the Ruby Society. Will you join Jubilee's RUBY Society?

We have room for your family's commitment!

Contact Rolando Santiago at 301-949-8628 ext. 185 or [rsantiago@jubileemd.org](mailto:rsantiago@jubileemd.org).

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