



## Lobster Feed 2025: A Special Word



This year, we had a very special letter written by a staff member who has been with Life Steps for years and years, through many journeys in life. She wanted to share a word for the special event, Lobster Feed. Here is an excerpt from Charlene Kang's speech that evening:

"If someone returns to the same job three times, either the place is special—or the person is a little crazy. In my case, I think it's both.

My name is Charlene Kang. I started with Life Steps in 1996 as the first Mandarin-speaking early interventionist. Working with medically fragile infants, toddlers with complex needs, and families in chaotic situations taught me something important- early intervention isn't magic. It doesn't cure; it supports. It helps children and families find comfort, connection, and possibility where things once felt impossible.

Those early years shaped who I am. I left Life Steps twice due to personal and family changes, but after 17 years away, I came back in September 2024—because this isn't just a job for me. Life Steps is a mission, a community, and a calling.

For over 40 years, Life Steps staff have walked alongside children, adults with disabilities, and older adults—helping them build skills, confidence, and independence. A lot has changed over the years, but our heart has not: we still serve with excellence, compassion, and respect.



Tonight, while we're enjoying lobster, we're also investing in people's lives. Your bids and your donations—of any size—directly support the programs and services that make these stories possible.

Thank you for being here, for caring, and for believing in Life Steps Foundation. Enjoy the evening!"

## LSF Northern California Adult Services: Pumpkin Patch Adventures in Half Moon Bay!

On October 21, 2025, Social Dynamics participants recently enjoyed a fun-filled trip to the Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Patch! The day was filled with smiles, laughter, and plenty of pumpkins to choose from. Everyone had a great time exploring the patch and picking out their perfect pumpkin to take home.

The fun continued the next day at the day program, where participants used black paint to decorate their pumpkins in creative and spooky designs. Each pumpkin turned out wonderfully unique, and participants were proud to take home their finished artwork.

It was a heartwarming and memorable way to celebrate the fall season together!



## LSF SoCal Adults Services: Open House Showcase!

At our recent Open House event on November 5th, we unveiled our newly-renovated office and had the opportunity to showcase the artwork created by participants of our Seaside Learning Center Day Program. These talented individuals handcrafted their own seasonal artwork to raise funds for their chosen activities! We would also like to thank Marilyn Harrison and Harry Harrison Jr. from Helpers Community for taking the time to come out to our office all the way from San Francisco, CA. We look forward to keeping in touch!



## LSF Northern California Children and Family Services: We Play We Learn: Halloween Celebration

The kids came to school all dressed up in their costumes and ready for a day full of fun! We kicked things off with a class party filled with Halloween music, yummy treats, and lots of smiles. Families joined us for our Halloween parade—perfect for snapping those adorable costume pictures!

A huge thank-you to our amazing National Charity League - Crystal Springs Chapter volunteers who created so many cute and creative photo frames and games for us to play. The kids had a blast with spooky noodle sensory bins, ghost bowling, eyeball toss, bean bag toss, a coloring station, and more! They even got to trick-or-treat and spend time playing with their parents and friends. It was such a fun and festive day at school!





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