

We're so glad to be back in your inbox with the second edition of the Athelas newsletter!

As we continue building this space to stay connected, we're excited to share something truly special in this issue, *A Legacy in Bloom: Celebrating 50 Years of Athelas*. This milestone is more than an anniversary; it's a celebration of the incredible community that has grown, supported, and believed in our mission over the years.

We are thrilled to invite you to be part of this meaningful celebration. Ticket registration is now open, and we hope you'll join us for an evening that honors our past, celebrates our present, and looks ahead to a bright future. Your support, whether through attendance, sponsorship, sharing, or simply cheering us on continues to make all the difference.

As always, thank you for being such an important part of the Athelas community. We're excited to keep sharing these moments with you.

Warmly,  
Chantelle Taylor  
CEO

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## # IN THE HEADLINES

The Maryland General Assembly, with sponsorship from Senator Sara Love and Delegate Michele Guyton, hosted the *Art in Full Spectrum Exhibit* on March 30, 2026. This exhibit showcases the diverse artwork of 55 talented Marylanders with disabilities, featuring a wide range of media including painting, drawing, mixed media, and more.

We are especially proud to share that Athelas artist David Bruce is among those featured. His acrylic piece, *World of Tulips*, is currently on display at the House of Delegates, located at 6 Bladen Street in Annapolis.

David enjoys expressing himself through art, particularly by drawing various types of flowers. As he shares, "*I take pleasure in working with vibrant colors to bring my artistic vision to life.*"

**Pictured:** David Bruce with his painting (vertical image); David with his painting standing with Lt. Gov. Aruna Miller of Maryland (horizontal image).





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**Coming Soons and Save the Dates!**

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## CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR ATHELAS

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH | 4-8PM  
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MD, 21044

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **MT7MCGP**  
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# ATHELAS DAY - JUNE 6TH

SAVE THE DATE  
**ATHELAS DAY**  
**@ CHESAPEAKE**  
**BAYSOX**

**JUNE 6, SATURDAY • 6:30PM**

**4101 CRAIN HWY, BOWIE, MD 20716**

**POSITION:**  
**ATTEND AND CHEER**

**TEAM:**  
**ATHELAS ALL-STARS**

**Save the date**



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# A Legacy in Bloom: Event Tickets

*Celebrating 50 Years of Athelas*

October 2, 2026 - 6:00 - 9:30 PM

The Howard County Conservancy - 10520 Old Frederick Road, Ellicott City, MD

Join us for a special evening as we celebrate 50 years of supporting adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and building a strong, inclusive community. Enjoy a warm and welcoming night filled with connection, great food, and celebration. The evening will include a cocktail hour with light bites, a photographer to capture memories, and a look back at Athelas' journey over the years.

Guests will enjoy a delicious buffet dinner, music, and time to connect with friends and supporters. Dress up and enjoy the rustic-chic atmosphere!

We will also share stories, a short video, and a special program honoring the impact of the past 50 years.

End the night with dessert, raffle prizes, music, and dancing as we celebrate our future together.

## How to Purchase Tickets

Tickets open on April 1<sup>st</sup>. 20% *Early Bird Ticket Discount* available for **General Admission Tickets** until May 16, 2026. Use Promo Code: **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT** at checkout.



### Go online:

<https://givebutter.com/a-legacy-in-bloom-celebrating-50-years-of-athelas-2wzpy9>



GENERAL ADMISSION

General Admission Tickets - \$100.00/per person



COMMUNITY MEMBER

Community Member Tickets (IDD Community) - \$60.00/per person



DSP COMMUNITY MEMBER BUNDLE

DSP Community Member Bundle Tickets - \$60.00/per member and DSP\*

\*Limited amount available

Ticketing platform will require you to pay all credit card fees. Givebutter will ask you to TIP them, you can change that TIP amount to zero (0). At checkout you can pay by check as well as Venmo, PayPal, ACH and Cash App Pay.

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A nonprofit organization serving adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities since 1976.  
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**Would you like to sponsor our Celebration of Athelas event?**

Contact Kim at [kschofield@athelasinstitute.org](mailto:kschofield@athelasinstitute.org) or call 410-946-6755

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