

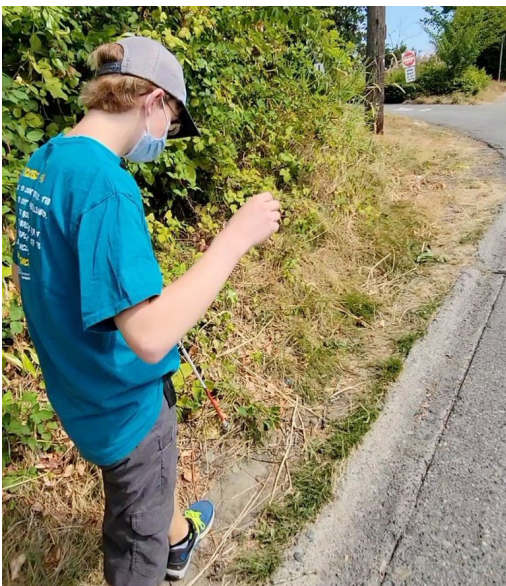
RIBBON CUTTING AND SIDEWALK ACCESSIBILITY CELEBRATION

Wednesday, April 3rd | 6:30 — 8:00pm | Location: [Ryther](#) | [RSVP Here!](#)

Come join us at Ryther to celebrate the new sidewalk that was recently installed from Lake City Way to Ryther's campus. This event will feature remarks from community leaders and advocates. It is a great opportunity to come together and appreciate the power of youth advocacy and community partnership.

In 2020, at the height of the pandemic, Charlie Howe attended services at Ryther. Charlie is autistic and vision impaired...and fiercely determined. He spoke out about the lack of sidewalks between his bus stop on Lake City Way and the Ryther campus. He worked with Ryther staff and the Ryther Accessibility Committee to make a video highlighting the problem, and then connected with Disability Rights Washington to take additional steps to advocate for an accessible sidewalk. Seattle City Council President Debora Juarez heard his advocacy and championed the project. The result is an accessible sidewalk that will benefit Ryther clients, parents/caregivers, staff and our entire neighborhood community.

REMARKS FROM



Charlie Howe — Accessibility Advocate

Debora Juarez — Former City Council President

Karen Brady — Ryther Executive Director & CEO

State Senator Javier Valdez — 46th Legislative District

Greg Wong — Seattle Deputy Mayor

Dan Strauss — Current City Council Member

Robert Strauss — Longtime Ryther case manager

Cathy Moore — Current City Council Member

Anna Zivarts — Disability Rights WA, Director of Disability Mobility Initiative

Brian Dougherty — SDOT, Project Development Division Deputy Director