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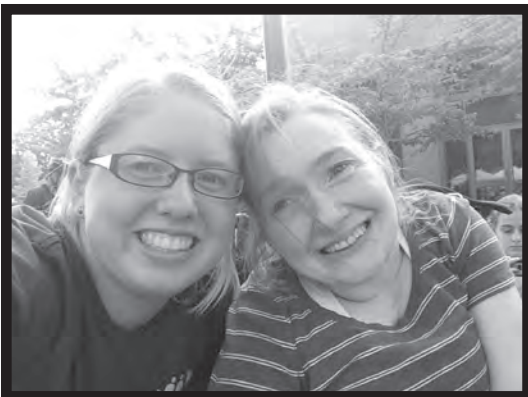
Last December I distinctly remember telling Stacy that I could not imagine taking on the job of Community Leader. I was comfortable in the role of LTH Board President and in my day job at CHI Franciscan Health. Despite all the good reasons I had at the time for making such a firm declaration, on June 27th I officially became your Community Leader. What happened?

As hundreds of people around the world have experienced for over 50 years, I fell in love with L'Arche. I had help, starting with the Board members, leaders and development staff who attended the L'Arche in North America Donor Workshop in February in St. Louis. It was there I first heard the invitation: "Have you ever considered a different leadership role in L'Arche?" With these words, I was launched into a completely unexpected discernment process, underlined by a strong sense of call. I owe a debt of gratitude to the many people who supported me in this process: family, friends, pastors, colleagues, and especially fellow LTH Board members who stepped into the roles I had to leave in order to apply for the position.

After several months now of learning and leading, gratitude remains my primary feeling at the end of each day. Gratitude for this beautiful and resilient community, for the trust placed in me to provide leadership,

for L'Arche colleagues in this Region and around the country, and for the strength of Stacy's legacy. Most of all I am thankful for the incredible generosity of all of our supporters and friends. I look forward to the opportunity to grow in relationship with each of you, as we continue the L'Arche Tahoma Hope journey together.

Laura Giddings, Executive Director/Community Leader



Development News

Planning Underway for New Welcome Center

by Ann Gugger, Development Assistant

Last July, L'Arche Tahoma Hope took the first steps toward creating a Welcome Center to expand our mission of relationship and acceptance to the greater community. After completing a feasibility study that demonstrated support for this project, the L'Arche Board approved a plan to initiate a capital campaign to raise the funds for the building.

Work on the project began in earnest earlier this year. Currently in the design phase, we are working with architect Al Terry to finalize the blueprints. Al has listened closely to community members and key constituents to create a design that will meet our needs and intent while also aligning with our mission and values. We are consulting with contractors and completing the survey and engineering assessments with the goal of having the final design and cost estimates by late fall.

Under the leadership of Steering Committee chair Tom Pagano and honorary chairs Mike and Mary Jo Tucci, we have launched the beginning stage of the capital campaign to raise the funds for the Welcome Center building and initial programming. This is L'Arche's first capital campaign, and we are grateful for the guidance and expertise of James Plourde from The Collins Group. We are learning a great deal about how to rally our supporters to succeed in this new undertaking. Our Board of Directors is fully engaged in the project, and an enthusiastic volunteer steering committee is reaching out to our friends to take part in this effort.

Later this fall we will launch a web page providing updates on our progress on the Welcome Center. Only with your continued prayers and support can we fulfill this dream of providing a place of welcome in the spirit of L'Arche.

If you have questions or would like additional information about the Welcome Center, please contact David Rothrock, Development and Capital Campaign Director, at development@larchetahomahope.org or Ann Gugger, Development Assistant, at devassist@larchetahomahope.org.

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

Mark your calendars for Giving Tuesday

December 1, 2015

Plan to take part in L'Arche Tahoma Hope's second Giving Tuesday campaign!

Ways you can participate:

- Follow L'Arche Tahoma Hope on Facebook and Twitter (#TahomaHope)
- Encourage your friends and family to donate to L'Arche Tahoma Hope on Giving Tuesday
- Hold a Giving Tuesday fundraiser (bake sale, walk-a-thon, dinner party) to support L'Arche Tahoma Hope
- Ask a business you frequent to donate a portion of their Giving Tuesday proceeds to L'Arche Tahoma Hope



Organic Inclusivity

By: Megan Bent, L'Arche Assistant, in partnership with the L'Arche Tahoma Hope Community

A major L'Arche Tahoma Hope highlight for me this past year was the first time I showed Ricky the pictures he had taken with a pinhole camera constructed out of an oatmeal container with a small hole the size of a pin as the lens. Ricky had thoughtfully placed the camera in the front yard and carefully placed a rock on the top of it so it wouldn't blow away. A couple days later we brought the camera in, and I scanned the image on to my computer. When I brought the computer to him to show him his picture, Ricky exclaimed, "LOOK AT THIS!" People in the house and in Day Supports gathered by the computer as Ricky excitedly announced, "See that? I made THAT! I am AWESOOOOOOME!"

To me this encapsulates why art is so special and has been so special to me. You have the power to create something from nothing, to share with the world something unique. Through art you are given another means beyond words to share your version of the world. Art empowers people.

It has been such a gift to share art with community members this past year and I am very excited about our installed images from the past year in window #3 of the Woolworth Building in downtown Tacoma. Through the Spaceworks program I have been able to work in partnership with the L'Arche Tahoma Hope Community to create art with core members and to be able to provide a space for that work to be seen and appreciated in our larger Tacoma community. The installation, titled Organic Inclusivity, will be on display from mid-September to the beginning of December. Here is a short statement about Organic Inclusivity:

"Organic Inclusivity is comprised of images created by members of the L'Arche Tahoma Hope Community, where people with and without intellectual disabilities share life based on mutual relationships.

The photographic processes for this installation (cyanotype, solargraphy, chlorophyll prints, and lomography) were chosen to symbolize the values of the life we live in community. We utilized alternative photographic processes to reflect our commitment to live an alternative lifestyle where we place those who are often found on the margins in the center.

The alternative photography processes are simple yet yield results that elevate the mundane to the magical. In our lives at L'Arche, beauty is found in the everyday occurrences: sharing meals, singing songs, and working alongside one another. Day-to-day, what one person might consider mundane might be a major victory for another.

The photographic processes are pared down and inclusive; they are also processes that require time and patience. It can take 2-3 days for one image to be created. In a world where the pace of life and activity is ever increasing, we aim to shine a light on the importance of slowing down and appreciating the journey as much as the destination."

We hope you will come by the installation to see our hard work.



Community Vacations, 2015...

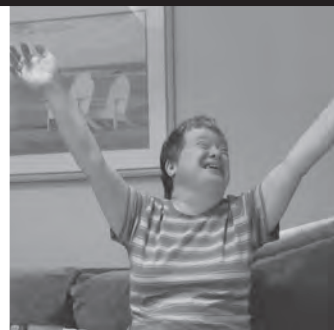
The **Olympic Peninsula group** stayed in a geodesic dome house just outside of Olympic National Park. The week was filled with trips into Washington's Temperate Rainforest, a visit to the Northwesternmost point of the country, and movies projected on the dome ceiling of the cabin for an experience IMAX couldn't compete with.



The **Whidbey Island group** enjoyed another week! We loved sharing time together, walking on the beach, and going into town. The highlight of our vacation was a night at the Movie Theatre with Go-Karts and an arc...



Benjamin, Stacie, Sharilynn and Tree had a very quiet and relaxing vacation on **Mason Lake**. Slow mornings with coffee and good poetry led into picnic lunches, walks in the woods and exploration of the cute little towns surrounding **Grapeview**. Highlights were stumbling into a lavender festival and swimming in the lake! At the end of the week Sharilynn proclaimed, "Tresa. I'd like to come back here again. Stay longer next time."



We had a blast in **Bellingham** this summer at the pottery studio and loved driving the fish at the pool and laughed up a storm with the summer sun. Among Doug's favorites were... and photo-documenting our entire adventure. A comedy club inspired our own evening va... showed off their talents, followed by a little... enjoyed our time together and some of us...

The **Ocean Shores** group had a relaxing vacation with daily cocoa and beach outings, followed by going out to the movies, bowling and even bumper cars. On our last day we enjoyed a picnic at a park. We all had a great vacation and came back feeling very well rested.



Additions to the Board

by Megan Matthew, Board President

The L'Arche Board has grown by three members in the last months:

Anna (Karlin) Colombini has been a part of the extended L'Arche community since childhood. Her memories are rich from many Farm gatherings that she and her siblings attended with her parents, Tom and Ida Karlin. Anna, a naturopathic physician, and her husband Tony have two young children. The qualities of compassion, authenticity and kindness that drew her as a child have brought her back to serve the community as a board member.

John Elting joined the L'Arche Board in March, drawn by the culture of positivity, respect, love and Christian beliefs. John brings operational and financial expertise gained through nearly 40 years of managing both small and large businesses and non-profit organizations. John and his wife Sheila have three adult children.

Kim Travis has worked in the banking industry for 32 years, helping others achieve their goals. Kim has, in fact, assisted many L'Arche core members with their banking needs. Kim has been married to her high school sweetheart for 34 years, and they have two daughters and one granddaughter.

We are honored to have these new members with varied and wonderful gifts!



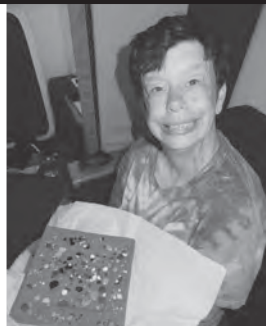
Action packed
looking meals,
own for coffee.
at the Drive In
ade!



The **Tacoma** vacation group, otherwise known as the City of Destiny crew, had a blast on vacation! Carie, Nancy, and Mark were all very excited to hear live music, so we ventured to Pioneer Park, to a Jennifer Kelly concert in Seattle and did our own jamming at a Farmhouse Hoe-Down! Other highlights included attending a Mariners Game, eating ice cream, sleeping in and going to the movies!



Cindy painted a beautiful plate
go-karts! Bobby swam like a
while dancing to live music in the
a trip to the movies, bowling,
ature. A trip to the improv
riety show, where everyone
e improv of our own. We all
can't wait to go back next year!



CHANGING SEASONS... What does fall mean to you? Back to school, the return of rain, and falling leaves mark the change for many of us. At L'Arche Tahoma Hope, it also means new assistants!!! Here are some of the new people who have joined the community:

- Teresa Bildhauer - *InVia Volunteer at Farmhouse and Farm & Gardens*
- Fatima Cervantes - *Lutheran Volunteer in Day Support*
- Gretchen Hathaway - *new assistant at Farmhouse*
- Brian Holtvedt - *Jesuit Volunteer in Day Support*
- Brittany Hubler - *Lutheran Volunteer at Farm & Gardens*
- Marissa Jenkins - *new assistant at Anawim*
- Katie Miyakado - *new assistant at Farmhouse*
- Megan Reid - *Jesuit Volunteer at Farm and Gardens*
- Matthew Whalen - *new assistant at Anawim*

Memorial Contributions

We are grateful for the donations we have received in memory of the following people. They, along with their families and friends, are in our prayers.

Roy Anstett
John F. Boyle
Bob Colombini
Amy Dyckman

Ann Kelly
Bill Kerrigan
Jim Lewis
Adrian "Pat" Richmond(Turco)

We are also thankful for the donations we received in honor of:

Stacy Cates-Carney
Bernard Dahl

Barbara Gruber
Henryetta Kerrigan
Andrew and Bridgie Sharp



Weekly Markets

6th Ave Market: 3 - 7pm, Tuesdays through Sept. 29th
Broadway: 10am - 3pm, Thursdays through Oct. 29th
Proctor: 9am - 2pm, Saturdays through Dec. 19th



Harvestfest - Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 2015, 10am - 3pm

Purchase pumpkins for pies and porches, corn stalks and other fall decorations • Visit the chickens & ET the horse and see how we've grown • Check out our soaps, balms and jams from our busy bees • Choose from our great selection of edibles for your yard
 ... and of course we'll have a fall deal or two!

Bring 4 cans of food for the Food Connection and receive a free 1-gallon perennial.



Holiday Sales at the Farm



Evergreen Wreaths and Swags

(November 18th - December 23rd)

\$25.00 each (reserve yours now!)

All of our arrangements are made from locally harvested, sustainable greens and picked from Mt. St. Helens and on-site by our own Farm crew.

Holiday Cards and Ornaments

Greeting Cards • Holiday Cards • Ornaments • Journals • Picture Frames • Gift Tags
 ...all crafted from our handmade paper.

Order now to ensure delivery for your holiday needs.

How to order...

- Email us with your order: farm@larchetahomahope.org
- Message us on Facebook
- Visit us at a Holiday Fair Trade Event (see below)
- Come out to the Farm to place your order and see how it all happens.



Don't forget to follow us on Facebook: L'Arche Farm

Fair Trade Events



St. Mark's Lutheran by the Narrows Fair Trade - Nov 1st (9am - 12pm) and Dec 6th (9am - 12pm)

Shepherd of the Hill Fair Trade - Nov 6th (3pm - 7pm) and Nov 7th (9am - 3pm)

Chapel Hill Presbyterian Fair Trade - Nov 14th (10am- 3pm, 5:30pm - 8pm) and Nov, 15th (8am - 3pm)

St. Leo's Fair Trade - Nov. 20th (3pm - 7pm), Nov. 22nd (3pm - 7pm) and Nov 23rd (9am- 2pm)

Redeemer Lutheran in Fircrest Farm Show - Nov 29th (9am - 2pm)

Fircrest Presbyterian Farm Show - Nov 29th (9am - 2pm)

Little Church on the Prairie Wreath Sale - Nov 29th (9am - 2pm)

Bethany Presbyterian Alternative Bazaar - December 6th (12 - 3pm)

Coming In From the Cold

by Patrick Toohey, Farm & Gardens Coordinator and Long Term Assistant

I enter the barn slowly moving the numbered tumblers with my frigid fingers. The knob had been broken off long ago, and security came with a quick combination lock. I reach in and flip on the lights, or light, depending upon the day and the number of bulbs that are working. I hear the noises of departing nightly inhabitants scurrying through the myriad of crevices that have allowed them access. I remove the remnants of lunch snacks strewn about and half eaten apples that were foraged before taking a sip of my hot drink and continuing. I quickly move through the space, plugging in the 3 portable heaters with the hope that they will stay on without blowing a fuse. I review the schedule on the calendar in anticipation of the warmth, not from the heaters but most consistently from the hearts of those who toil in the work of the land at L'Arche Farm & Gardens. If you have ever joined us for a morning meeting, spent time with us at lunch or on a break, this is a very familiar routine.

Wearing different hats through the years: home for a steer, a wood shop, a recycling center, handmade dog beds and dried flowers, our barn has been the centerpiece of all industries the Farm has offered. Though not built to hold offices or host many visitors, we made do with what we were given and have embraced the space. There has always been a bit of irony that we come in from the cold to often experience it being colder than the outside. It was one of those damp, frigid mornings a few years back that a dear friend of Les' and the community approached us about bringing a group of her friends. Vi Marcoe had assembled a faithful group of friends and headed out to the Farm. Les' face lit up when they arrived, as did theirs - they were reconnected by what had originally brought them together. They met Les years ago when they supported Fr. Jimmy Boyle at Rainier School in the religious education program, and now their lives had come full circle. This cold morning visit led to a strong desire to give back in a tangible way - by funding our barn remodel.

The remodel has taken nearly 4 months. We have cleared, cleaned, patched, primed, painted, and placed windows. We have re-structured the floor with new flooring and installed weather tight doors both on the exterior and interior. This has been one of the largest gifts the Farm has received directly, and it has improved not only our program, but the experience of all who work, volunteer and participate at L'Arche Farm & Gardens. We had a list that was practical... and then we had our dreams. The generosity of heart and spirit that has been so freely given have now made the space where we meet, eat and craft the place that we have longed for for many years.

I enter the barn today with a key to a lock on a door that seals a room that is warm, clean and filled with welcome. There are no longer holes where our nocturnal visitors can enter. We have cupboards for dishes, drawers for silverware, a countertop, new padded chairs, new tables, a ceiling fan, LED lighting and best of all a commercial heater that will warm our bodies as the spirit of the space warms our hearts. We have met in the new space and our arms continue to reach out to embrace all that we have been given, graced and blessed with. We reach out and truly thank those who have rekindled their relationship with us and found a way to make our barn a place all can enjoy.

We extend a very special appreciation for Vi Marcoe and her vision and desire to reach out to our community. Not only did she support the remodel as a major donor for the barn, but she also provided the funds for the Farm to purchase a brand new tractor. Thanks to St. John of the Woods Church and Vi's brother, Jim Raden, and his family for the fantastic new tables and padded chairs...it makes it hard to go back to work! Thank you to all the members of the Beach Group that helped see our dream and made it a reality. Thank you Jim Manville for making the vision a reality with your hard work, long days and the support of Dave Ronald and the joyful presence and blessing of Tony... who made it possible for us to round the corner to the completion of the project.



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DATE**

L'Arche Tahoma Hope's 22nd Annual

AUCTION

March 5th, 2016

Landmark Convention Center

Email auction@larchetahomahope.org to find out how you can help!



The Mission of L'Arche is:

- To make known the gifts of people with intellectual disabilities, revealed through mutually transforming relationships;
- To foster an environment in community that responds to the changing needs of our members, while being faithful to the core values of our founding story;
- To engage in our diverse cultures, working together toward a more human society.