Dear Friends,

We write to you during a strange and sad time. Yet in the midst of uncertainty, we are blessed to find ourselves standing on a supportive foundation. Our community life continues, though now much of it is virtual, with all the daily joys of prayer, connection, and celebration.

As we put the final touches on the 2019 annual report content, coronavirus began spreading in the United States. Now it has upended our lives. We’re following the guidelines from local and national health authorities, which means that core members are not going to day programs or work, we are wearing masks and staying 6 feet apart as possible in the homes, and our events have been canceled or gone virtual, among other precautions.

It is a sobering reality that people with intellectual disabilities are at especially high risk in this pandemic: from underlying health conditions and from discrimination within health systems. Discrimination against people with disabilities has always existed - the pandemic has revealed and entrenched it. Our mission is more important than ever, that we make known the gifts of people with intellectual disabilities. During this time core members are leading us with their creativity and compassion.

Before coronavirus precautions began, L’Arche GWDC had already received some distressing news from L'Arche International - a year-long inquiry uncovered that the late founder of L'Arche International, Jean Vanier, had been sexually abusive toward adult women without disabilities. These findings cause us great disappointment and grief, although none of the inquiry’s findings relate directly to our L’Arche GWDC community. More information on the inquiry results and L'Arche USA’s response can be found in the letter from Tina Boverman, L'Arche USA's National Leader and Executive Director, on the L'Arche USA website.

Through it all, we remain grounded in the strength of our community and find joy in our daily life together. We are grateful to our supporters near and far during this time. No matter what, we come back to each other and to our values. We are glad to have you with us.

In peace and hope,

Luke Smith
Community Leader | Executive Director

Constance U. Battle, M.D.
President of the Board
Above: Community gathered to welcome L’Arche national and international leaders. From core members to board members, volunteers, assistants, and donors, it takes all of us to build community.

On the cover: Community members enjoy each other's company at Ontario House.
DEAR FRIENDS,

As we reflect on our year, we celebrate our blessings: wonderful community members, solid financial footing, and opportunities for growth. Our table is covered with good things, and we’ve pulled up extra chairs so everyone can have a place. Thank you to our faithful donors, supporters, and volunteers for making this abundance possible!

As a community, we walked through changes together in 2019. We were excited to welcome Joseph Butler as a core member in DC! We also welcomed new community members - including program coordinators and a communications coordinator - and said goodbye to those moving on. We mourned the passing of core member Mo Higgs and celebrated his life.

We have strengthened our place in the wider community: being invited as a trusted partner and expert to speak at the Special Olympics office, formalizing our relationship to Georgetown University, and working closely with local churches, schools, and universities. We also received top scores in our DC service audit.

Looking to the future, we are confident in our ability to face challenges, embrace new opportunities, and grow as a community. And at the end of each day we come back to each other around the table in gratitude.

Thank you again, to all of our donors and supporters, for your prayers and resources. There is always a seat at our table for you.

Constance U. Battle, MD, Board President
Volunteers support our community with their time and talents, including groups from the DC Knights of Columbus, Yachad, and the Association of American Medical Colleges. From helping with house maintenance to making healthy dinners, our homes are blessed by their presence and hard work.

We welcomed Joseph, a core member at Euclid House! Joseph brings a gentle presence and a deep attentiveness to the people around him. Whether he is remembering birthdays, checking in with someone about their day, or helping his home stay organized, his gifts build us up as a community.

L’Arche supports core members travelling to reconnect with loved ones and visit places that are important to them. Debora and Caroline visited Debora’s family in Texas and Hazel hit the road with some L’Arche friends down to Mecklenburg, the town where she grew up. Fritz and Lauren took a trip to see their friends Vince and Tam Bush who were recently L’Arche GWDC assistants. These meaningful trips are made possible by donor support!

In March 2019, we celebrated the life of Maurice (Mo) Higgs, one of our founding core members. We remembered him through stories, songs, and liturgy. As a community, we walk with each other in every stage in life, including farewells. Mo and his loyal friendship, his pranks, and his music will not be forgotten.
Joseph joined Euclid House in 2019! Credit: Brian Taylor

Yachad volunteers smile as they work on maintenance projects in our Virginia homes.

The room was full as we remembered and celebrated Mo Higgs. Credit: Rachel Schrock Photography

Vince and Fritz out to lunch in Princeton, New Jersey. Credit: Lauren Palmer
6th Street House received a new van thanks to the generosity of the Order of Malta Federal Association, U.S.A.! Accessible vans are more than just a vehicle to us - they are our means to be engaged in the community and get everywhere from church to work to medical appointments. Transportation is just one area where our donors empower us to live as a community.

L’Arche is a top scoring service provider in DC, having received excellent overall scores from the DC Department on Disability Services in their 2019 review. The compassion, competence, and leadership of everyone in our community - including our donor support - helps make us an exemplary model of service provision.

Thanks to donor support, our homes went on house vacation to the beach in North Carolina! Core members and assistants swam in the sea, rode bikes, made s’mores around a campfire, flew kites, and enjoyed being together as a family. We were grateful for an accessible home to stay in and the resources to take time to rest.

L’Arche strives for inclusion in all aspects of our diverse experiences and identities! Our Diversity Commission was created to celebrate and unify our diverse community and our Inclusion Party Team creates wider access via different forms of communication and understanding. In the past year their efforts have included providing us with trainings on language and leading us in creative reflections of our backgrounds.
Danny, Bruce, and Charles pose by the new van.

Highland House and 6th Street House were excited for their beach vacation!

Debora enjoys the view of the beach on house vacation. Credit: Maryanne Henderson

Kelly (seated) and Lauren lead an inclusion training for community members.
By the Numbers

Led by our core members, L’Arche GWDC’s impact is seen in the depth of relationship in our homes and also spreads far beyond our walls. With every volunteer we welcome, with every stranger that becomes a friend, we are spreading a message and a model of a more inclusive society.

**In Fiscal Year 2019 we...**

- Welcomed more than **270 individual volunteers**.
- Hosted **1360 visits to our houses** for presentations, events, dinner and volunteering.
- Hosted **50 public events** including monthly prayer nights, Encounter L’Arche and SolidariDay.
- **Shared the mission of L’Arche with 611 people** during 24 presentations and events.
- Hosted **6 University Break groups**, equaling 32 students total from 5 different universities.
- Worked with **42 community partners**, from churches to local businesses.
- Supported and were supported by **14 core members**, who make up the heart of our community.
At L’Arche Greater Washington, D.C., community life centers on four homes where core members – adults with intellectual disabilities – live together with the people who assist them. In addition to these life-long homes, L’Arche provides professional-support services and seeks ways for core people to actively engage in the social, civic, and spiritual life of Greater Washington, D.C. Thank you to the many generous donors whose financial gifts supplement government contracts, making a holistic, high-quality life possible for L’Arche members.

Summary of L’Arche’s Fiscal Year 2019 Audited Financial Statement

Revenue
- Government Contracts $1,957,560
- Contributions* $1,012,604
- Rental and Other Income $238,575

Total Revenue $3,208,739

Expenses
- Program (Homes) $2,216,657
- Program (Other) $100,780
- Education & Outreach $108,050
- Administration $622,587
- Fundraising $164,131

Total Expenses $3,212,205

Total Assets: $6,868,132.48  Total Liabilities: $2,587,162.08  Total Net Assets: $4,280,970

* Includes gifts from foundations, corporations, faith-based organizations, individuals, and others.

Additional financial information is available upon request. Tax returns are publicly available online.
Thank You!

**The Heart of L'Arche Society**
The Heart of L'Arche Society was created in 2009 to build a sustainable foundation for L’Arche’s financial future. Donors pledge $1,000 or more per year for three years, allowing L’Arche to plan ahead. *Thank you to our Heart of L’Arche Society Members!*  

**Servant-Leadership Circle**
$25,000 or more per year for three years
Chapman, Grace, Crawford, Jade, and Jarman Taylor

**Advocacy Circle**
$10,000 or more per year for three years
Colette and Peter Arntson
Elizabeth Black and John Cook
Lisa and Mac Cosgrove-Davies
Rebecca and Blayne Grady

**Community Builder Circle**
$5,000 or more per year for three years
Jo-Ann Andriko and Bruce Krebs
The AMDG Foundation
Christopher and Jane Keough
Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church
Carolyn Rumer and Patrick Kibbe
Bob and Mary Jean Rumer
Ruth and Arne Sorenson
Roberta and Richard Theis

The Weaver Family
Hope Farrior and David Wiley
Anonymous

**Accompaniment Circle**
$2,500 or more per year for three years
Kathryn and Shep Abell
Jane and Kevin Belford
Barbara and Matthew Black
Dulin United Methodist Church
Yolanda and Dale Jones
Laura L. McAuliffe
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Potthast
Margi Savage, SSJ
Tim Shriver and Linda Potter
Ke Ji and Josef Skoldeberg
C. Ann and Malcolm Young
Anonymous (2)

These gifts were received in our fiscal year calendar October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019. Donors who made gifts received after September 30, 2019 will be acknowledged in our next annual report.
COMPANION CIRCLE
$1,000 or more per year for three years
Gail Arnall
Bob Asselin
Françoise Aubry-Kendall and Ron Kendall
Roslyn L. Barry
Constance Urciolo Battle MD and Charles E. Steerman PhD
Mary Frances leMat and Harold Beebout
Sue Lewis Bodner
Michele and James Bowe
Maureen Byrnes
Stephen J. Callahan and Christine Madigan
Paul and Joanie Cataldo
Paulette Cerutti
Eva-Elizabeth Chisholm
Mark and Jane Chopko
Joy and Jerry Choppin
Angela and Chris Ciccolo
Gerry and Lydia Clemmer
Gregory and Sandra Cleva
Jennifer, John (JC), and James Coffey
Robert Commissio and Denise Leith
The Honorable John H. Dalton
Donald C. Daniel and Elizabeth Griffith Daniel
Theresa and Jack DeGioia
Laura DeMaria
Robert and Paula DeRoy
Connie and David Donohoe
Helen R. DuBois
Alex, Deidra, Gabriel, and Joshua James
Paul I. Gallagher III
In honor of Ltc. Oscar and Ellen Garcia
Alison Gramann and Andrew Willis
Shawn and Sandi Gremminger
Rev. Horace H. Grinnell
Meade and Mike Jones Hanna
Jeffrey Harris
Gregory Cohen and Bonnye Hart
Brian and Dale Healy
The Honorable J. Douglas Holladay
Bob Holman
Rev. Conrad C. Hoover
Bette Jacobs
Matt and Taylor Jones
Deborah Justice and Joe Fina
Mary Kasper
Thomas Keaney
Annie Kendrick
Christopher Kenny and Jessica Johnson
Jay and Ann Kileen
Kevin Kinkead
Thomas and Rita Komara
Franz Kuo
Joni Langevoort
Dennis and Pam Lacey
Chris Maggio
The Matich Family
Dennis and Jane McAuliffe
Mike and Carol McGarry
The McGinley Family
Caroline and Jonathan McGraw
Jennifer and Kevin McIntyre
Laura Molyneaux
Sarah and Patrick Moore
Anne Murphy
Erin Murphy
Jim and Eve Murty
Roger and Dotty Nittler
Julie Nutter
Linda O’Connor
David and Pamela Orr
Caroline Park
Joseph and Nancy Piccione Family
Ruthann Pippenger
Paul and Jamie Popernack
Chris and Sue Rasmus
Potomac Community Resources
Barbara and David Ruppert
Mary Ruppert
Aurora Santiago
Louis and Karen Santone
Ken and Bich-Thuy Sault
Francis, Patrick, Joseph, Caitlin, and Luke Smith
Katherine Clegg Smith
Pat and Ivo Spalatin
James R Stuart and Leisl C Laird
Betty Sullivan
Kaitlin Sullivan
Brian and Barbara Taylor
INDIVIDUAL DONORS

These gifts were received in our fiscal year calendar October 1st, 2018 - September 30th, 2019. Donors who made gifts received after September 30th, 2019 will be acknowledged in our next annual report.

Charles S. Abell
Michael and Karen Abraham
Jean Adams
Scott Adams
Alicia Troncoso
Jo Elaine Anderson-Green
Janice Anton
Steve and Pat Arntson
Sami Atalla
Sarah Austin
Belkacem Baccouche
Patricia Badolato
Shelby Baird
Jillaine (VanEssen) Baker
Philip Baker-Shenk
Diana and Robert Bangert-Drowns
Michael F. and Lee N. Barry
Mary and Jeffrey Barsanti-Barber
Mary E. Beary
Donna Beausoleil
Bill and Lou Ann Behan
Joan Beilstein
Alice Benson and Kirk Fitch
Jerry Bentley
Martin Benton and Janice LaLonde Benton
James Bodner
John Borelli
Anthony and Joann Bosnick
Thomas Boudreau
Barbara Bowling
Latisha Boyd
Brendan Boyle
Laura Braun
John and Mary Brinker
John Broadbent
William and Patricia Broderick
Linton and Barbara Brooks
Carole Brown
Joan Brown
Verleah Brown-Kosloske
Carolyn Burstein
Janet Burt
Helene Businger
Margaret Byland
Mary Ellen Byrum
Michele Calamari Van Kalsbeek
Joy Calhoun
Nick Carrasco
Tim Carrington
Beatriz Casals
Shirley Casey
Chris and Chuck Casto
Will Cavin
Samuel Chang
Erica Chapman
Mary and James Charbonneau
Chris Flow and Martin Witchger
Claire Cifaloglio
Charles Clark
Clyde and Catherine Clark
Donna Clark
Elizabeth Clelan
Kate Clinton
Joseph D. Codd, (Ret.)
Clover and Bexar Cohen
Nuala and Michael Cohen
Ginny Colten-Bradley
Judith Coode
Dale Ostrander and Meg Maguire
Lauren Palmer
Matthew Panhans
Joseph Pardi
Mary Parker Lamm
George and Elizabeth Parker
Anne Passin
Pat and Ann Quackenbush
Laura Paul
Sara Pelikan-Cato
Sarah and Brian Pelrine
Victor Perdue
Walker Pheil
Katie Pisocky
Lincoln Pitts
Roberta Ponce-Barger
Christopher Porter
Emily Price
Elizabeth Quill and Seth Zuckerman
John Raftery
Despina Raizes
Elba Ramos
Claire Randall
Jonathan Raviv
Lisa Reardon
Morgan Reed
Frank Reiner
Tse Family
Rena and Bill Henderson
Joseph and Marion Renzetti
Mary Resnick
Paola Revelo
Brenda Richardson
Connie Ridgway
Janet Rife
Mickayla Roan
Gretchen Robertson
Mickelle and Timothy Rodriguez
Fr. Bob Rokusek
Amy E. Roth Simian and Esteban Simian
Karen and Doug Rumble
Barbara Ryan
John J. and Virginia Ryan
Sharon Ryan
Elizabeth Santos
Edward Sappin
Alfonso and Elena Joy Sasieta
John Scantling
Elizabeth Schill
David and Corinne Scott
Susan Scott
Dick and Mary Ann Scully
William and Shelby Scully
Pat Seiler
KarenServidea
Michael Setum
 Chrissy Shawver
Robert and Julie Sherrick
Rachel Simon
Richard Simon
Theo and Sharmila Sitther
Thomas Skinner
William Skinner
Amy Slater
Robert Smart
Dominic Smith
Rodney Snyder
Joseph F. Spaniol, Jr.
Louise Speers
John Stapleton
Charles Steerman
Larry Stephens
Mac Stewart
Alexandra Stoddard Norton
Rena and Harold Storey
Lori Sullivan
Marilyn Sullivan
Kiera Summers
Carol Sumser
Melissa Sutton
Susan Swain
Jason Swartzlander
Mandy Sweeney
Michael Tager
Edna Tang
Charlotte and Patrick Templeton
Anne B. Ternes
Robert and Marjorie Thelen
Duke Thomas
Fr. Kevin Thompson
Susan Thompson
Vernice Thompson
Dick and Ginny Thornburgh
Rachel Trego
Minne Mohammed
Laura Tubbs Booth
Carl and Joan Tubbs
Fernando and Stephanie Van Reigersberg
Foundations
Albert L. Tucker And Elizabeth T. Tucker Foundation
Association of American Medical Colleges
Claude Moore Charitable Foundation
Dayton Foundation Depository, Inc.
Jerome A. Kaplan and Deena L. Kaplan Family Foundation, Inc.
Gannett Foundation/USA TODAY NETWORK
GE Foundation
Greater Washington Community Foundation
The Joey Pizzano Memorial Fund
Mary And Daniel Loughran Foundation
The Safeway Foundation
Stetson Faust Family Charitable Fund
The T. Rowe Price Program for Charitable Giving
TEGNA Foundation
The Abell Foundation
The AmazonSmile Foundation
The Dominion Guild, Inc.
The Fenwick Foundation
The Order of Malta, Federal Association-USA
Washington Forrest Foundation
Anonymous (2)

Faith Communities and Schools
Archdiocese of Washington
Archdiocese of Washington Department of Special Needs Ministry
Assumption College
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle
Catholic Diocese of Arlington
Eastern Mennonite University
Eighth Day Faith Community
Faith and Money Network
Festival Church
Georgetown University
Holy Cross Catholic Church
Incarnation Anglican Church
Jubilee Church

Corporate and Community Partners
ALCO Pharmacy
alignstaffing
Bernstein Management Corporation
Capital One Services, LLC
Duvall Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning
Creative Print Group
Gartner Inc.
Greenspan Tax Services Inc
Guardian Fire Protection
Han Group LLC
Honeywell International Corporation
Lewinsville Presbyterian Church
Sacred Heart School
Seekers Church
St. Francis Episcopal Church
St. Francis of Assisi Church
St. Mary’s Episcopal Church
St. Stephen’s and St. Agnes School
University of Notre Dame
Virginia Theological Seminary

Anonymous (24)
D+R International
Jim Koons Automotive Companies
Roca Dental
SunTrust United Way Campaign
The Capital Group Companies Charitable Foundation
The Paschal Lamb
The World Bank
United Way of the National Capital Area
Verizon Wireless

**United Way: #8388**
**CFC: #73532**

Fritz blesses Svenja, one of our German volunteers before she returns home.

Laurie and other community members enjoy a baseball game thanks to the Fenwick Foundation! Credit: Lauren Palmer
Charles meets a little lobster during our annual Halloween party! Credit: Eva-Elizabeth Chisholm

Johnny gives a speech at the art show he hosted to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and L'Arche International. Credit: Lauren Palmer

Francene congratulates Laurie on her performance in an ArtStream theater production! Laurie (right) and Kelly (not pictured) are active ArtStream participants. Credit: Katie Moore

Andrew and Bruce celebrating at Hazel’s 60th birthday bash in June. Credit: Katie Moore.
Hazel and Katie spoke about L’Arche at a Peace Corps Career Fair.

Mulu and Eric bake bread at Highland House. Mealtime - the preparation, the gathering of people, and the moments of prayer - are special times of togetherness for L’Arche.

Michael’s MAP process this year - in which core members reflect on their gifts, their goals, and how their year is progressing - took on a Constitutional theme inspired by Michael’s love of US history!

Eileen enjoys music at Adams Morgan PorchFest. Ontario House hosted some bands for the local music festival!

Hazel and Katie spoke about L’Arche at a Peace Corps Career Fair.
IDENTITY STATEMENT

We are people with and without intellectual disabilities, sharing life in communities belonging to an International Federation. Mutual relationships and trust in God are at the heart of our journey together. We celebrate the unique value of every person and recognize our need of one another.

OUR MISSION IS TO...

make known the gifts of people with intellectual disabilities, revealed through mutually transforming relationships. 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. Engage in our diverse cultures, working together toward a more human society.