

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.



L'ARCHE GREATER WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Impact! Sixth Street family celebrate Charles's 80th birthday.



DEAR FRIENDS,

"L'Arche Impact" is the central theme this year for L'Arche Greater Washington DC. The L'Arche Community has a profound impact on so many individuals, families, organizations, places of worship, and service entities in our region.

L'Arche is a community where faith and friendship is at the center of all we do, and that faith and friendship impacts so many! The Core members of the community profoundly change the attitudes, perspectives and choices of the many young Assistants who come each year to share life in the community. Together as friends they impact their neighborhoods and family members. Together as friends they impact the way and manner of service providers in their relationship with adults with disabilities. Together as friends in faith they transform and enliven their parishes and church communities.

The L'Arche Impact is transforming our communities one person at a time through friendship grounded in the dignity and respect of every person, recognizing that everyone is both graced and gifted.

Today many donors want to know what impact their donation makes... Well, in L'Arche the impact is personal and intimate. Hearts are touched, minds are opened, and a whole new perspective is discovered in the faith and friendship of a L'Arche community!

With your prayers and support the L'Arche Impact will continue to transform our homes, neighborhoods, and society.

Thank you, friends, for sharing your gifts.

Tom Gaunt, S.J.

Fr. Thomas P. Gaunt, SJ, Board President

Over the past year, we have celebrated birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and farewells. We welcomed a new Core family member, Assistants and national and visitors.

- We held Visioning Day and created and approved a new five-year Mandate
- Mo's 80th birthday celebration in January - he hosted a gathering Adams Morgan with L'Arche community, church friends, friends, & family.
- Charles celebrated his 80th birthday with family and friends.
- We welcomed Michael, Mo, and Dottie as Confirmed Members in January.
- In the Spring we said good-bye to Dottie. She will be an important part of L'Arche always.
- Eileen & Emily served on the Inclusion Team for L'Arche USA and at L'Arche International Leadership Conference in Lithuania in March and at the National Assembly in May.
- Sonny and Sito were sponsored by the Order of Malta to go on pilgrimage to Lourdes in April.
- Community Retreat was held October 3 at Melwood Center in Nanjemoy, MD.
- L'Arche-GWDC led the three day Eastern US Region Core Member Retreat led by Sharon, Melissa, Crisely, Eileen, and Megan.

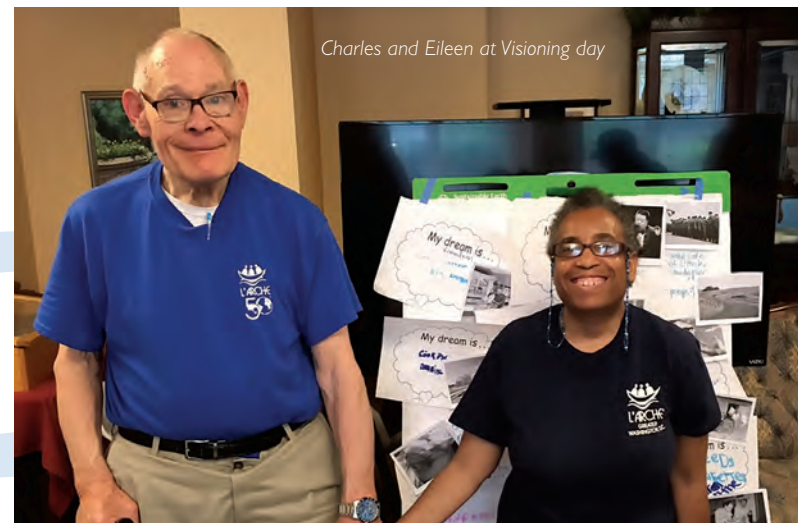
community



Mo celebrating his 80th birthday



Eileen and Eileen Glass at International Leaders Conference in Lithuania.



Charles and Eileen at Visioning day



Dottie, Sarah and Eric at Easter.



Hazel mapping her annual goals



At the end of each mapping of a Core family members plan the they are blessed that they may achieve their goals.



Helping Core family members to develop and add to their talents is a daily activity for their Assistants.

professional services

Individual Support Plans are required by the Department of Disability Services. Each Core family member maps out his or her annual goals at L'Arche.

Within the context of family, L'Arche assistants administer medications, provide personal care, plan menus to fit the varied dietary restrictions, offer guidance in house budgets, and help navigate complex social settings and making decisions

The emphasis on mutual relationship between core people and assistants creates an environment of love and trust where quality care is a matter of friendship, not just a job.

- L'Arche advocates with people who have intellectual disabilities for the rights and dignity they deserve.
- L'Arche participated alongside the ARC of Northern Virginia in the efforts that led to Virginia becoming the first state to implement the ABLA Act.
- L'Arche went to Virginia Capitol Hill with the National Down Syndrome Society
- Charles and Luke spoke at special education Lawyers conference in Minneapolis, MN. The event was hosted by the Booth Law Group, and attracted over 200 guests. Charles and Luke discussed the values of L'Arche, its mission and identity and how as brothers they live together in community. They also discussed the impact this has had on their own lives and their community.

advocacy



L'Arche artists in Richmond, VA.



Charles and Luke were invited to speak to a conference of Special Education Professionals and lawyers in Minneapolis



L'Arche in front of the Governor's Mansion

Sixth Street enjoying Fall



In Solidarity with our International L'Arche Communities.



VA Community in sync with Solidarity.



At the Heart of L'Arche Breakfast Eileen conducts her family in a musical tribute to everyone



Thank you

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