

2009 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

L'Arche Greater Washington, D.C., Inc., and L'Arche Homes for Life, Inc., ended fiscal year 2008 on September 30 with \$472,370 in reserve funds and \$3,129,580 in net assets. A complete audited financial statement is available upon request.

Summary of L'Arche's FY 2009 Audited Statement:

Revenue and Expenses

Revenue

Government Contracts	\$1,178,237	61%
Grants and Contributions	\$696,009	36%
Investments and Other Income	\$46,788	3%
Total Revenue	\$1,921,034	

Program Expenses

Ontario	\$504,260	30%
Euclid	\$375,116	22%
Highland	\$451,674	27%
6th Street	\$28,462	1%
L'Arche Institute	\$89,152	5%
Total Program Expenses	\$1,448,664	85%

Supporting-Services Expenses

General and Administrative	\$89,063	5%
Fundraising	\$166,500	10%
Total Supporting-Services Expenses	\$255,563	15%

Balance Sheet

Assets

Current Assets	\$1,570,152
Long-Term Assets	\$3,902,462
Total Assets	\$5,472,614

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	\$181,397
Notes Payable	\$2,161,637
Total Liabilities	\$2,343,034

Net Assets	\$3,129,580
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Greater Washington, D.C.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2009

Maintained a one-to-one ratio of assistants to core people

Began construction on a fourth home on 6th Street in Arlington

Increased the accessibility of a D.C. core member's bedroom

Hosted 145 people on nineteen one-hour Heart of L'Arche tours

Raised \$196,193 at the 2008 Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon and \$424,784 in gifts and pledges at the Heart of L'Arche breakfast on May 14, 2009

Celebrated two core members' twentieth anniversaries at L'Arche

GOALS FOR 2010

Complete construction on the 6th Street home in Arlington and invite four new core people to move in

Investigate options for replacing Euclid House with a more accessible home

Maintain a one-to-one ratio of assistants to core people in all four houses

Host 160 people on twenty-four Heart of L'Arche tours

Raise \$200,000 in new pledges and gifts at the Heart of L'Arche breakfast on April 20, 2010

Explore business initiatives with and for core members

L'ARCHE THANKS THE FOLLOWING FOUNDATIONS, CORPORATIONS, AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR SUPPORT DURING FY 2009

Aerojet	K. M. Associates
Albert L. Tucker and Elizabeth T. Tucker Foundation	Leonard Neale House
America's Charities	Lewinsville Presbyterian Church
Anthos U.S.A.	Little Brothers and Sisters of the Eucharist
Catalogue for Philanthropy	Loyola University Maryland
Chapman Foundation	Marymount University
Charles Engelhard Foundation	The Order of Malta Federal Association, U.S.A.
Christ House	Our Lady Queen of Peace Church
Clark-Winchcole Foundation	The Paschal Lamb Co.
The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region	Phoenix Graphics
Deborah Justice Editing	Potter's House Church
Dulin United Methodist Church	Robert Bensen Meyer Jr. Foundation, Inc.
Eighth Day Faith Community	Seeker's Church
Festival Church	The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Friends of Jesus Spiritual Support Groups — Becoming Church	Sisters of Saint Joseph
Friends of L'Arche, L'Arche Cleveland	Special Friends Foundation
Gannett Foundation	St. Irenaeus Church
GE Foundation	St. Matthew's Cathedral
Good Search	St. Vincent College
Hatcher Design Office	United Way of the National Capital Area
Holy Trinity Catholic Church	University of Notre Dame
J & N Auto Body	Washington Forrest Foundation
Kellogg Collection, Inc.	World Bank, Community Outreach Program

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L'ARCHE GREATER WASHINGTON, D.C.

2009 ANNUAL REPORT



Mark Jacobina and Andrew Commisso share memories at a community celebration.

HOME FOR LIFE

I've lived at L'Arche for over a year now, and I love it here.

ERIC ARNTSON

L'Arche Greater Washington, D.C., was founded in 1983 with the mission of providing permanent housing for people with developmental disabilities. This year, core members Eileen Schofield and Johnny Schofield are each celebrating twenty years of making L'Arche home.

At L'Arche, the word *home* means more than a place to sleep at night. It's a community of belonging where each person's faith is respected and encouraged, a place where assistants provide the highest quality professional services to people who have developmental disabilities, a place where advocacy efforts support members of L'Arche and people who have disabilities worldwide.

In 2010, L'Arche will welcome four new core people to its fourth house, located on 6th Street, South, in Arlington, Virginia. Whether core people have lived in the L'Arche community since its inception or are the newest members, L'Arche is home for life.

COMMUNITY

The story of all the individuals coming together in community—that is our sacred story.

MARK JACOBINA

After dinner, the table is cleared and a candle lit. Each person around the circle shares reflections and petitions, giving thanks, while the small flame dances. Some articulate their thoughts eloquently; others murmur or speak only a few words. It is here, at the end of a busy day, that L'Arche celebrates the inner life of each community member.

"Prayer is one of the most important parts of our home life," says Mark Jacobina, home life coordinator at Euclid House. Making prayer a regular practice provides a daily opportunity for core people and assistants to develop spiritually and to pay attention to the deepest part of their being.

Mark notes the importance of nurturing spirituality within the household, especially when he sees Mo Higgs bow his head over a bowl of cereal or when he sees how valued Andrew Commisso is within his parish.

Living in community at L'Arche has taught Mark that human worth comes not from how well a person can perform tasks but from how each person gives and receives from another.

"We need to journey together, to be able to care for and be cared for by others," he said. "The mutuality of L'Arche is the foundation of community here."

L'Arche uses drama, candles, and pictures to help core people express their inner lives in a concrete way. Actions can often hurdle the barriers presented by language, creating a community of belonging.

Gene Sampson and Kathleen Kang visit a farm during community vacation.



Photo: Keira Klein

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

When medical professionals see us bringing family pictures and flowers to the hospital, massaging the core person's feet, and doing exercises to keep them from getting bed sores, it introduces the core person as someone worthy of being loved.

MEGAN HERRON

Becoming an assistant at L'Arche is no easy task. Orientation takes three months and includes a battery of trainings—from CPR to food handling to human rights—culminating in a certification exam from the Board of Nursing. Annual inspections in the houses mean adhering meticulously to fire-code regulations, making sure medications are stored and administered properly, and keeping the refrigerator tidy.

While government officials have hailed L'Arche as a model group home, Megan Herron, Ontario House's home life coordinator, believes the high quality of care comes from more than just thorough attention to detail.

"Our professional services are unique because of the relationships we have," she said. Megan and Eileen Schofield are friends and housemates, so working together to make sure that Eileen takes her medications and chooses a healthy snack isn't so much a chore for Megan as it is a natural part of daily life.

Walton Schofield and Keira Klein pray together after dinner.



Photo: Tucker Walsh

ADVOCACY

Everyone has a voice. We want everyone to speak with his or her own voice, not be drowned out or be spoken for.

KATHLEEN KANG

Some people who have developmental disabilities find that their limited verbal skills or intellectual ability make expressing themselves difficult. This can make them vulnerable to exploitation or prevents their sharing personal preferences about their own physical care or social and spiritual lives.

L'Arche assistants advocate for core members on a daily basis and empower them to advocate for themselves.

"It takes longer for some people to say what they want," says Kathleen Kang, home life coordinator at Highland House. "We use verbal prompts and pictures to help people advocate for themselves."

Advocacy can include legal action, but on a daily basis it can mean spending an hour on the phone with an insurance company to make sure a core member isn't being charged for procedures covered by Medicaid. Other times it involves redirecting a doctor's questions to the core person instead of the assistant. It can even be as simple as asking a core person's opinion.

Core people speak regularly to faith communities and professional and student groups about the gifts they and other people with developmental disabilities bring to society. Each core member sets annual goals for their spiritual, social, and physical well-being based on their own interests and dreams.

At L'Arche everyone—no matter how limited their vocabulary—has a voice.



Eileen Schofield and Megan Herron make taking morning medications fun.

Photo: Tucker Walsh