



# HOME *matters*

## Community News and Events

### A Day in the Life of Kelly and Alice

What's better to liven up pandemic life than playing a prank on your friend? From friendly pranks to intense games of Uno, Kelly and Alice give us a glimpse into L'Arche life with a little help from other community members! [Check out the video!](#)



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## Opportunity for Advocacy

As a community working towards a more human society, we advocate for inclusive policies in our local area and the nation.

Back in March, just a week before quarantine began, we celebrated with other disability service providers that years of advocacy had brought promised increases to funding levels in Virginia! But our celebrations were short-lived as state-wide budget

Local

## Va. group homes for adults with disabilities feel 'forgotten' in virus funding



Like many of our fellow service providers, we have faced challenges in access to testing, PPE, and financial support during the pandemic. While our commitment to the care and support of our homes - core members and assistants alike - doesn't waver, the lack of increased funding rates will start to impact our ability to provide services both now and in the future if changes are not made.

We are continuing to advocate with people with disabilities across Virginia so everyone can have the support they need. **If you're interested in joining us in our advocacy, please contact L'Arche GWDC [Communications Coordinator Mary Ellen](#).**

Read more about [the issue and impact](#).

## Community Life During COVID-19



If you can't go get your usual coffee order at your favorite restaurant, the restaurant comes to you! Michael enjoyed his in-house visit to "McDonald's", as well as the free, homemade apple pie that came with his coffee.



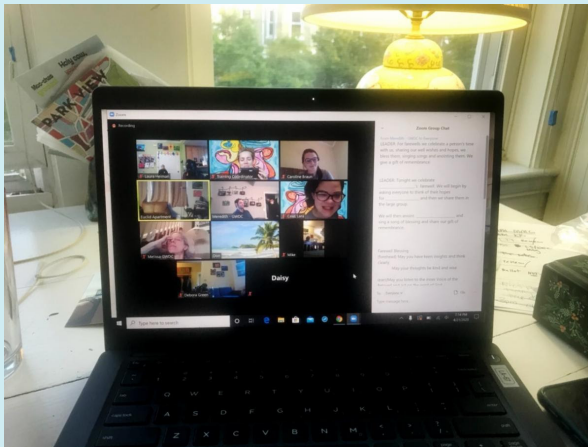


Fritz has been waiting to go bike riding for awhile - he recently got his new bicycle and has been loving biking around the neighborhood and wearing his new helmet!



Fritz says cycling is "good" and that it makes him feel happy. Head to our [Facebook page to see a video](#) of him and other L'Arche friends biking and walking around the block.

## Prayer night



Come and join us for our monthly virtual prayer nights! **Our next one is September 1st.** These times of prayer, reflection, and catching up have been encouraging and life-giving for many of us. We'd love to see you there!

[Find the zoom link here](#)

## Encounter L'Arche Online

Have you wanted to get to know us better but haven't found the time? Do you have a friend you want to introduce to L'Arche GWDC?



Join us for Encounter L'Arche *tomorrow*  
[August 16th](#)  
or next month [September 20th](#).

RSVP at the links above  
for the Zoom link!



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## Flashback

Eileen and Debora singing in 2004!

"I think I was singing 'Amen.' We played like that together for a long time.  
A LOOONNG time!"

*-Eileen, present day, reflecting on the photograph*



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