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Community News and Events

Welcoming Joseph and his creativity!

Joseph joined L'Arche GWDC as a core member in November 2019, bringing with him his gifts for caring for others, keeping his home organized, and willingness to create in new ways. And what better time to try new art forms than during a winter staying indoors? Joseph and James (an assistant at Euclid House) have been creating claymation videos! Joseph came up with the idea, even though he had never worked with claymation before.



James and Joseph, the Claymation Team

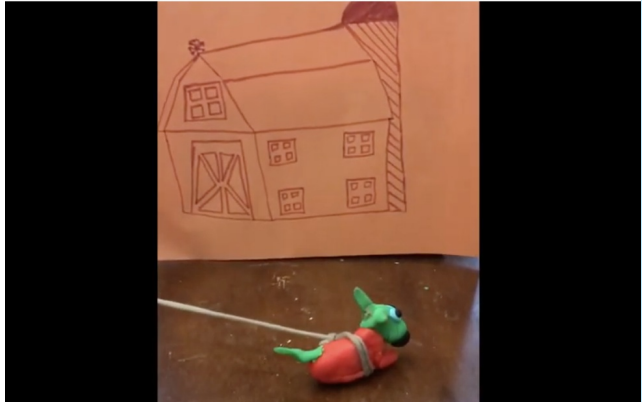
Joseph said claymation is “fun to make” and he and James enjoyed using their hands to make the playdough creatures in their films. Generally, making the videos wasn’t that hard, said Joseph. But making all the different animals for the barn video did present a challenge, James added. “The first goat looked a lot like our cow.”

The barn video was still their favorite. Joseph loved it because of “all the animals” and James enjoyed adding voices to the animal characters. Joseph says that their claymation videos are “good” and invites us all to take a look!

[Read more about their claymation videos here](#)



Click the photo to watch Washington



Click photo to watch Joseph's favorite claymation creation **"The Barn"**

play the Patriots in
"Football Game"



Click the picture above to watch
"Cats Meeting"

Vaccine Update



Debora and Eileen show off their vaccine stickers

Ontario House received vaccines! Eileen said "they just poked me and that was it...it was easy!" She was "excited" to get the vaccine!

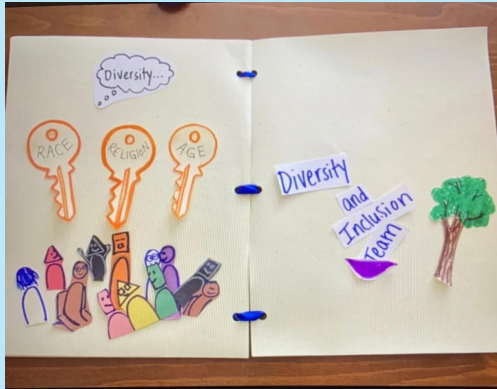
Euclid House is still waiting on vaccines but we received good news today - ALL people in DC with intellectual and developmental disabilities will be able to [register as a priority group](#)! Before, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in DC had differing prioritization depending on what support services they received, which delayed Euclid's access to vaccines.

This change is great news, and it's thanks to all of you for advocating for ALL people with intellectual disabilities to have priority access to the vaccine. Your voices are key.

DIVING DEEPER

A Discussion Series with
L'Arche Greater Washington, DC

Recap from this week's discussion:



This past week we spoke about diversity and disability with Dr. Jojo Ledgister and the L'Arche GWDC Diversity Commission. We learned that being inclusive means instead of seeing difference as an inconvenience or an interruption, we see it as something to embrace.

Click the photo to watch an [awesome video](#) about the L'Arche GWDC Diversity Commission's history and hopes!

Upcoming Discussion: How We Advocate

Thursday, Mar 18th @ 7pm EST

Join us for the final discussion in our inclusive, virtual discussion series about advocacy.

Without advocacy, segregated institutions for people with disabilities, instead of community-based services like L'Arche, would still be the norm. Advocacy is an important tool in working toward a better world for ourselves and others!

Come hear from a panel of advocates on how we advocate for a more inclusive world for all people!



Charles Clark, L'Arche core family member and advocate, will be speaking on the panel and sharing about his recent advocacy work.

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Want to hear more about Charles' advocacy work?

Charles will be speaking on another panel with guests Lindsey Warburton, and Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund about advocacy and justice.

Tuesday, Feb 23 @ 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Join Jewish Learning Venture's event series "Everyone's welcome, a fresh conversation about disability."

[Click here to learn more and sign-up!](#)

New Board Members and President

We're excited to welcome Carolyn Rumer as the new President of our Board! Carolyn's connection with L'Arche GWDC goes back over a decade starting when she was an assistant at Highland House.



We're grateful to Constance Battle, our outgoing Board President, who led us so well over many years and will continue as a Board Member.

A warm welcome to our new board members!



Mike Clemente is a practicing attorney in Washington, D.C. and a former Assistant at the L'Arche community in Clinton, IA.



Nadine Reid is finance professional with extensive budgeting, accounting and auditing experience, at senior levels, in US Federal Government, the World Bank, the private sector and a big four audit firm.



Philip Ward is Senior Counsel, practicing general business law at Williams and Connolly. He's a long-time friend of Highland house.

Slice of Life

If you build it, they will come right? That's what Bruce and 6th Street are hoping to find out! This week, Bruce built a birdbath gifted to us by Holy Cross Church for Christmas as a part of their Annual Giving Tree program. We are so thankful for the parishioners generosity, and we think the birds will be too!



Note on the L'Arche GWDC office:

Our office remains closed and we are experiencing delays in our mail and banking processes. We thank you for your patience!
Contact us at info@larche-gwdc.org or 202-232-4539 with any questions.

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