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Community News and Events

2020 Annual Report



We're forever grateful for the many ways our community came together this past year! Core members led us in filling suddenly open days. Assistants donned PPE and adjusted to working more hours. Everyone responded to new and changing health regulations. And our friends and supporters called, prayed, gave, and advocated for and with us! Through it all, we found joy in daily moments of connection. Join us in thanking our donors and reflecting on the past year.

[Read the report](#)

Vaccines, Vaccines, Vaccines

Message from Luke Smith, Community Leader & Executive Director

I recently sat with Charles on the steps of 6th St House. "I'm really getting frustrated with the virus," he said, "why aren't more people getting vaccinated?" I agreed with him - this was an issue, one that directly impacts our L'Arche community.

As a community we have achieved so much despite the pandemic: we have lived through the waves of the pandemic frustrations, scarcity, and confusion, created [the My Voice project](#), and so many other experiences lived individually and communally. The joy and hope that the vaccines have instilled in the community is quite the shot in the arm, enabling us to consider how we can return to a life closer than 6 feet from each other. A renewed spirit is percolating through us!

We as a community are happy and proud to be a partner of the [Arlington Complete Vaccination Committee](#).

As L'Arche, ingrained within our identity is the reality of recognizing our need of one another. Our reality - our people, way of life, rhythms and dailiness - needs each of us to consider receiving the vaccine. More people receiving the vaccine is the only way for us to return to any sense of what we used to call normal.

I am mindful that the vaccine has brought a rare sense of unity to our societal, governmental, and religious lives. I hope that this continues and we unite in caring for one another.

Complete Vaccination Committee (CVC)



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About the Complete Vaccination Committee



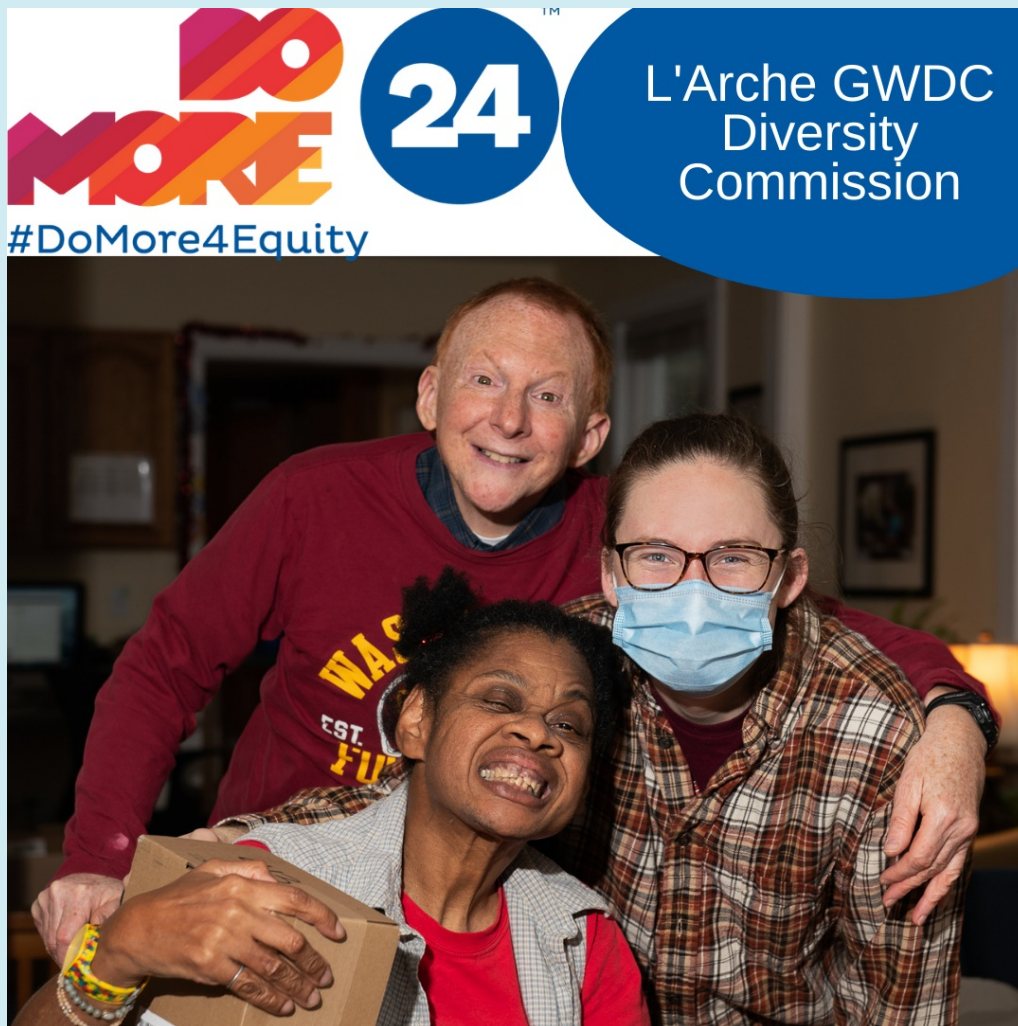
Learn all about the CVC, goals, leadership & members.

Johnny's Art Show - May 22nd

Join Johnny for his art show next Saturday! Johnny is selling his paintings on an online gallery and will host [an artist talk at 3:30pm on the 22nd](#). He will be donating all the proceeds and explained "Voy a donar para una community en Haiti" (I will donate to a community in Haiti). When asked if he would sell all his paintings he said, "Claro!" (Of course).

Purchase an original painting and hear from the artist himself next weekend!

[Click here for the event information](#)



We're taking part in DoMore24!

This 24-hour day of giving raises money for nonprofits serving the National Capital Area. This year's theme is "Do More 4 Equity." Any donations to L'Arche GWDC will go toward the work of our Diversity Commission!

Our Diversity Commission responds to the needs of our diverse community, honoring L'Arche's mission of relationship by celebrating our diversity and further developing how L'Arche GWDC can be inclusive of our diverse cultures. They do this through cultural competence trainings, listening groups, special events, creative workshops, and more!

Early giving is open if you want to support our Diversity Commission work.

Donate to DoMore24 - Diversity Commission

Watch the video below to learn more about the Diversity Commission



Welcoming Delila to our Board

We're excited to welcome Delila M. Pinckney to our Board of Directors! Ms. Pinckney is an experienced school administrator with a demonstrated history of working in the field of special education for 14 years. Currently, she is the principal at The Pathways Schools Edgewood.

[Read more about our Board of Directors](#)



Have an old vehicle you don't want?

Are you replacing your vehicle and have one you want to get rid of? Consider donating it to L'Arche GWDC! The process is fast and easy.

[Find out how to donate your vehicle](#)

Slices of Life



6th Street House planted their raised flower beds! Charles says "everyone got a chance to pick what they want to plant" like "purple and pink and white flowers" and "flower seeds."

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