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Community News and Events

L'Arche in Ukraine

From L'Arche International: It has been four weeks since war erupted in Ukraine, and L'Arche communities have swiftly adapted to meet the needs of people fleeing violence – especially those caring for loved ones living with disabilities.

“Imagine what it is like to leave everything behind and to try to provide care for someone with a disability as you flee,” Vice International Delegate Manca Kastelic said. She oversees L'Arche communities in Europe and the Middle East, which have banded together to offer support.

As fighting escalated, L'Arche Ukraine communities in Lviv and Ternopil opened their doors to those fleeing war in the east. L'Arche homes in Poland and Lithuania, too opened their doors for those who made it beyond the border and need shelter.

What has evolved is an improvised chain of support helping people with and without disabilities. [Read more about our L'Arche communities in eastern Europe](#)

People with disabilities are especially vulnerable in times of disaster. Our L'Arche friends in Ukraine - and other places in crises - need your help! You can donate through our website, simply put "Emergency Fund" in the comments.

Donate to the L'Arche Emergency Fund



Photo from L'Arche-Kovchek in Lviv, Ukraine

Prayer Request: Wellbeing of Charles Clark

Please hold Charles Clark in your prayers as he experiences significant health changes.

Charles is a dear brother, wonderful friend, and committed advocate who has spoken about disability rights in many different forums. Charles calls us all to love one another as family and to use our voices in service of each other.

If you wish to video chat or talk on the phone with Charles, please email sixthll@larche-gwdc.org. You can [donate meals here](#).

Charles also welcomes cards sent to:

Charles Clark
3008 6th St S
Arlington, VA 22204

Your thoughts and prayers are deeply appreciated!

Photo: Charles (left) stands with Francene on house vacation last year



Reminder: RSVP to our virtual fundraiser!



Join us for our virtual fundraiser and celebration on **April 28th, 2022 at 7pm EDT!** We look forward to sharing our stories, songs, and smiles with you on screen!

RSVP here: www.larche-gwdc.org/light/

40 Under 40 Award

Congratulations to our Human Services Leader Eva-Elizabeth Chisholm who was honored with a Northern Virginia 40 Under 40 award! This award celebrates impactful leaders in the Northern Virginia region. Throughout her over 10 years at L'Arche GWDC, Eva-Elizabeth has led us with grace, dedication, and strength. Thank you for all you do, Eva-Elizabeth!



Diving Deeper recordings

Thank you to everyone who joined us during our Diving Deeper series this year! We enjoyed rousing and reflective discussions about human-centered healthcare, employment and disability, and the spirituality of L'Arche.

Did you miss any of our events? Listen to the recordings here!

- [Our Voices: Human-centered Healthcare](#)
- [Making a Living with a Disability](#)
- [Spirituality of L'Arche](#)



This past week we spoke with Stacy Cates-Carney, the Vice International Leader of the Federation of L'Arche, and Edna Tang, a former assistant and home life leader in L'Arche GWDC's Sixth Street House, about the spirituality of L'Arche.

Learn about becoming an assistant!

We're hosting a virtual information session & virtual interviews to become an Assistant at L'Arche GWDC!

When: March 31st, 5pm ET

Learn more and RSVP by emailing join@larche-gwdc.org.

Learn about the Assistant (Direct Service Provider) position by checking out the [careers section of our website](#).

Pass this along to anyone you know looking for a new adventure!

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Waiting Lists for Services for People with Intellectual Disabilities Grow

Our work is more important than ever, as pressures mount for communities like L'Arche:

"The number of people with developmental disabilities who are on waiting lists for home and community-based services grew by nearly 117,000 since data was last reported in 2020. And, with pressures from COVID-19 leading many service providers to shut down offerings or turn people away, the level of unmet need is likely much greater."

[Read the story](#)

Slice of Life



On a sunny day with blue skies, Bruce and Francene spent "a couple of hours" at Gravelly Point with friends and got to see a "couple of airplanes." Bruce also shared that "I like to go there often."



Bruce looks over while Francene points at a bird or airplane.

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