



Winter 2015

## Our Big Numbers Taken from our latest Annual Report



### Bethel House

Walked together at Foreshore Park 21 Times  
Shared 123 pots of tea  
Welcomed 25 guests for supper



### Emily House

Melina made 80 birthday cards and 20 welcome signs  
Rosie fed the rabbits at the farm 70 times  
Mary folded laundry 365 times  
We welcomed 30 guests for dinner over the summer



### The Crossing

Welcomed 326 guest for dinner throughout the year  
Went on 70 outings together  
Has 20 different spoken languages



### Creation House

Spent over 180 hours out on our patio enjoying the sunshine.  
Went out for coffee at least 216 times

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### Our Mission is to:

*Make known the gifts of people with developmental disabilities, revealed through mutually transforming relationships.*

*Foster an environment in community that responds to the changing needs of our members, while being faithful to the core values of our founding story.*

*Engage in our diverse cultures, working together toward a more human society.*

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**Join us for our 2015 Christmas Benefit Concert Dec 6**  
**See Page 4 for Details**  
*Happy Holidays from L'Arche*



## From Denise's Desk:



*Earlier this year we received a letter from our founder, Jean Vanier, in which he shared this prayer written by his sister, Therese, when she was 80 years old. She had a successful career in medicine and helped bring L'Arche across the channel to the United Kingdom. Therese passed away in June 2014 at the age of 91. May this prayer be our inspiration in the coming year.*

*Denise Haskett,  
Community Leader/Executive Director*

May oppressed people  
and those who oppress them,  
free each other.

May those who are handicapped  
and those who think they are not,  
help each other.

May those who need someone to listen,  
touch the hearts of those  
who are too busy.

May the homeless bring  
joy to those who open  
their doors reluctantly.

May the lonely heal  
those who think  
they are self-sufficient.

May the poor melt  
the hearts of the rich.

May seekers of truth  
give life to those  
who are satisfied that they have found it.

May the dying who do not wish to die  
be comforted by those  
who find it hard to live.

May the unloved be allowed  
to unlock the hearts  
of those who cannot love.

May prisoners find  
true freedom  
and liberate others from fear.

May those who sleep on the streets  
share their gentleness with those  
who cannot understand them.

May the hungry tear  
the veil from the eyes of those  
who do not hunger after justice.

May those who live without hope,  
Cleanse the hearts of their brothers and sisters  
who are afraid to live.

May the weak confound the strong  
and save them.

May violence be overcome  
by compassion.

May violence be absorbed  
by men and women of peace

May violence succumb to those  
who are totally vulnerable.  
that we may be healed.

Amen.



## Our Big Numbers Continued



**Nazirah House**

Shared 104 cinnamon buns on movie nights  
 Hosted 9 overnight guests  
 Visited Tim Hortons 52 times together



**Unity House**

Delinda put together 10,000 puzzle pieces  
 We walked a combined total of 1,460 km  
 We welcomed 60 guests for dinner



**Emmaus Centre**

Baked and handed out 2,304 cookies  
 Served cookies at the Food Bank 36 times along with  
 612 cups of coffee  
 Played 182 games of bowling  
 Delivered 429 meals for Meals on Wheels  
 Welcomed 241 guests to our Friday lunches



**Neighbours Helping Neighbours**

Built and installed 1 staircase, 2 gates and fences  
 Cut 178 lawns  
 Made 21 trips to the food bank to serve 357 cups of coffee  
 Served 58 customers—of which 14 were new  
 Recycled 26 truckloads of cardboard

## Memorials and Tributes

L'Arche Greater Vancouver gratefully acknowledges gifts received  
 in memory or in honour of loved ones and friends.

**In Tribute:** The Beeby Family

**In Celebration of:** John Waller's Birthday





## Even More Big Numbers!



**The L'Arche Greater Vancouver Community**

We held 45 community prayer services  
We sang 230 songs  
Over 190 people attended our 40 Anniversary Dinner  
60 people attended our Annual Community Retreat



**Please Join us!**  
**L'Arche Annual Christmas Benefit Concert**  
**Sunday December 6 at 3:00 pm**

**FEATURING VanDeca**

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new choral ensembles

**Sherbrooke Mennonite Church**  
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to support the work of L'Arche locally and globally.



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