

L'ARCHE FOUNDATION OF GREATER VANCOUVER

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



The Crossing

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



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



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

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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L'ARCHE FOUNDATION OF GREATER VANCOUVER 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 whose 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.

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Our Big Numbers Continued



Nazirah House

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



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



Unity House

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



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

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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



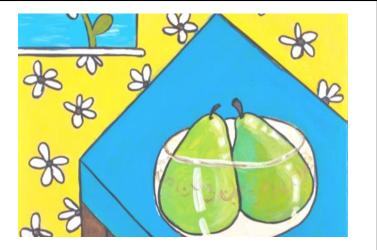
Please Join us! L'Arche Annual Christmas Benefit Concert Sunday December 6 at 3:00 pm

FEATURING VanDeca

One of Vancouver's most exciting new choral ensembles

Sherbrooke Mennonite Church 7155 Sherbrooke Street Vancouver

Free Admission with an opportunity given to support the work of L'Arche locally and globally.



Our 2016 Art Calendars are available

Only \$10.00 each

Prints and Art Cards, as well as a few remaining original pieces from our 2015 Art Together Show are still available.

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