



BUILDING A WORLD
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Belongs



Fall 2020

L'Arche Community Life

Every month, at L'Arche, we highlight one of our **ten core values** that guide the way we live and work as an intentional community.



In **April**, as the world was dramatically changing due to COVID-19, it was appropriate to focus on **Trust in God** as our core value. It reminded us to seek and celebrate spiritual meaning in our day-to-day life.

To keep everyone safe and still be able to have our weekly community prayers, we transitioned from in-person to virtual prayer gatherings using Zoom.

Fulfill Your Role in Community, our core value for **May**, was a reminder to emphasize the importance of our respective roles in the community and to live them well. The commitment and dedication of our personnel, particularly the assistants in our homes has been phenomenal. They are among the frontline and essential service workers, in whose honour people across the city honked their horns at 7PM every day, early on in the pandemic.



In **June**, we focused on our core value, **Shape a More Human Society**.

This value is about sharing the vision and spirit of L'Arche beyond our community and helping to change the world. It meant reaching out to family and community members by phone and virtual technology, especially to those who might have been feeling alone or isolated. We continue to find ways to stay connected.



The months of **July** and **August** emphasized our core value, **Live in Joy**. Creating fun and sharing our joy were reflected in the various creative house activities and during our annual community retreat - held virtually for the first time in the history of our community.

A gradual reopening of our day programs in July was exciting news for the entire community. Welcoming back our core members in their small house groups and seeing their happy faces was heartwarming. It is wonderful to once again hear our halls ring with noise and laughter. We continue to take all precautionary measures to ensure the health and safety of everyone.

Journey Together with Respect was our core value for **September**. Caring about how our actions affect others is part and parcel of what makes a community like L'Arche thrive.

From Denise's Desk



In these extraordinary times, it has become more important for our L'Arche community to maintain familiar routines that help anchor us in our mission and our relationships with one another.

During the spring and summer seasons, the resilience of every L'Arche member shone brightly despite the challenges that COVID-19 presented to our community and our daily lives.

Indeed, our core values: **Trust in God, Fulfill Your Role in Community, Shape a More Human Society, Live in Joy, and Journey Together with Respect** were lived out in our community in beautiful and creative ways these past few months.

We are moving closer to our dream of a new fully accessible building with exciting opportunities to expand our mission. Stay tuned and stay connected in the next few months as we work together to realize our big dream - with God's help.

Denise Haskett

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Executive Director/Community Leader

STAFF UPDATE

After 12 years of dedicated commitment and hard work in L'Arche's Development department, Sig Stark retired in June to enjoy the new home that she and her husband, Loren, found in Comox Valley. We are very grateful to Sig for all that she has done to help L'Arche grow and share our mission. We wish her and Loren all the best in their new adventure.



In July, we welcomed Jacqueline Doering as our new Director of Development. Jacqueline joined L'Arche in September 2019. She is thrilled to have the opportunity to serve the L'Arche community in her new role.

AGM Highlights

On September 14, 2020, L'Arche Greater Vancouver (LGV) held its Annual General Meeting by Zoom for the first time ever. Despite not being able to meet physically in the same room together, the whole community had beautiful moments of virtual celebration of our accomplishments over the past year.

At the AGM, we were delighted to have the opportunity to thank all members of our Boards - the LGV Society, the L'Arche Foundation, and our new Housing Society - for their dedication and hard work over the past year.

Members of each of our L'Arche homes expressed their appreciation to the Boards with creative thank you posters that brought smiles and warmed everyone's heart.

We are especially grateful to the following individuals who have accepted to serve as President on their respective Boards:



Jim Lattimer
LGV Society



Ted Kuntz
Foundation



Dan Kirkegaard
Housing

A complete list of current Board members may be found on our website at www.larchevancouver.org

Our heartfelt thanks also goes out to Audrey Staudacher (Foundation Board President) and Tom Nowak (LGV Society Board Director), for their many years of service and deep commitment to L'Arche as they step down from their respective Boards. Their generous gifts of time, talent, and dedicated work helped advance the mission of L'Arche. Thank you very much!



Audrey Staudacher

"I believe a grateful heart is a magnet for miracles. As I finish my term as the President of the Foundation Board, I leave with an overflowing grateful heart, knowing that miracles will continue at L'Arche."

Our 2020 Annual Report, which highlights our program and house activities, and financial summary, is available at www.larchevancouver.org. To receive a hard copy of the report, please email: development@larchevancouver.org

Re-development Project and We All Belong Campaign

The L'Arche community eagerly anticipates the new building and enhanced community spaces. We are particularly excited about the fact that we will be able to provide new opportunities to create connections with the broader community and welcome more people to experience the richness of living in a diverse intentional community.



Barb, Erin and Theresa

It has been a busy summer for some of our L'Arche homes with core members and assistants relocating from our main building on Sussex Avenue, in preparation for demolition. Barb and Theresa moved to a beautifully renovated accessible space in Nazirah house.

Creation House will be moving to a new house we purchased nearby, which is undergoing renovation to make it fully accessible. Securing this new home for L'Arche supports both our short-term relocation needs and our long-term strategy for growth.

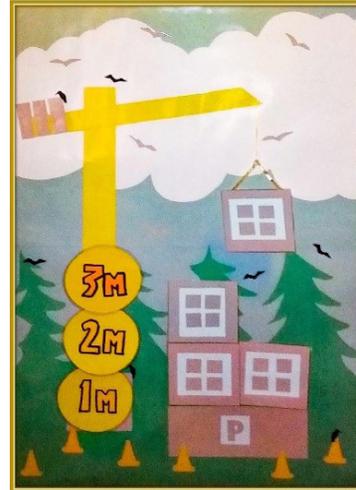
Relocation of administration offices and the community inclusion day programs is still in process.

Below is an updated project timeline and work plan.

	TIMELINE	WORK PLAN
PRE-DEMOLITION	June 2020	Achieved rezoning – 3rd reading by Burnaby City Council
	July 2020	Building permit application submitted
	Late Fall 2020	Renovations to new house
	Winter 2020/21	Relocation
DEMOLITION AND TENDERING	Spring 2021	Demolition
	Late Spring 2021	4 th and final reading by City Council
	Late Spring 2021	Building permit issuance
	Summer 2021	Final approval of construction contract
CONSTRUCTION	2021 – 2022	Project construction (18 months)
OCCUPANCY	January 2023	Move-in / building occupancy

This exciting project has a projected cost of \$22M. We are grateful for the incredible support from the local and provincial governments. Their provisional commitments of \$7.1M, combined with long-term financing of roughly \$9M, will make it possible for us to build this new home for L'Arche.

Our **We All Belong Campaign** is well positioned to raise the remaining funds needed to meet the overall cost of the project. We have raised 50% of our **campaign goal of \$6M** and are relying on the philanthropic support of individuals and organizations to **help us raise the remaining \$3M by March 31, 2021**.



We All Belong fundraising thermometer by L'Arche artist, Alex Richmond

With your contribution, more people in our city will be able to experience community and a place of belonging through L'Arche.

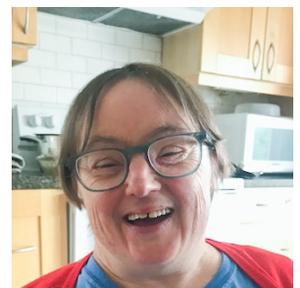
We believe our new building will be a legacy that allows L'Arche to share our collective vision that all people are deserving of love, compassion, and belonging.



"L'Arche is a very special place where we celebrate and appreciate everyone, no matter who you are or where you're coming from. I'm looking forward to the new building where we'll be able to welcome more people in our community. It will be a new experience for all of us and I can't wait to see how the community expands."

Petyo Brodnan, L'Arche Creation House Leader

"I'm very excited about our new building. Everything will be nice and new. We'll have more space to meet. We'll have an elevator. People with wheelchairs and walkers can move around the whole building. There'll be underground parking. People won't get wet when they get out of the car."



Sue Allen, Core Member

WE ALL BELONG

Thank You!

We gratefully acknowledge the following organizations for their financial support of L'Arche Greater Vancouver (April 1 to October 31, 2020)

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| Agape Catholic Charities Fund, held at the Vancouver Foundation | Pacific Mountain Region of United Church of Canada |
| Archdiocese of Vancouver | Rexall Health Solutions |
| B.E. Digitally Hip Corporation | Saint Stephen's United Church |
| Celtic Cross Foundation | Sisters of Instruction of the Child Jesus |
| First Christian Reformed Church of New Westminster | Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem |
| J & G Servant Foundation | St. John's Anglican Church ACW |
| Mackin Creek Farm | St. Peter's Catholic Women's League |
| Mount Pleasant War Memorial Community Cooperative Assn | Tundra Sales Inc. |

Tribute

The following people were honoured/remembered with a tribute gift to L'Arche Greater Vancouver (April 1 to October 31, 2020)

In Memory

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| Peter Bachman | Doug Graves |
| Olga & Bill Carter | Thea Hoffman |
| Edi Carrier | Harold Palleson |
| Engeline Chiang | Ming Chih Tu |
| Jason Duperron | Sherrill Weeks |

In Honour

Anajen Patel

A heartfelt thank you to the many individuals and families who wish to remain anonymous. We could not be L'Arche without your support!

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