



L'ARCHE®
Greater Vancouver



ANNUAL REPORT

2024-2025



OUR NEW



Cedar House



Oak House



Willow House



Cypress House



Semi-Independent Living

BUILDING



Evergreen Day Program - Expanded Program Space



Evergreen Cafe



Community Courtyard - Designed to Connect



First Thanksgiving



Rooftop Gardening

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMUNITY LEADER/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The past year has been one of profound significance in the life of our community. When we celebrated our 50th anniversary early in the year, we were counting down the weeks to moving into our new building. Finally, in July, we received the keys and started moving people, homes, programs, and admin staff into the new home of L'Arche Greater Vancouver.

This huge milestone signified the realization of a dream that had been growing in our hearts for years.

I am grateful for the people who created the vision for this unique building, for those who took the dream and built a plan, for the construction crew, for those who guided the project, and for the supporters who adopted our dream as their own. I greatly appreciate the team and staff members who carried multiple responsibilities during the transition years. Their creativity, dedication, and flexibility were huge factors keeping our community life growing when we were in our temporary setting and ensuring that the move went with smooth precision. I am especially thankful for the guidance of Elizabeth Law, whose leadership and persistence helped steer us into our new home.

Throughout all the transitions, our core members have shown the greatest resilience. Their patience and openness to change set a powerful example for all of us. They remain at the heart of our mission and continue to remind us of the beauty of community.



In September, we were proud to welcome leaders of all levels of government and special guests to our Grand Opening. We gave thanks for everyone who had been involved with this project journey and announced the opportunities we now possessed. We successfully launched our semi-independent living program, giving more people the opportunity to live within a supportive community. We've welcomed new individuals into our supported homes and day programs and broadened our community by welcoming new friends as tenants.

This year was not without its sorrows. We mourned the loss of two beloved members of our community, Paul Kierans and Philip Beeby. Their passing has been deeply felt by all who knew and loved them. In many ways, we have spent this past year celebrating and grieving simultaneously — holding joy and sorrow in the same hands, as we have often done in our history.

To everyone who played a part in bringing this new building — and our bright future — to life: thank you. We are humbled and inspired by your belief in our mission.

As we look to the year ahead, we carry with us a deep sense of gratitude for our history, for the people who walked this journey with us, and for the promise of what lies ahead.

Respectfully,

FeiFei Peng
Community Leader/Executive Director

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENTS



The biggest dream in L'Arche's 50 year history has been realized! After years of planning and hard work we finally moved into our beautiful new home last July. Our new home is everything we hoped for and dreamed it would be. I would like to thank all of the staff and volunteers who helped with the preparation for and the move into our new home.

The grand opening on September 20th was a tremendous success with Roman Catholic Archbishop Miller, our honorary capital campaign chair, giving a special blessing, and representatives of all three levels of government congratulating us on achieving our dream. We were thrilled to announce that due to the support of our donors we finally reached our goal of raising 6 million dollars. After the official part of the opening ceremony, guests were provided with a tour of the new building. We were very happy and proud to show off our new home.

At this time, Patrick and I would like to give our heartfelt thanks to the following individuals. We thank the original campaign team who dared to dream a big dream and set our project in motion. We thank all the designers and builders who made the dream come to life. We thank the donors who adopted our dream as their own. The generosity we experienced throughout the campaign has been both inspiring and humbling. We thank the core members who were patient during the time of transition. We also thank the staff members who have gone above and beyond in living the mission of L'Arche. Finally, we thank the board members from our 3 boards for their guidance from inception to completion.

Jim would like to thank the L'Arche Greater Vancouver Operations Board for their vast and varied knowledge that they shared so willingly: Dan Kirkegaard, Grant T. Smith, Renee Lopes Lieu, Ric Tesan, and 3 new board members: Mary Boucher, Thomas Lattimer, and Scott Barber.

Patrick would also like to thank the L'Arche Foundation Greater Vancouver Board for their ongoing support and expertise: Jim Lattimer, Amanda Wong, Audrey Staudacher, Nate Chiu, and 3 new board members Thomas Lattimer, Mary Boucher and Nicolas Cucinotta.

A big thank you to the Housing Society: Dan Kirkegaard, Grant T. Smith, and Donna Diskos for their commitment to seeing our new building become a reality.

L'Arche is a special community! This is apparent when one gets to know our core members, staff, and volunteers by attending community functions, participating in board meetings, talking to donors, and just by spending time at L'Arche. Our core members are lovingly cared for by our dedicated staff and volunteers.

Respectively submitted,

Jim Lattimer
President
L'Arche Greater Vancouver Board

Patrick Armstrong
President
L'Arche Foundation Board



OUR BIG NUMBERS

Cedar House

- Celebrated **11** Birthday parties
- Went on **48** outings with Barbara
- Erol attended **2** hockey games
- Welcomed **10** regular visitors for dinner
- **20** friends came to visit Melina regularly

Cypress House

- Shared **300** dinners
- Hosted **7** BIG celebrations
- Went on **150** scenic drives and outings
- Welcomed **25** guests
- Enjoyed **1** retreat trip

Oak House

- Participated in **30** church activities
- Attended **9** community gatherings and **40** prayer sessions
- We went on more than **50** outings together
- **365** days of shared living
- **Countless** joyful moments together

Willow House

- Celebrated **12** birthdays and other milestones
- Enjoyed **150** hours of “puzzling” with Linda
- Went on **48** coffee outings
- Donated **150** items to a local charity
- Filled **365** days with laughter, story telling, tears, and sharing





OUR BIG NUMBERS



Evergreen Community Inclusion Program

- Baked more than **120** times for the Evergreen Cafe
- Delivered **225** Meals on Wheels meals
- Went on **40** Small Group outings
- Collected **\$1141** from recycling



Neighbours Helping Neighbours

- Served **41** regular customers
- Shoveled snow from **10** driveways and sidewalks
- Weeded and raked **92** times
- Dumped yard waste **42** times
- Cut **155** lawns



Semi-Independent Living

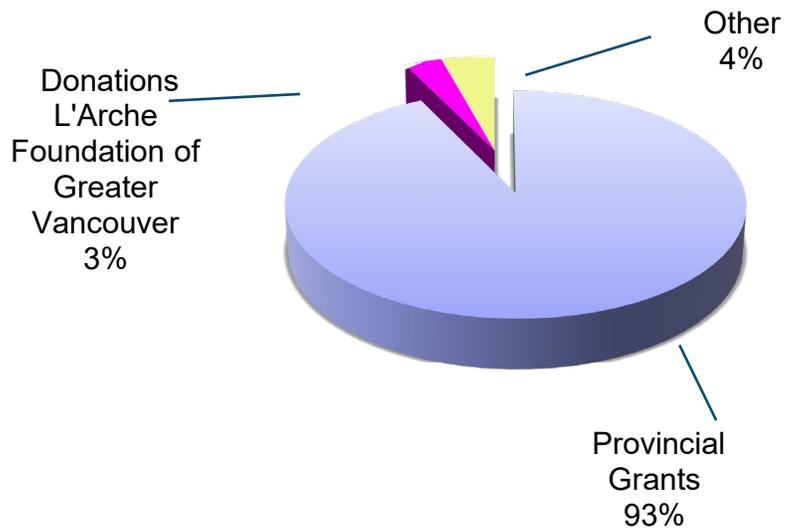
- Borrowed **50** DVD's from the library that we watched together
- Prepared **70** hand-folded dumplings for Chinese New Year
- Prepared and shared **20** meals together.
- Bobby connected over **15,000** puzzle pieces
- Enjoyed **12** field trips
- **100's** of memory-making photos were taken



FINANCIALS

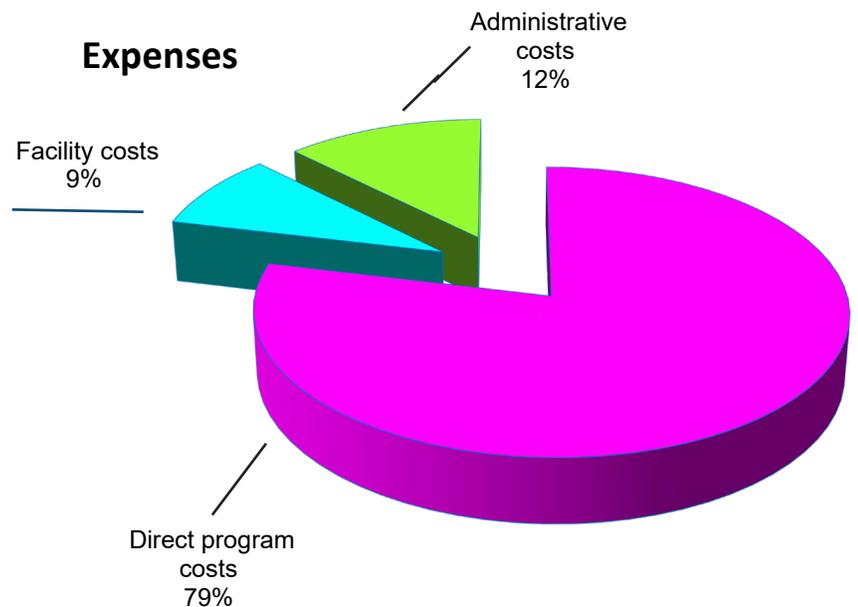
| REVENUE | |
|---|--------------------|
| Provincial Grants | \$ 3,705,098 |
| L'Arche Foundation of Greater Vancouver | \$ 120,229 |
| Other | \$ 171,046 |
| Total | \$3,996,373 |

Revenues



| EXPENSES | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Direct Program costs | \$ 3,250,615 |
| Facility Costs | \$ 363,389 |
| Administration Costs | \$ 514,767 |
| Total | \$ 4,128,771 |

Expenses





SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

Agape Catholic Charities Fund held at Vancouver Foundation

Alongside You

Andrew Mahon Foundation

Anglican Diocese of New Westminster

BC Housing

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Thank you to our generous donors. We couldn't be L'Arche without you.

IN MEMORIAM



Philip Beeby
October 26, 1963 – January 29, 2025

Philip lived a life that was full of love and joy. He gathered people into his orbit with his heart-warming smile and gentle, teasing nature.

He lived the past 36 years in a L'Arche home where he grew into his full potential. Philip was renowned for his "New news" announcements, and his heartfelt, inclusive (and sometimes long!) prayers for his entire family and his many friends. He loved to tease; his laugh was wholehearted and infectious, and he loved unconditionally.

Denise, who would later become L'Arche's Community leader, remembers meeting Philip in the 1980s when she was a guest at September House. "Through the years, I repeatedly saw Philip draw young assistants out with his charming ways, often choosing the shy ones to cajole and focus his attention on. Slowly, they would become more at ease and blossom with his gentle humour and kibitzing".

His friend and house leader, Celine, recognized that Philip knew how to make people feel special. "He had nicknames for people that took time and effort to make. He acknowledged us and taught us that love is not so complicated."

Philip lived an extraordinarily rich life with his family loving him and surrounding him every step of the way. His L'Arche family welcomed and loved him, encouraging his beautiful gifts to shine.



Paul Kierans
April 28, 1958 - April 23, 2024

Here are some thoughts from Paul's sister, Mae Kierans:

Paul was born into the Kierans family, gifted with Down's syndrome, which enabled him to be the most loving and intuitive of us all. He has always been our shining north star.

There were few supports for special children when Paul was born, so his resourceful mother created them, including a nursery school and a support group for parents. Paul was loved and admired by his many aunts and uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews, and grandnieces and nephews, and house mates. Paul ignored the "no double superlatives" rule in English: everyone was his "best sister," "best brother," or "best friend."

Paul was very prayerful. His life calling was to show how to "Love your neighbour" and how he excelled! He also showed us how to live life to the fullest. He loved to work, especially helping in his home at Crossing House, where Céline, the L'Arche House

Leader who had known Paul and all his Kierans family for twenty-five years, was his "best house nurse." In her words, Paul was kind and generous and brought a sense of calm and gentle presence to his home, where he was a silent pillar of strength; he brought people together wherever he went.



OUR IDENTITY

MISSION AND IDENTITY STATEMENT

Identity Statement:

We are people with and without developmental disabilities, sharing life in communities belonging to an International Federation.

Mutual relationships and trust in God are at the heart of our journey together.

We celebrate the unique value of every person and recognize our need of one another.

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, whilst 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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Land Acknowledgement

We humbly acknowledge that we live, learn, grow, work, and build community on the unceded, ancestral, traditional, and occupied homelands of the x^wməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlilwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

