



Emily's Evergreen Journey

When Emily began attending L'Arche Greater Vancouver's Evergreen program last fall, it marked the start of an exciting new chapter for her and her family. Although the family had known about L'Arche for decades through Jubilee United Church, where they often crossed paths with members of the L'Arche community, taking this next step still raised questions.

Emily's mother, Sara, had long been encouraged by her friend Tammi, a former L'Arche assistant, to consider L'Arche as Emily entered adulthood. Sara wondered how Emily would fit in. Many of the members of the L'Arche community she met through the church were older. She hoped to find a place where Emily could build friendships with people closer to her own age.

friends, bake for the Evergreen Café, do puzzles, go bowling, Zumba, go to the gym, make soap, walk to Metrotown, see the librarian on Tuesdays, set tables, cook, and make salad for Friday lunches."



Fairy, Evergreen's Team Leader, is grateful that Emily is in the program. "Her energy adds positivity to the rest of us. She is open to trying different activities, such as soap making and Zumba. She has a gift for making friends very quickly."

Outside of L'Arche, Emily's favourite Saturday activity is Pony Pals, where she has been riding horses for more than 10 years. She takes pride in being able to tack and groom the horses. Emily also loves baking and hopes to do even more of it in the future, building on her interest in catering and her desire to be helpful and give back to her community.

Emily's involvement at L'Arche has brought reassurance and joy to her family. Living close to L'Arche means Emily can walk to the building on her own, giving her a sense of independence while surrounding her with people who genuinely care about her well-being.



At Evergreen, Emily has done exactly that. Social, talkative, and open to change, she quickly settled into the new building and began connecting with others, including friends she already knew from school.

When asked what she looks forward to doing at Evergreen, she has a long list! "I like to see my

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L'Arche Neighbourhood Party, June 28th

What a wonderful day! Thank you for celebrating with us - we'll see you next year.



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Her siblings are reassured to know she is spending her days in a safe, engaging place and that she always has something to talk about when she comes home. Her mother is deeply grateful that



Emily is somewhere she feels known, included, and inspired. Looking ahead, she can imagine a future in which Emily may one day choose to live at L'Arche. When that time comes, L'Arche will be their first choice - a community where Emily can continue to grow, contribute, and belong.

Art Together - Walk With Me

WALK WITH ME is a relaxed afternoon of art, connection, and community. The show features paintings created by pairs of artists - people with and without developmental disabilities who are part of the L'Arche community, including Core Members, assistants, volunteers, and friends.

This year's theme, **WALK WITH ME**, is about the journey we share with one another. It speaks to the walks we take, the moments we create, and the friendships that remind us we do not have to walk through life alone.

We invite our neighbours of all ages to join us and experience the warmth of a place where people know one another, support one another, and everyone belongs.



The event is on Saturday, August 29th, from 1-4 pm at L'Arche.

Monthly Giving

A Conversation with Thomas Lattimer – L'Arche Board Member and Monthly Donor

Why did you choose to support L'Arche?

I chose to support L'Arche Greater Vancouver because I firmly believe in the community's mission. The importance of inclusion, belonging, and shared living are three fundamental pillars that I both appreciate and value.

Why did you choose to become a monthly donor?

Becoming a monthly donor felt like a natural extension of my involvement with L'Arche Greater Vancouver, alongside my service on L'Arche's two Boards of Directors. I know that my monthly gift contributes to a broader stewardship effort, one that creates meaningful ripples throughout the community and helps ensure that L'Arche Greater Vancouver remains a welcoming place where everyone belongs.

What would you say to someone who is considering joining our group of monthly donors?

It doesn't take long to feel embraced by the L'Arche Greater Vancouver community. Many of us look for ways to feel more connected beyond our routines, professional lives, and immediate circles, and L'Arche has become that place for me. Being part of this community has deepened my sense of welcome and belonging -whether I'm attending events or reading community updates. There are ample opportunities to learn, be engaged, and feel a part of this community.

It's also clear that monthly contributions make a meaningful difference, helping sustain L'Arche Greater Vancouver's mission and the inclusive community it nurtures.

If you have been considering making a gift to L'Arche Greater Vancouver, I would encourage you to become part of this community by making a recurring monthly donation.

To join Thomas in being a Monthly Donor, fill in the response form on the letter and check off *"I would like to make this a monthly gift"*.



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