

L'ARCHE GREATER VANCOUVER ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026



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HIGHLIGHTS



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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMUNITY LEADER/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The past year has been one of growth, deeper connection, and looking ahead with hope.

It is hard to believe that we have now spent two years in our new building. While our first year was mainly about settling into a new space and establishing a new rhythm of life, this past year has been about exploring new possibilities. As our community has grown into this space, we have also begun strengthening the organization that supports it: reviewing policies, improving systems, enhancing communication, and laying the groundwork for future initiatives. These may seem like quiet changes, but they are important investments in ensuring our community continues to thrive for years to come.

Across our homes and programs, we have continued to share meals, prayers, celebrations, and the everyday moments that make L'Arche what it is. Our new building has become a welcoming gathering place, while each of our homes continues to nurture friendship, belonging, and mutual care.

Our core members remain at the heart of everything we do. More and more, they are not only receiving support but sharing their gifts, welcoming visitors, hosting Friday lunches, and helping shape our community. This year, we were also delighted to welcome new core members in our homes and programs, each bringing unique gifts and perspectives that enrich our life together.



We have also opened our doors wider, welcoming neighbours, community partners, supporters, and new friends through tours, celebrations, and our first Christmas Market. Every new connection reminds us that community becomes richer when it is shared.

One of the most meaningful parts of this year has been the opportunity to reflect on our future together through the early stages of our Mission in Action planning process. I am grateful to L'Arche Canada for walking alongside us, and to the many members of our community who generously shared their hopes, ideas, and wisdom. Those conversations have already begun shaping the path ahead.

None of this would be possible without the people who bring our mission to life each day. Thank you to our core members for your love and joy; to our assistants and personnel for your compassion, professionalism, and unwavering commitment; to our Leadership Team for leading with dedication through another year of growth and change; and to the many who generously contributed to committees and initiatives beyond their everyday responsibilities. My sincere thanks also go to our Board of Directors, volunteers, Community Living BC, donors, and community partners for your support, encouragement, and partnership.

This year also brought sadness as we mourned the loss of two beloved members of our community, Sue Allen and Melina Boote. We remember them with gratitude for the lives they shared, the relationships they nurtured, and the lasting impact they left on our community.

As we look to the year ahead, we do so with confidence and hope. Together, we are not simply maintaining what we have built; we are continuing to grow, learn, and prepare for new opportunities, always guided by our mission of building a community where every person is known, valued, and belongs.

Respectfully,

FeiFei Peng
Community Leader/Executive Director

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENTS

It's hard to believe we are approaching two years in the new building! This past year has seen growth and change within our community. We've had the joy of welcoming several new core members to our homes and day programs. Additionally, we extend a warm welcome to the new staff members. Each new relationship adds strength to our community and advances our mission.

At the heart of governance is stewardship. Yet stewardship must be more than simply setting budgets and strategic goals; it must be tangible and enhance the lives of our community. The organization recently purchased a new accessible van, a tangible example of stewardship in action. It's more than a vehicle; it's an investment in freedom and connection.

In exciting news: L'Arche was a finalist for the Burnaby Board of Trade's (BBOT) Non-Profit Organization of the Year Award. This honour highlights that the work within L'Arche is recognized outside our community, resonating with people across Burnaby and beyond.

At the core of L'Arche are the people.

We sincerely thank our leadership team, staff, and volunteers for their tireless efforts in creating and nurturing the community. We deeply appreciate their contributions to the community's ongoing warmth, growth and vitality.

We thank Fei Fei Peng for her leadership, which has been a cornerstone of our community. Her steadiness, compassion, and genuine dedication shape how L'Arche functions daily, both visibly and behind the scenes.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all of our donors and supporters who make it possible for us to continue fulfilling our mission and serving our community with compassion and purpose. Your generosity sustains the daily life of L'Arche, from the relationships we nurture to the programs and supports that help our members thrive.

The response to our new building has been extraordinary. The belief in creating a space that is

safe, accessible, and built for belonging has been a tremendous encouragement. The building project reflects not only bricks and mortar, but a shared vision for the future of our community.

L'Arche Greater Vancouver enters our next phase with a solid foundation and a clear vision for the future. This includes continuing to strengthen and grow the organization while deepening existing partnerships and establishing new ones. At the core, our goal remains the same: to ensure L'Arche remains a welcoming and sustainable community for all for many years to come.

We wish to thank the L'Arche Greater Vancouver Operations Board for their extensive and varied knowledge, which they share so graciously: Dan Kirkegaard, Renee Lopes Lieu, Ric Tesan, Mary Boucher, Thomas Lattimer and Scott Barber.

We also want to thank the L'Arche Foundation Greater Vancouver Board for their ongoing expertise and support: Audrey Staudacher, Thomas Lattimer, and Nicolas Cucinotta.

A special thank you to the Housing Society: Dan Kirkegaard, Donna Diskos, FeiFei Peng.

Respectively submitted,
Jim Lattimer
President
L'Arche Greater Vancouver Board

Patrick Armstrong
President
L'Arche Foundation Board

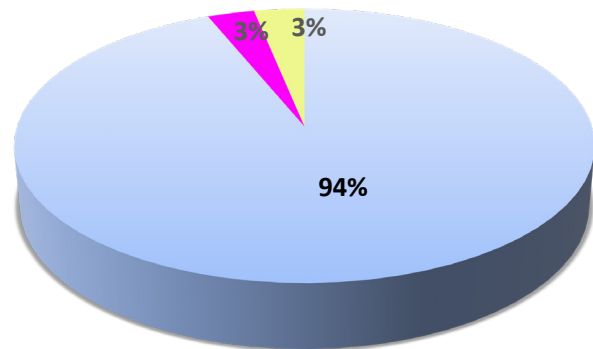


FINANCIALS

REVENUE

Provincial Grants	\$ 4,398,565
Donations L'Arche Foundation of Greater Vancouver	\$ 140,108
Room, Board, and Other	\$ 150,553
Total	\$ 4,689,226

L'Arche Greater Vancouver - Revenues

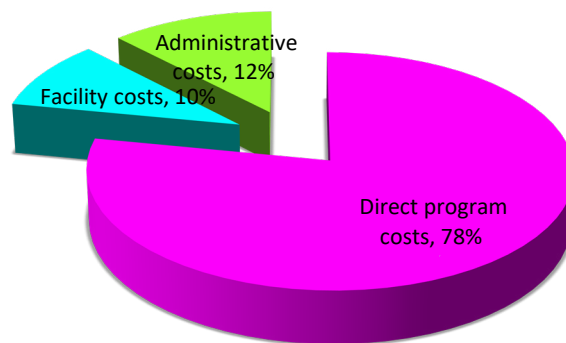


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- Donations L'Arche Foundation of Greater Vancouver
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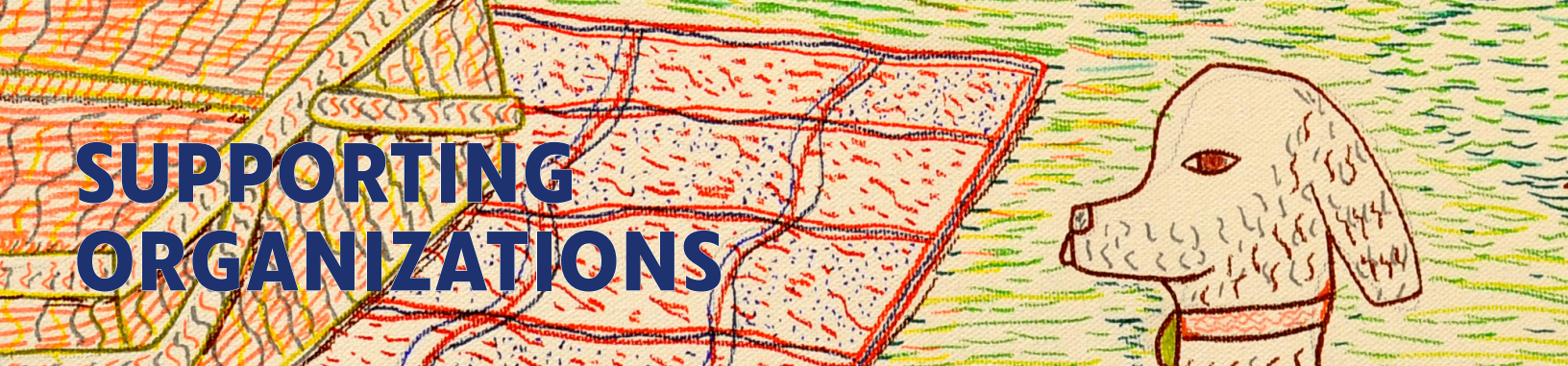
L'Arche Greater Vancouver - Expenses

EXPENSES

Direct Program Cost	\$ 3,525,592
Facility Costs	\$ 441,444
Administration Costs	\$ 551,916
Total	\$ 4,521,952



- Direct program costs
- Facility costs
- Administrative costs



SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

Agape Catholic Charities Fund
held at the Vancouver Foundation

Andrew Mahon Foundation

Artisan Gifts and Flowers

BC Housing

Burnaby Meals on Wheels

Charles and Lucile Flavelle Family Fund
held at the Vancouver Foundation

Choi Family Foundation Fund held at the
Vancouver Foundation

City of Burnaby

Columbia-Bowell Funeral Chapel

Columbus Buildings Ltd

Community Living BC

Dennis and Barbara Wiginton Fund

Digitally Hip Corporation

Estate of Barbara Joy Waller

Estate of Daniel Reynolds

Estate of Sandra Chua

Famee Furlane Legga Feminile

Famee Furlane of Vancouver

First Christian Reformed Church of New
Westminster

Frank and Joan O'Neill Gifting Fund

Freyvogel-Preiswerck Fund
held at the Vancouver Foundation

Holy Cross Catholic Women's League

J & G Servant Foundation

Jubilee United Church Women

Knights of Columbus Council No. 8853

Knights of Columbus Fraser Valley Council,
No. 2552

Knights of Columbus Holy Cross Council,
No. 5423

L'Arche Canada

Nelson Avenue Community Church

Patrick and Elizabeth Hill Charitable Fund

Provincial Employees Community Services Fund

Rascal Foundation

Raymond James Canada Foundation

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver

Roncec Enterprises Ltd

Royal Bank of Canada

Saint Anthony of Padua Fraternity, S.F.O.

Saint Anthony of Padua Parish

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Women's League

Saint John's Anglican Church ACW

Saint Mary's Catholic Women's League
Council 3093

Saint Mary's Health Foundation

Saint Peter's Catholic Women's League

The Giustra Foundation

Triskelion Fund

Tundra Sales Inc.

Virginia's Arc Private Foundation

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

OUR BIG NUMBERS

Cedar House

- **9** birthday parties
- **59** outings with Barbara
- **4** hockey events with Erol
- **1** farewell dinner
- **1** baby shower
- **48** visits from families



Cypress House

- **10** BIG celebrations
- **150** scenic drives and outings
- **40** guests welcomed
- **2** retreat trips
- **5** Birthday celebrations



Oak House

- **1** new core member
- **18** shared meals with family and friends
- **300** coffee moments filled with loud laughter and dancing
- **40+** Sunday church services attended together



Willow House

- **12** celebrations including birthdays, farewells, and a baby shower
- **10** movie/cinema outings
- **20** walks in the park during summer
- **365** days of creating countless memories through art, outings, celebrations, friendship, and community



OUR BIG NUMBERS



Evergreen Community Inclusion Program

- **140** bowling trips
- **132** outings
- **33** Friday lunches
- Drove over **900** kilometers



Neighbours Helping Neighbours

- Served **36** regular customers
- Weeded and raked **81** times
- Dumped yard waste **59** times
- Cut **139** lawns
- **0** snow shovelling made for **1** great winter



Semi-Independent Living

- **5** jobs acquired
- **40** plus walks around Central Park
- Completed a **4000** piece puzzle
- **100** photos taken at **1** event by Angelica
- **1** successful surprise party thrown for Bing

Paintings used in this report are from Art Together 2025 - "All Together Now"

Sharing a Cup by Fairy, Claudio, Christina, and Sue
Peaceful Flowers by Meghan and Theresa
Cutting the Grass by Conrad and Rachel
Beautiful Birds, Clouds, Bees and Grass by Angelica and Cristina
Friends in the Park by Melina and Gift
Togetherness by Rosie, Fiona, and Ana

Summer Break Picnic by Ally and Fairy
Share a Laugh, help each other, live together! by Garth and Yumi
Puzzle Fields by Bobby, Bing and M.K.
Butterfly and Flowers by Sarah and Staicy
Sunset by Arthur and Maria
Spring Sunset by Mary and Staicy

WE REMEMBER



Melina Boote

June 17, 1938 to May 22, 2025

Melina was a part of our L'Arche Greater Vancouver family for 48 years. Over the decades, she touched countless hearts with her quiet strength, her gentle spirit, and her love for those around her. Many of us carry special memories of her - whether it was a shared laugh, a quiet moment of prayer, or her delight in butterflies, and all things green and pink.

Though Melina's health had been gradually declining, we weren't prepared to say goodbye so soon. We take comfort in knowing that she was surrounded by love and care, and we hold on to the deep imprint she has left on our community.

Melina was also a faithful member of Joy Fellowship, where her presence and faith were deeply cherished. As we grieve this loss, we also celebrate her life - a life filled with meaning, connection, and beauty.



Sue Allen

December 12, 1965 to January 28, 2026

Sue had a way of making everyone feel seen and cherished, often calling people "my dear" or "my darling" with her sunny, unforgettable smile. She lived her friendships deeply and knew, in her heart, that she was a gift from Jesus to the world - and she gave that gift freely, every day.

Sue was part of our community for over 40 years, and her bright spirit, warmth, and joy touched everyone who knew her.

She loved everything pink, cheesecakes, chai tea, and sun-dried tomatoes - and she shared herself fully and faithfully with the people around her. Many of us will remember how, when asked to lead grace, she would sing "You Are My Sunshine", filling the room with her light and love.

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 recognise 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.

BOARDS OF DIRECTORS

L'Arche Greater Vancouver

Jim Lattimer, President
Renee Lieu, Vice President
Scott Barber, Treasurer/Secretary
Dan Kirkegaard, Director
Enrico Tesan, Director
Mary Boucher, Director
Thomas Lattimer, Director
FeiFei Peng, Non-Voting Member

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FeiFei Peng, Non-Voting Member

L'Arche Housing Society

Dan Kirkegaard, President
Jim Lattimer, Vice President
Donna Diskos, Treasurer
FeiFei Peng, Non-Voting Member

Land Acknowledgement

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



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