

CENTRAL REGION GATHERING

L'Arche Experiences Memphis

By Danielle Hoehn, Peace House Assistant

Memphis—home of the Blues and birthplace of Rock 'n Roll—was the site of a Central Region Gathering from June 1-4. Twenty-six members of the L'Arche Harbor House community joined more than 120 people from the seven regional L'Arche communities; this was the first time in more than 15 years that the Central Region had a gathering of this size.

Our community flew to Memphis instead of driving, which was an experience for many of the core members. We stayed in a dorm on the campus of the University of Memphis along with the other communities. This provided the opportunity to spend time with members from other communities during down time between events.

We were all kept busy by a full schedule throughout the gathering. In addition to a L'Arche dance and a talent show, we visited famous sites in Memphis. Some toured Sun Studio, where Elvis recorded his early music, some explored the National Civil Rights Museum, which is located at the hotel where Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated, and some enjoyed the artwork and gardens of the Dixon Gallery. Of course, the entire group visited Graceland, the home of Elvis Presley.

The gathering ended with a barbeque hosted by Brad Martin, a Memphis resident, who was instrumental in bringing the regional gathering to his city. Viva was on the planning committee and thought the gathering was "good," noting, "I liked going to Graceland because we got to see Elvis' house." Everyone really enjoyed the trip to Memphis! It was a time for connecting with old friends, meeting new friends and experiencing new places!

Note: Those who did not travel to Memphis enjoyed a "staycation" in Jacksonville that included an entertaining day trip to St. Augustine, the IMAX Theater at World Golf Village, and other activities.



Memphis photo gallery: Chip and Leah; Robert M. and Jean; Viva and Justin; Mjid (and Elvis); Mariusz and Larry enjoyed the classic automobile museum; Thomas cranked out his best Elvis; Amy and Celeste; Stacy and Ann; and Paul and Robert S. enjoyed a cool drink during a break.



Welcome, Dino!

Dino Baron is our newest core member! No stranger to L'Arche, Dino has been a daily participant and artist at the Rainbow Workshop for several years. He has attended retreats and gatherings with the community and is familiar with life in L'Arche. Dino is known for his accomplishments as an artist and his happy and easy-going personality. We look forward to discovering more and more of Dino's gifts as we get to know him better! His new home is in the Greatfull House.



Dino with his sister Renee Baron

General Assembly in Atlanta

The L'Arche International Assembly will be held in Atlanta, Georgia in early June 2012! L'Arche USA has the rare privilege and task of hosting 500 delegates from around the world. With a renewed focus on inclusion, 100 of the 500 delegates will be persons with intellectual disabilities. As one of the closest communities to Atlanta, L'Arche Harbor House expects to play a role of support and hospitality and will also send at least one delegate to this inspiring, meaningful and historic event! Learn more at the new website: atlanta.larche.org or www.larche.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

- 1 FTCN*
6pm, Blanchart Center
- 19 Wine Tasting
6-9pm, JJ's Bistro

October

- 6 FTCN*
6pm, Blanchart Center

November

- 3 FTCN*
6pm, Blanchart Center

December

- TBA Living Nativity
6pm, @ TBA
- 31 New Year's Eve Tapping
@ Seven Bridges

* First Thursday Community Night

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LOVING someone does not simply mean doing things for them; it is much more profound. To love someone is to show to them their beauty, their worth and their importance; ...it is to **REJOICE** in their presence, spend time in their company and communicate with them. To love is to live a heart-to-heart relationship...giving to and receiving from each other. — Jean Vanier

RAINBOW WORKSHOP

DAY PROGRAM

- * Rainbow has been attending the old-fashioned hymn sings at **Terry Parker Baptist Church**. Many thanks to the congregation for being so welcoming. We attended **Shelby Crews'** performance and presented her with a Rainbow bracelet.
- * Thank you to **Anne Acker's JU class** that continues to help Rainbow with an on-going database project.
- * A **St. Patrick's Day** feast was held for the core members at Janet Plummer's house in March.
- * Rainbow helped make silent auction and goody bag gifts for the golf tournament.
- * Thank you to **Dee Drummond of JU Theater Department** for inviting the Rainbow to attend the fine arts performance of *Hamlet*. The core members enjoyed the program.
- * Get well, **David Weinstein**, a long time volunteer recovering from major back surgery. We miss David and his "nurse" **Margie** and look forward to their return soon!
- * Welcome to **Amanda**, Pam's CNA, who attends the Rainbow with Pam on Fridays.
- * Thank you to everyone who responded to our "Wish List" in the last newsletter, we appreciate it!
- * The Rainbow Workshop Spring Sale was held at the **Quality Suites Oceanfront** at Jacksonville Beach on May 7. Thank you, Quality Suites, **Renee Baron**, and all of the volunteers and supporters of this event!



The Rainbow Sale featured mosaics, jewelry, ceramics and many other beautiful gifts.



Katrina with Rhona, a.k.a. Favorite

Loving a Favorite Friend

Note: Core member Katrina used her Brailor to write this story about Peace House assistant Rhona Johnson.

By Katrina

Loving a favorite friend is a good thing to do. **L**And calling you my Favorite. Somebody that is a good whistler and likes to use good smelling things after taking a bath or shower. And lets me feel your face when you give me my eardrops. My Favorite is a very good person and is very sweet to me. She says hello every morning, asks me how my day was at work, and does laundry and hangs up my clothes by herself. And speaks up when she has problems. And listens to me when I talk about things that happened at the blind school. And you asked me when I learned brail. I said at the school for the blind in St. Augustine. I know all of the teachers there, and my friends there. Thing that I liked about the school - I enjoyed going on trips. When my Favorite first came here it was nice to meet you, and I started calling you Favorite. I love you, and I am pleased to write a story for you, a special favorite person. And I am blind and use a hearing aid, and I can do many things.

Favorite, you are the love to me and a good person to have fun with on the day-cation. I love you very much. Take your story home and read to somebody. *The End.*

FTCN*

6:00 pm, Blanchart Community Center

Visitors, guests, family members, and friends are invited to our First Thursday Community Nights. Held on the first Thursday of most months, the evening begins at 6pm in the Blanchart Community Center with a brief program and spiritual reflection, followed by dinner at one of the three houses, or on occasion in the BCC. Please join us - this is a perfect occasion for fellowship and becoming better acquainted with the L'Arche community.

Groups and organizations frequently participate in some way. A few of our recent FTCNs have included:

- **February:** Many thanks to **South Jax Deanery Council of Catholic Women** for the wonderful meal and friendship.
- **March:** The **Heather Garden Club** once again provided a delicious dinner in our homes following the program.
- **April:** The community and friends gathered outside for a moving and memorable reenactment of the Stations of the Cross. A simple meal was served in all the homes.
- **May:** We celebrated Cinco de Mayo with an authentic Mexican feast complete with decorations and music, courtesy of the **L'Arche Auxiliary**.

*First Thursday Community Night: Aug. 4, Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3

Gate River Run

On March 11, members of the Auxiliary and a team of assistants and core members volunteered at the Fairgrounds to hand out Gate River Run race packets. The next day an enthusiastic group of L'Arche supporters, including Chip and Valsan from LHH, got up really early to participate in the **Gate River Run 5K Charity Walk**. We are grateful to the Gate River Run for a generous \$2,500.00 contribution.



5K Walkers: Pat King, Nancy Smith, Marion Johnson, Dawn Blalock, Dawn Smyser, Dennis Smyser, Eileen Bain, Catherine Bain, Chip Hays, Valsan Pulikodan (not pictured: Betsy and Hannah Jacobs)

Calling all VOLUNTEERS!

Check out these two active volunteer groups:

If you're in your 20s or 30s ...or not



Monthly Meetings: 1st Tuesdays

Our young professionals group is intent on two things: having fun together and supporting the mission of L'Arche Harbor House. Be sure to follow the Currents on Facebook.

For information, please contact Catherine: (904) 721-5992; email: Catherine@larchejacksonville.org; or visit www.larchejacksonville.org.

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coming soon

Wine Tasting
at JJ's Bistro in
Ponte Vedra Beach
Sponsored by L'Arche
Currents and Auxiliary

Monday, September 19
(see page 4 for details)



L'Arche AUXILIARY

Monthly Meetings: 2nd Tuesdays

The Auxiliary includes parents and family of core members as well as friends of the community. Their mission, to support L'Arche Harbor House by building one-on-one relationships with core members and creating projects for awareness and fundraising, brings the group into a wide range of L'Arche activities: for example, filling in when assistants need an afternoon or evening off and volunteering at the Gate River Run, the L'Arche Golf Tournament, the Living Nativity and more.

Contact us for details about future meetings - *guests and prospective new members are always welcome!*



The Auxiliary prepared a festive Cinco de Mayo celebration for the First Thursday Community Night on May 5. The L'Arche community and friends enjoyed the festive decorations and authentic Mexican food and music.

Thank you, Board of Directors

Board Appreciation Dinner

Bold City Grill was the site of this year's Board Appreciation Dinner. The assistants and staff were treated to a wonderful meal and a special evening of light-hearted recognition of their dedication and effort on behalf of the community. Many thanks to our caring and generous board.

Retiring Officers / New Officers

We are deeply grateful to Board and Executive Committee members **Cheryl O'Connor** (President), **Kate Norton** (VP), and **Shannon Henderson** (Secretary) who are stepping down after three years as officers and remaining active members of the board. We are pleased to announce the new board officers: **Ron Pendleton** (President), **Linda Tisdale** (VP), **Dawn Smyser** (Secretary), and **Jim Sebesta** returning as Treasurer.

Special Memories.

The community bid sad farewells in May to **Gretchen Sturdavant**, age 99, beloved mother of core member Robert; and to **Myra Hays**, mother of core member Chip and Auxiliary member Betsy Jacobs, and a treasured member of the Auxiliary. These wonderful family members will truly be missed and remembered always as faithful and loving supporters of our L'Arche community.

Wish List

Check the website for updates

Community

- * Digital camera
- * Gutter repair
- * Pressure washing

Rainbow Workshop

- * Michaels gift cards
- * Dr. Suess or similar type books
- * Empty sardine tins
- * Old spoons
- * Old costume jewelry
- * Shoe boxes
- * Black Sharpies
- * Old board games
- * Someone with a jigsaw to cut puzzle pieces
- * Wood scraps i.e. small blocks, 2x4 ends, etc
- * Clay pots
- * CD's - music
- * Paper towels, toilet paper
- * Paper plates and cups
- * Ceramic tea pots or a mold
- * Non-lead glazes for clay room
- * Glass baby food jars
- * Tennis balls

Nouwen House

- * Food processor
- * Potting soil and Miracle Grow
- * Digital camera

Sunflower House

- * Card table with folding chairs
- * Patio set - with or without umbrella
- * Volunteers to help with yard work
- * Vacuum
- * Stainless steel pots & pans
- * CD/Radio player
- * Pillows, comforters, blankets
- * Cutting knives
- * Cutlery
- * Full size bed

Greatfull House

- * Medical gloves (powder-free)
- * Tea kettle
- * Small pots & pans
- * Hanging plant with flowers
- * Sewing machine
- * Small watering can

Peace House

- * Blinds for sliding glass door
- * Curtains for family room
- * DVD tower/storage
- * Waffle maker
- * Non-stick frying pan

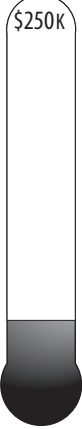
Prayer House

- * Tupperware
- * Cookie sheets
- * Cooling racks
- * Digital camera
- * Christmas lights
- * Sofa
- * Dining room chairs (4 to 6)
- * Dirt Devil
- * 2-step stool/ladder

Events & Fund Raising

The **We Are Family Fund** is a great way to connect people to a cause we all cherish. Some investors choose to designate their gift to a house, program or core member; others, to honor someone special; still others say that giving helps them stay connected. We thank all of our WAFF investors, including:

- Mrs. Hanson's kindergarten class at St. Paul's Catholic School at the beach, whose gift honors their principal Kathy Boice (a former LHH board member) and the office staff
- Mark Heilman, who gave to help support his brother, core member Paul
- Mona and Scott Allen, parents of former LHH assistant Chad Allen, whose gift will benefit a house
- Notre Dame Club of NE Florida (a participant in the Notre Dame Summer Service Learning Program spends eight weeks with us every summer)
- Lynn and Keith Urtel, friends of Renee Baron, who designated their gift to help the Rainbow Workshop in Dino's name
- A monthly gift from Curt and Dianne Welch, our very first house assistants 25 years ago!



Join the family **online** at www.larchejacksonville.org and click the link on the Home page; or contact the Office at 904-721-5992.

WELCOME to the We Are Family Fund (2/17 - 6/30/11)

Susan Armel	Mark Heilman	William & Eileen Ryan
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Dunham Family	Rev. Edward Rooney	Terry & Jeanne Vliet
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JJ's Bistro's



Summer Wine-Down

Monday, September 19, 6-9pm
at
JJ's Bistro @ Ponte Vedra Beach
Sponsored by L'Arche Currents & Auxiliary

* 20 Wines for Tasting * Hors d'oeuvres and Desserts
* Raffle & Door Prizes

Advance Tickets: * \$35/person; \$65/couple
At the door: \$40/person; \$75/couple

Raffle tickets: \$5 or 3@\$10 (do not need to be present to win)

*Includes a ticket to the 2nd annual Winn Dixie Jacksonville OPEN

Call Nancy or Catherine 721-5992 for tickets or information.

Buy tickets NOW. Save 50%.

October 17-23 • TPC Sawgrass Dye's Valley

- \$25/ticket - for entire tournament
- Youths 18 and under admitted FREE with ticketed adult
- Free Parking
- TPC Clubhouse privileges



As a participating charity in the PepsiCo TICKETS Fore CHARITY™ program, **L'Arche gets to keep 100% of ticket sales** to the 2nd annual **Winn-Dixie Jacksonville OPEN** presented by Planters, an important event on the PGA TOUR's Nationwide Tour. This is an incredible opportunity for both L'Arche and our supporters.

The Nationwide Tour's current top talent will be competing at TPC Sawgrass. The tournament's real winners, though, will be the charities that benefit from the event's generosity.

To order tickets ONLINE, visit www.larchejacksonville.org or call 721-5992 for ticket ordering information.

FCAA Carnival



Robert S., Tommy, and Robert M. were happy winners of stuffed animals.

For more than 20 years, the First Coast Apartment Association has sponsored a softball game to benefit L'Arche Harbor House. This year a new event was launched with the 1st annual Carnival on June 11 at Christ the King. The day was filled with games, food, prizes, and a raffle drawing for many good prizes. Supporters from all over Jacksonville joined the FCAA and L'Arche Harbor House for some fun in the sun. Many thanks to FCAA, Christ the King Church, and everyone who enjoyed the day, participated in the raffle, and helped to raise \$3,100.00.

Birdies for Charity



Thanks to the generosity of THE PLAYERS Birdies for Charity campaign, L'Arche was one of more than 200 local charities that benefited by collecting entries and donations again this year. We wrapped up the campaign by raising nearly \$3,000! The total number of Birdies made during THE PLAYERS tournament was 1,607 but unfortunately none of the L'Arche guesses hit the mark. We thank everyone who responded to the 2011 appeal.

Spring Golf Classic a Big Hit!

Under clear blue skies, the 21st annual 2011 Golf Classic took place on April 18 at TPC Sawgrass Dye's Valley Course. We are grateful for Presenting Marshal, Warren P. and Joanne C. Powers Charitable Foundation, and Grand Marshal, Vallencourt Construction, Inc. who along with Team, Patron and Hole sponsors, Benefactors, individual players, and in-kind donors made it possible for L'Arche to net \$34,700. Following completion of their rounds, 111 players headed to the TPC Clubhouse for the awards ceremony and to enjoy a delicious buffet of heavy hors d'oeuvres; claim door prizes; and participate in a raffle that included a number of golf foursomes, hotel accommodations, and sports items. Thanks to many generous benefactors, the silent auction featured items from golf gear to an Oregon winery getaway. A package of two tickets to the US Open @ Congressional Country Club was the grand prize in the live auction.

This annual event would not be possible without the assistance of volunteers from the Auxiliary, the Board, and the L'Arche Currents; team photos by Nancy Powers; event photography by David Pearce; the hospitality of TPC Sawgrass and Sawgrass Marriott; teamwork by the Golf Committee chaired by Jim Sebesta; the entertaining presentation of awards and auctioneering by Jim Marlier; and the friendship and support of all who participated.



Congratulations to First Place team winners.

SAVE THE DATE: Mar. 12, 2012



FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	LOW GROSS TEAM
Adam Smith	Chuck Parliment	Jim Sebesta	Jeff Henderson
Kyle Southall	Phil Renda	Marc Turko	Chris Henderson
Michael Limanti	Julie Weiss	Aaron Zarle	Alex Henderson
Dee Ray Lichty	Charlie Parliment	Ed Frazier	Brian DeAlexandris

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Tell RPM that you're a supporter of L'Arche and a donation will be made to L'Arche for any purchase or service rendered. Seven locations, locally owned and operated.



Please designate L'ARCHE HARBOR HOUSE in the appropriate space when completing your pledge form.

Calendar Fundraiser

Please continue to support our 2011 calendar sponsors. We appreciate our wonderful restaurant partners who help raise awareness of L'Arche Harbor House within the community. Each restaurant donates a portion of the proceeds from a specific item during their month, so stop in and treat yourself, family, friends, and business associates to a very tasty lunch or dinner.

Save a little cash by using the valuable restaurant coupons found in the front of the calendar – good through 12/31/2011.

August: Santioni's Cucina Italiana

Italian food has never tasted so good. A donation will be made for every group of three or more diners, so invite a couple of friends along! **Ciao!**



September: Matthew's Restaurant

Mmm... the Chef's Tasting Menu is in the spotlight for L'Arche. **Bon Appetit!**



October: Campeche Bay Cantina

The popular Fish Taco Dinner is featured this month. **Cheers!!**



November: Burrito Gallery

Calling all Burrito fans! Every burrito counts this month! **Ole!**



December: Sun Dog Steak & Seafood

The Bleu Chips continue to dominate as the most popular appetizer and a winner for L'Arche Harbor House. **Bravo!**



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR 2011 CALENDAR SPONSORS



Our Donors 7/1/10 - 6/30/11

Once per year, the *Harbor Beacon* gratefully acknowledges the gifts of our supporters for the past fiscal year. These gifts include donations to the Ribbon of Hope Club/We Are Family Fund, 25th Anniversary, tribute gifts made in memory or in honor, in-kind donations, special event supporters, matching gifts, and donor-designated gifts through United Way. These individuals, businesses, organizations, and foundations have provided **vital** financial support for the mission and programs of L'Arche Harbor House.

We apologize for any omissions - please let us know.

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		Jean Fries	Molly Johnson	Mediterrania Restaurant
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		Geeks On Call	Rick Jones	Jonathan & Jezmyn Meide
		Kelly Girard	Russ Jones	William & Maripat Meide
		The Golf Club at North Hampton	JP Perry Insurance	Mendocino Wine Company

Joseph & Kathleen Michael	Ron & Patricia Pendleton	Ann Sabatino	St. Luke's Council of Catholic Women	Rich Trebus
James & Mary Ann Middleton	PEO Sisterhood Chapter EO	San Juan Del Rio Catholic Church	St. Matthew's Church	Richard & Bonny Trevillian
Robert Mielnikowski	Gaetano Petrelli	Jason Sanders	St. Matthew's Lutheran Church	Marc Turko
Mill Cove Golf Club	PGA Tour Charities	Santioni's Cucina Italiana	St. Paul's Catholic Church (Beach)	Richard & Linda Tuschinski
Albert & Terry Miller	Joan Pickett	Paul & Mary Scagliarini	St. Paul's Catholic School (Beach)	Margaret Twomey
Ed & Rosemary Molloy	Jon & Missy Pierce	Catherine Scanlon	St. Pius V Catholic Church	United Way of NE Florida
Mary Moran	Hunter Pierpont	Scarlet Red Hatters	Mark & Mary Stackhouse	Uptown Civitan Club
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney	John & Judy Pinson	Marie Schaefer	Ida Starling	Keith & Lynn UrteI
Jack & Ruth Morgan	Rick & Janet Plummer	Francis & Barbara Scholtz	Ken Steel	Conrad Ussery
Laura Morris	Chris Pontarelli	Barbara Schultz	Grace Stetzer	Vallencourt Construction Company
Janet Morton	Ponte Vedra Golf & Country Club	MaryAnn Schwabe	Sticky Fingers Rib House	Mike Vallencourt Jr.
Scott & Margaret Mosher	Shirley Poore	Gordon & Norma Scott	Gerald & Denise Strinson	Dan Vallencourt
Mt. Herman Exceptional Student Ctr.	Port of Jacksonville Pilot Club	Lorraine Scruby	Stonewood Grill	Mike & Kathy Vallencourt
Rita Musante	Nancy Powers	Mark Scruby	Sr. Elizabeth Stoup	Van Duzer Vineyards
Museum of Science & History	PPM America, Inc.	Rob & Beth Scully	Mark & Jeanne Struhar	Charlie & Kathy Vaughn
National League of American Pen Women	Prince of Peace Church	Robert E. Scully	Nino Struzzi	Venus Swimwear
Don & Debbie Nicol - TacoLu	George & Patrice Pruitt	Sea World Parks & Entertainment	Roy Sturdavant	Estelle Vickery
Normandy Park Baptist Church	Publix Super Markets, Inc.	Gary & Maria Sease	Rev. Donal Sullivan	Nelson Viera
Amy Norris	Victor & Irene Puleo	James & Gail Sebesta	John Sullivan	Ralph Viera
Stanley & Kate Norton	Quality Suites Oceanfront (Jax. Beach)	Jean Sell	Tom & Glory Sullivan	Terry J. & Michelle Vlieg
Matt O'Brien	Queen's Harbor Yacht & Country Club	Drew & Julie Setser	Lauren Harris Summerlin	Terry & Jeanne Vlieg
Nancy & David O'Bryne	Therese Quinn - State Farm	James & Patricia Setser	Sunrise Cafe Etc.	Thomas & Belle Vogl
Cheryl O'Connor	Jeannie & Steve Quist	Seven Bridges	Surety Markets, Inc.	Bart Walchle & Steve Lear
Dan & Jean O'Connor	Leo & Celie Rabuck	John & Joan Shea	Harvey & Donna Sussman	Kermit Walker
Jerry & Sachi O'Connor	Peter & Kelly Racine	Bob Shryock	Roger Svatos	Walt Disney World
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Raymond O'Neill	Marilyn Rath	Dean Smith	Jackie Teichert	Curt & Dianne Welch
Kathleen Oakes	Thomas Rath	Eileen Smith	Joe & Morgan Teichert	Bill & Judy White
Crosby & Anne Olinto	Phil Renda	Jeff & Nancy Smith	The Club at Osprey Cove	Michael Whitehouse
Damon & Janet Olinto	Ray & Mary Renehan	Risher Smith	The Cookie Bokay	Jim & Carolyn Whitlow
Omni Hotel	Stephen & Ellen Reyes	Robbie Smith	The Sun Dog	Anne Widener
One Ocean	David & Julie Risha	William A. Smith	Nathan & Katherine Thilges	John & Carol Wilber
Orange Park Elks Lodge 2605	Riverside Hospital Foundation	Dennis & Dawn Smyser	Jon Thompson	Mary Wilburn
Gerard & Simone Oudar	Riverside Liquors & Village Wine Store	Bishop John Snyder	Gertrude L. Thornton	Nancy Wilder
Richard Ouellette	Rev. Rene Robert	Jay & Joan Solomon	Pat & Gayle Thornton	James Williamson
Our Lady of Consolation, Ladies Guild	Jerry Robichaud	Sonny's Bar-B-Q	Sarah Thullbery	Sherry Williamson
Our Lady Star of the Sea	Mary K. Robinson	Kyle Southall	Bill & Patricia Tierney	Walt Williard
Our Sunday Visitor Institute	Rev. Edward Rooney	Southside Women's Club	Timucuan Elementary School	Windsor Parke Golf Club
Pace Center for Girls, Inc.	Julie Rothery	Constance Spampinato	Charlie & Linda Tisdale	Jody Windsor
Janet & John Palmer	John Rowan	Special Friends Foundation, Inc.	Jane & Gene Tonn	Winn-Dixie Jacksonville Open
Panera, LLC	Sarah C. Rupe	St. Catherine's Catholic Church	Sharon Toth	Eric & Joyce Wolber
George & Patricia Parandes	Joy Ruplinger	St. Edward's Catholic Church	Tom & Frances Towle Jr.	Kenneth & Maxine Wright
Chuck Parlment	Richard & Mary Russell	St. John's Cathedral	TPC Red Coats	Zaitoon Mediterranean Grill
Urban & Frances Parrish	Stephen Rutkowski	St. John's Golf Club	TPC Sawgrass	Ronald & Mary Lea Zamora
Richard & Patricia Parsons	William & Eileen Ryan	St. Joseph's Catholic Church	TPC Sugarloaf	
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Honoring Special Occasions

Pay tribute to important life events of friends and families with a donation made in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of special events such as birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, etc. L'Arche notifies the honoree of the tribute; and sends the donor a grateful acknowledgment of the tax-deductible gift.

The following tributes were received 3/01/11- 6/30/11.

In Honor of:

Ron Pendleton <i>Barbara Bath</i>	Barbara Bath <i>Boyd & Doreen Harris</i>	Holy Cross student volunteers <i>Barbara Bath</i>
Sharon Starling <i>Anonymous</i>	<i>Karl & Dorothy Klein</i>	<i>Catherine Bain</i>
Thomas Raines <i>Robert E. Scully</i>	<i>Sherry Williamson</i>	<i>Bridget Cashen</i>
Mary Rath <i>Anonymous</i>	Gerald Weedon <i>Jean Sell</i>	Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Starrs, Mr. & Mrs. C.D. Parker, and Susan Thompson <i>Mary Lewis</i>
	Holy Spirit Catholic School <i>John & Jodie Luciano</i>	

In Memory of:

Ann & Richard Cashen <i>Richard & Mary Russell</i>	Myra Hays <i>Barbara Bath</i>
Catherine Scanlon <i>Dunham Family</i>	<i>Jeff & Nancy Smith</i>
Dorothy Bacher <i>Sharon Toth</i>	<i>Marion Johnson</i>
Joe Damato <i>Jeff & Nancy Smith</i>	<i>Karl & Dorothy Klein</i>
Kevin O'Neal <i>Louis & Darlene O'Neal Jr.</i>	<i>L'Arche Auxiliary Committee</i>
Gretchen Sturdavant <i>Barbara Bath</i>	<i>William & Maripat Meide</i>
<i>Jeff & Nancy Smith</i>	<i>Cheryl O'Connor</i>
<i>Kelly Girard</i>	<i>Richard & Bonny Trevillian</i>
<i>Karl & Dorothy Klein</i>	<i>Thomas & Belle Vogl</i>
<i>William & Maripat Meide</i>	<i>Rose & Robert Walker</i>
<i>Cheryl O'Connor</i>	Robert Starling <i>Rita Baum</i>
	<i>Jeff & Nancy Smith</i>
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Volunteers and Activities

- We enjoyed a week with six students from **Holy Cross College**.



Planting a garden can be fun!

They lived in the homes with our core members and created lasting relationships. They also participated in various service projects around our campus and the Rainbow Workshop. The night before they departed, the community celebrated with a farewell dinner with delicious food and lots of fun.

- Many thanks to Peace House volunteer **Jamie Marinelli** and Greatfull House volunteer **Nora Rieger** for their yummy meals and gifts of friendships.
- Our art teacher **Mary Ann Miller** has published a delightful new book *Travels with a Blue Vase* (\$15). Watercolor sketches and recipes of France, Italy and Greece will appeal to all who love to paint, eat, travel, or dream! To order call Mary Ann @ 928-0497.
- In March the community enjoyed a visit from **Fr. Tom Poth**, our pastoral guide for 21 years, who now lives in Nicaragua.
- A volunteer from last summer, **Christina Sheperd**, is returning to spend time in Sunflower House.

- Two Thursdays a month since January we have welcomed 8-9 students from **Alden Rd. Exceptional School** with their teacher, Ms. Shimer and two paraprofessionals. They have helped us in a variety of ways from cleaning chores to stuffing envelopes for mailings. We have appreciated all their hard work and enjoyed getting to know them. We all look forward to their return in the fall.

- L'Arche is an active community! There's always something going on: a **Suns Baseball** game in May; fun day **Fishing with Friends**; **Special Olympics** in March and April; and the annual **Starling family picnic** at Keystone Heights held this year in July.

Faces of Change

We Welcome:



Sarah Cushing is from Iowa and a recent graduate of Mount Mercy University where she was involved in campus ministry. Sarah first learned about L'Arche through a college volunteer experience at the community in Clinton, Iowa. Sarah says, "I am looking forward to growing in my ability to give and receive love during my time at L'Arche Harbor House."

Benjamin Neville is from Michigan and has studied at Michigan State University. He looks forward to living in Jacksonville, where his fiancé is serving in the University of Notre Dame ACE program and teaching in a local Catholic elementary school. Ben desires to share life in L'Arche because he "wants to make a positive impact in other people's lives and hopefully have others teach me life lessons in return."



Yolanda Jimerson moved here from St. Louis and comes to us through the Catholic Volunteers in Florida program. Yolanda has studied at the University of Missouri and

has experience as a volunteer and political canvasser. Yolanda is excited about sharing life in L'Arche because she wants "to make a difference in the lives of others."

Amanda Powell has joined us as a special companion to Pam one to two days each week. She also assists Robert M. twice a week with his personal care. She is mother to five children, ages 3-17, and lives in Orange Park with her family. Amanda is patient, kind and loving, and has a deep faith.



We Say Goodbye:

Ally Kwun has been an energetic and willing member of L'Arche Harbor House this summer! As a participant in the Notre Dame Summer Service Learning Program, Ally spent eight weeks as a live-in assistant and also studied the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Ally shared life in the Peace House where she became a beloved member of the house. Ally is good at building relationships and was willing to try many new things in her role here.



Legislative Day in Tallahassee *By Danielle Hoehn & Sr. Betty Jeanne Kramer*

On Wednesday, March 23, ten members of the L'Arche Harbor House community traveled by van from Jacksonville to Tallahassee to advocate for the rights of all persons with disabilities in the state of Florida.



Front: Sr. Betty, Joy, and Mollie; standing: Sharon, Danielle, Michael and Larry

After the three-hour drive, we climbed the steps of the state capitol, joining several hundred other like-minded advocates who had gathered to speak to our legislators and governor.

Inside the capitol there were several exhibits of groups devoted to meeting the needs of persons with disabilities. Many self-advocates met with state legislators and encouraged them to be mindful of the needs of people with disabilities when working on the Florida state budget. Joy, one of our core members, felt empowered by the trip. She believes that "we made a difference by going out there."