



L'Arche Celebrates 50 Years

By Amy Finn-Schultz, L'Arche Community Leader

2014 marks the 50th anniversary of L'Arche in our world. On August 4, 1964, Jean Vanier welcomed Raphael Simi and Philippe Seux into a small home in Trosly-Breuil, France, and planted the seeds of what has become a worldwide movement of 146 L'Arche communities in 35 countries.

L'Arche will be celebrating this golden "Jubilee" anniversary across the world from May 2014 – April 2015. Friends of L'Arche are invited to rejoice in the gift of life shared with people with intellectual disabilities. During this year, we will recognize and celebrate the Jubilee in a number of ways including the following:

- L'Arche Harbor House will host a celebration sometime during the year, and you will be invited!
- We will hold a prayer service on October 4 in solidarity with all communities around the world and individuals who will gather in Trosly to mark the anniversary. October 4 is L'Arche International Family Day and the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.
- Create an image of the Ark – Rainbow has made a beautiful image of the Ark that has been shared with L'Arche.
- Send representatives to the 50th Jubilee celebration in Washington, D.C. next May.

A New Dawn

By Lori Rush, L'Arche Development Director

May 2014 marked the 29th anniversary of L'Arche Harbor House. What better way to celebrate our community than by planning its future? On May 16 we kicked off the five-year plan for L'Arche Harbor House by launching a \$2M capital campaign: *A New Dawn*. The campaign encompasses a new Rainbow Workshop, a new home for aging core members, a therapy pool and an endowment. The campaign's lead gift, from The Powers Family Foundation, is funding construction of our new workshop. With this generous gift and the pledges received to date, L'Arche Harbor House has already exceeded 50% of the \$2 million campaign goal!



• The **new L'Arche Rainbow Workshop** is twice the size of our current workshop. It will provide suitable handicap access, particularly for wheelchairs. We plan to expand our day program and increase outreach to the greater Jacksonville community. All hopes are set for a Fall 2014 opening. Watch for information on the blessing and ribbon cutting ceremony to be held in early November.

• The **new home** will provide necessary equipment and features for our aging core members who are losing their mobility and physical independence.

• The **therapy pool** will assist in keeping the core members physically independent longer. Exercise, muscle strengthening, maintaining range of motion and mobility are critical as they age.

• Finally, to help ensure the future of L'Arche Harbor House, we are creating an **endowment** designed to provide a guaranteed source of income. We look forward to growing the endowment, allowing the core members of today and tomorrow to be secure in knowing we are here for life.

For information about donations, pledges, naming opportunities, grants, matching gifts, or other funding opportunities for *A New Dawn* please contact Amy Finn-Schultz or Lori Rush.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September

19 Evening in Rome Italian Dinner & Trip to Rome Raffle Drawing 6pm, L'Arche Harbor House

October

2 FTCN* 6pm, Blanchart Center

November

6 FTCN* 6pm, Blanchart Center

December

TBA Annual Living Nativity

* First Thursday Community Night

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“Every child, every person needs to know that they are a source of joy; every child, every person, needs to be celebrated. Only when all of our weaknesses are accepted as part of our humanity can our negative, broken self-images be transformed.”

—Jean Vanier

RAINBOW WORKSHOP

DAY PROGRAM

In a few months the Rainbow Workshop will be operating in a beautiful new building. We leave behind the old house of Rainbow, full of keepsakes and projects. Full of energy and the love of so many people who visited us and shared with the core members delightful moments that became unforgettable experiences.



Welcome to new Rainbow Workshop coordinator Nora Ramirez de Santamaria

But a new challenge awaits us: To fill the new Rainbow with wonderful memories, new projects and activities, full of love with the core members...

When we asked some of the core members who are daily participants at the Rainbow what they think about the new building, they answered:

- Viva: “We will have new bathrooms”
- Dino: “A big clay room”
- Brenda: “New windows that open”
- Jeff: “Mural”
- Michael: “Big room ZUMBA!”
- Robert: “It will be bigger”
- Tommy: “I..I..I miss old building”
- Paul: “Room for video games”
- Jo Marie: “YEAHH”
- Mary Rath: “I like it...It’s a miracle”

The new Rainbow is the result of an invaluable effort of friends and the community to foster the mission of L’Arche in better facilities. Mutual relationships and trust in God are at the heart of our journey together.

God be with us in this new journey and our continuing growth.

Joy Saves the Day *By Sam Green*

Last Wednesday, I woke up in one of those grumpy moods that doesn’t really come from anywhere but that encompasses everything. I kept it up all day; I angrily pulled the weeds in the garden, sulked my way through lunch, and complained over a pot of tea. By 4 o’clock I was still grumpy. Then Joy arrived home. I was in the kitchen, but I knew she had arrived because she kicked the door hard against the wall and let out a shout. Joy wheeled into the kitchen beaming; I scowled back at her. In her hands she clung to a large cookie, covered in chocolate and sprinkles. Viva, Joy, and I sat drinking tea and talking around the dining room table, the cookie on Joy’s plate in front of her. Joy told us that she had made the cookie at Brooks, her day program. Cookies, or more or less anything with a diabetes-inducing sugar content, are among Joy’s favorite things. She giggled with a mixture of pride and excitement when she told us about how she sneaked an extra portion of frosting for it. Then she did something I wasn’t expecting. She broke the cookie in three parts, and handed one to Viva (who squeaked with excitement and surprise) and another to me. It might sound like a small gesture of friendship but it reminded me of one of Joy’s most profound gifts: that whatever she has or is, she shares. Joy doesn’t hide her bad days or her good days; when something annoys her or excites her she makes sure everyone around her knows it. But she does it in a way that invites you to share in it and her humanity. Joy is one of those rare people who through sharing all that she is makes it ok to be whoever you are at that moment. She’s one of those people who can turn a day round just by being herself.



A New Dimension in Friendship *By Kate Schulte*

When I came to L’Arche I was scared that I wouldn’t fit in and that I would not be able to relate to the people around me. All that changed the instant I walked through the Greatfull House door.



I was greeted by Ann and a big wet kiss. I didn’t know how to react but my awkwardness didn’t seem to faze her. She just kept on giving me one of her kisses every time she saw me.

Ann and I bonded over coffee, walks and Julie Andrews... (just a few of our favorite things). My relationship with Ann has really changed how I view friendship. I am the type of person who needs to talk things out, but Ann is the type of person who needs silence and an embrace. This year has been tough for Ann and there has been so much transition in her life. I wanted to help Ann deal with the transition the way I would, but Ann had her own method. The way Ann has dealt with this change is truly amazing. She continues to smile and hug assistants. She continues to work every day and come home and share life in Greatfull House. Instead of distancing herself, Ann has grown closer to those that love her. Ann continues to show me that friendship is about being open and that transition can help us to love more deeply.

A Wish Granted

Jo Marie moved from the Greatfull House into the home of her legal guardian, Cherie Bisaillon last month. It was a dream come true for Jo. For the past 11 years, Jo Marie has formed deep familial relationships with the core members and assistants of the Greatfull House. However, her love for Cherie — her “teacher,” support coordinator, and later to become her legal guardian— always remained deep within her heart. L’Arche Harbor House misses Jo Marie terribly, but is consoled by the fact that we will still see Jo on Monday thru Friday as she continues to attend our L’Arche Rainbow Day Workshop.

We Welcome New Core Members

Our community is pleased to announce the arrival of a new core member Chris from Tampa who lives in Greatfull House. Chris and his family have made numerous trips to L’Arche Harbor House over the years. Chris has worked at McDonald’s in Tampa for more than 20 years and has transferred to a McDonald’s here in Jacksonville.

Jack (from the Boca Raton area) will be joining the Peace House family sometime during the fall. Jack is a long-standing friend of L’Arche Harbor House, attending the Faith and Sharing retreat. He and his family have been part of Faith & Light for three decades.



From Lori Rush, Development Director

Messages from the development director are most often appeals, updates on the financial status of the organization, or how we again need your help. I sit here wondering what I can say to you about our needs that you haven't already heard from us. You'll have a very good idea of all that has been accomplished, and the blessings L'Arche Harbor House has received, after reading this newsletter. So let's talk about something else – *the swell*.

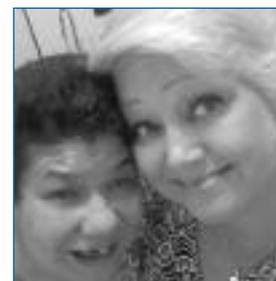
Development and fundraising requires a lot of time, can be tedious, and on occasion the effort generates little, or sometimes nothing at all; plus it's never-ending. In a nutshell, it consists of meeting people, announcing L'Arche Harbor House, our mission and needs. The right partnership will help us focus on the future and reinforce our sole purpose. My mind moves perpetually about how to improve the development process, find new resources, and ultimately make a connection that suits both a new friend and the community. That is the work part of my job, and, while the challenge is worth the effort, there's yet another element that truly makes it a privilege to be here. It's the gift I call *the swell*.

I enjoy receiving gifts but it thrills me to give them. I love it when a donor's face shows what their heart is feeling. Whether a smile or tears, a lump in the throat, an embrace or even silence, I know what it looks like. It's the moment they receive their gift, *the swell*; a heart filled with the joy

of giving. The community's gift is a new friend and a need being met. My gift is witnessing the transformation and impact the donor and community have on one another. It's the most beautiful gift we could receive – selflessness, friendship and love.

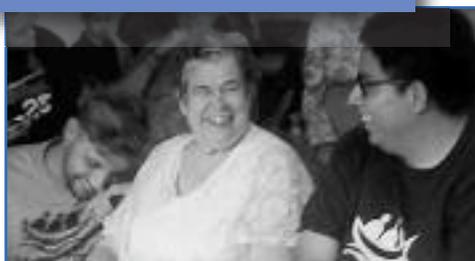
L'Arche Harbor House is special because of those who call it home – the core members. Our houses are happy and our doors are open for friendship, respite, peace, prayer and love. Don't be afraid to knock. There is an incredible individual behind the door with a gift for you. You're a gift to us with each visit, every prayer and your support. The most important part of the gifts that flow through our community is that they're connected to the heart. Our hearts often swell with pride or excitement but when they swell with love the gift is made perfect.

I'm often brought to tears in this job (for those who really know me, go ahead, roll your eyes). On a daily basis I'm showered with hugs and kisses, smiles, hand holding, visits to my office, singing and laughter. Each core member shares their gift with me in their unique way and through these actions, I receive my gift of *the swell* and with it unconditional love.



Brenda and Lori

The Assistant's Fund



Greatfull House assistants Michela & Nelson laugh with Kathy

The **Assistant's Fund** was established earlier this year as a funding source specifically intended to supplement the cost of food, shelter, medical and a monthly stipend for one assistant, which averages approximately \$20,000 annually. Without the assistants living and sharing life with the core members, we could not provide the loving, supportive and safe environment that we do.

We've been blessed with two supporters recognizing the need for funding this program. **We are seeking additional supporters to consider making a three year pledge.** This commitment will enable L'Arche Harbor House to plan for the near future. If you are interested in the program or would like additional information, please contact Lori Rush at the L'Arche Harbor House office.

Wish List

As a large community with very limited means, we couldn't do what we do without the generosity of our friends and supporters.

If you choose to donate an in-kind gift, please deliver it to the Blanchard Community Center office or inform us of the donation in order to receive proper acknowledgment for income tax purposes.

A complete Wish List is posted on larchejacksonville.org.

Community

- 6 air mattresses (single/twin size)
- Locking metal file cabinets

Rainbow Workshop

- Michael/Hobby Lobby gift cards
- Wire ribbon, various lengths
- Stained glass pieces
- Acrylic paints (all colors)
- Lawn and leaf bags
- 1" masking and Scotch tape
- E6000 (industrial adhesive)
- Lawn chairs
- Magnets (small round & flat for craft)
- Glue sticks for small gun
- Elmer's glue
- Plastic gloves
- Paper bags (different sizes)
- Paper: watercolor, pastel, tracing
- Frames (different sizes and colors)
- Easels
- Fimo clay (different colors)

Peace House

- New refrigerator (pref. w/ice maker)
- New bathroom flooring
- Dehumidifier for bathroom
- Recumbent bike
- Bathroom cabinet
- Joy's sink lowered
- Talking clock for Katrina
- Potting soil
- Small hand-held vacuum cleaner

Nowen House

- Microwave (1000W, countertop)
- Paved walkway to gazebo
- Help in the garden
- Wing-back recliner

Greatfull House

- 4 tall wood chairs
- Vacuum
- Bed sheets – Queen & Twin
- Bath towels
- Office cubicle divider

- Office chair (spinning type)
- Waffle iron
- Twin mattresses (2)
- New flatware

Prayer House

- Driveway paving (greatest need)

Sunflower House

- Twin mattress
- Office Chair
- Full or queen size air mattress
- Volunteers to help with yard work
- Full sized bed & frame
- Patio set
- Patio cover
- Kitchen Aid stand mixer
- 2 bathroom vanities
- Vacuum
- Recumbent Exercise Bike
- Record player
- Dining room table & chairs
- Screen door to back deck

In this issue of the *Harbor Beacon*, we gratefully acknowledge tribute gifts made to honor the life events of friends and families. Contributions have been made in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of special

events such as birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, etc. For all tributes, L'Arche notifies the recipient of the gift and the donor receives a grateful acknowledgment of the tax-deductible gift.

*The following tributes were received between 10/16/13 and 8/15/14. Please let us know if there are any omissions or errors.

In Memory of:

- Dolores Bianco**
Barbara Bath
Joseph & JoAnn Bennett
Jean Fries
Jean Jervey
Carrol & Patricia King
Karl & Dorothy Klein
L'Arche Auxiliary
Gerard & Simone Oudar
Anna Sabatino
Pat Setser
Jeff & Nancy Smith
Terry & Jeanne Vliek
- Elizabeth Bilderback**
Sherry Williamson
- Mary Bilderback**
Sherry Williamson
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Gerard & Simone Oudar
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Mary Malone
Gerard & Simone Oudar
Sherry Williamson
- Nell Williamson**
Sherry Williamson
- Nell Williamson, Elizabeth Bilderback, & Juanita Williamson**
Sherry Williamson

In Honor of:

- Chad Allen**
Marquerite Allen
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- Dino Baron**
Claudia Baron
Renee Baron
Leandra Knes
- Tommy Dunham**
Catherine Bain
- Tommy Dunham, Nancy Smith, & Maripat Meide**
Kay Henderson
- Amy Finn-Schultz**
Michael & Kathy Finn
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Gerard & Simone Oudar
- Sherry Williamson**
Karl & Dorothy Klein



Special Memories.

Since our Fall 2013 newsletter, L'Arche Harbor House bid sad farewells to eight dear friends of the community. In November, **Bob Diefendorf**, step-father of core member Pam, passed away suddenly; in February core member Ann lost her beloved mother and namesake **Ann May**, after a lengthy illness; and **Kermit Walker**, father of core member Viva, and **Pat Bridges**, mother of longtime Rainbow Workshop participant Cheryl, passed away in April after extended illnesses.

L'Arche also lost longtime volunteer and former Board and Auxiliary member **Dolores Bianco**, along with First Coast Apartment Association volunteer **Sharon Coffman**, dedicated Rainbow Workshop helper **David Weinstein**, and **Mary Baez**, best known for her costume handiwork for the Living Nativity. These devoted supporters and friends will be sorely missed and remembered always.



Stacy displays one of her two silver medals.

National Special Olympics Champion

These have been exciting times for Stacy, core member at L'Arche. Last July she learned she had been selected to represent Duval County at the 2014 National Special Olympics, in Princeton, NJ in June 2014. She was the only person in any sport representing Duval County. Stacy won two silver medals – for the 50 Breaststroke and 50 Freestyle. The swimming competition took place in the Denuzio Aquatic Center at Princeton University. Local coach Linda Waarum worked with Stacy at the Yates YMCA since February. Her two aunts from Ohio and Kentucky joined her mom to cheer for Stacy during the competition. Congratulations, Stacy!!

Peace House Goes to Atlanta

After months of planning and anticipation, Peace House took off for Atlanta. The trip was a lot of fun with visits to the birthplace of Martin Luther King Jr.; the Olympic park; and a science & history museum. However, the main attraction in Atlanta was a small house just outside of the main city: L'Arche Atlanta.

The core members and assistants made us feel right at home. We gained a better appreciation for L'Arche – a global community made up of so many wonderful people. This was completely true in Atlanta – new friends, bound forever by our adventures in Atlanta.



Joy, Sr. Betty, Jeff, Kris, Sam, Katrina, Christina, & Viva in Atlanta

Nouwen House Treasured Volunteers *by Iris Avery*

Susan Clarke has been a dedicated volunteer at Nouwen House for nearly 13 years. At least twice a month she cheerfully arrives with a home-cooked meal – always very tasty and served with love. She always has a hug and kiss for all the core members and assistants. Susan never forgets a birthday – so along with dinner she brings a bunch of balloons and favorite cake – plus a card and special prayer. Susan is a treasure to us and we are really blessed to have her as part of our family.



Chip and Susan

Nino Struzzi has been a dependable, caring volunteer for 4 years. He arrives faithfully each Saturday morning – armed with a duster, he gives everything a little TLC. After some “housework” Nino spends time with the core members – just talking, coloring, or reading the paper with them. You can always count on Nino for his famous “joke of the day!” Also, Nino will gladly help out on outings – Bible study, dances, and other special events. Yes indeed, we are very lucky to have Nino as part of our family.



A Letter to the Community from Holy Cross Students

Coming from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, we have been fortunate to spend our spring break living and learning with the L'Arche family of Jacksonville. For the past three years, Holy Cross has sent a team of students to L'Arche Harbor House through a program called Spring Break Immersion, which was started at Holy Cross in 1977 and has since grown and flourished. The Spring Break Immersion Program provides us with the opportunity to participate in various service projects across the country and integrate ourselves in different communities. There are over 25 locations where Holy Cross students visit, including five L'Arche sites.

We like to emphasize the immersion part of this experience because, as Holy Cross students, we are living out the Jesuit mission of “Men and women for and with others.” It is just as important for us to be with the people as it is for us to serve the people. We also came here on a spiritual journey of our own: we were able to share in the celebration of Ash Wednesday and begin the Lenten season in community. Living with the core members has taught us all so much about the meaning of love and acceptance. We helped out with projects at Harbor House which included planting a garden at Peace House, painting Michael's room at Sunflower House, assisting with preparation for the 24th Annual Golf Tournament and attending the Rainbow Workshop with core members. We were so graciously accepted this week, and our work was met with warm appreciation. It has been our pleasure to work with and get to know everyone this week.

We would like to thank the L'Arche Harbor House, our homes, hosts, and, of course, the core members for making our stay very special. You have all taught us a lot about being patient, being kind, being open, and being able to love unconditionally. L'Arche will forever hold a place in our hearts. The strength of the community and the sense of belonging it instills within all who enter is incredible – it has truly been a transformative experience. Thank you for welcoming us with open arms, helping us to open our hearts and for giving us the gift of this week. As we head back to the snowy hills of Holy Cross, we bring a renewed sense of guidance and love that you have shared with us.

Much Love,

Betsy Glynn '16, Sean Pacheco '17, Alec Gubics '16
Emily Sawicki '15, Chris Won '14, Marielle McKenna '14



Three cheers for our wonderful volunteers!

- Twice a year we look forward to welcoming students from **Gator Wesley** who spend meaningful time in our homes while doing fantastic service projects around our community.
- We continue to enjoy the amazing students from **Alden Rd. Exceptional School** twice a month. They have touched our hearts while working dilligently around our community and Rainbow Workshop.
- We have many faithful volunteers who come regularly to our homes to be in relationships with all our members. Thank you to **Marcia, Michelle, Kyle, Ashley, Teresa, David, Sharon, Dennis, Nino, Susan, Randi, and Alexis.**
- Our thanks to the employees from **CIT** who were helpful in preparing our successful event to kick off our capital campaign, *A New Dawn.*
- Valentine's Day was magical here at LHH thanks to the special students from **Darnell Cookman National Honor Society.** Their fantastic dance party for the core members was an occasion to remember.
- The employees from **eMed** have become our friends. They gave thoughtful gift baskets for Christmas and invited us to their Thanksgiving luncheon.

Many Thanks to:

- **Mary Griggs** for donating a gently-used laptop
- The **Womack family, Mark, Michelle and Sarah,** for sponsoring a “snow day” at LHH in January.
- **LaDonna Grafton** of **Sankofa Creations** for donating her time and service to make sure Katrina's hair always looks amazing.

And to the following organizations:

- **Fr. Murphy Council #5355 Knights of Columbus**
- **Catholic Woman's Club**
- **Pilot Club of Port of Jacksonville**
- **Notre Dame Club of North FL**
- **Flooring America**



Michael enjoyed lunch with the ladies of the Catholic Woman's Club.



Knights of Columbus present donation to Viva, assistant Kristina, and Jeff

Howard & Amy Groshell stopped by L'Arche Harbor House last fall to learn about the community. They have two adult daughters with autism. After realizing how special our community is, they wanted to get involved. Howard and Amy reached out to their friends Shayna and Matt who are the owners of Gallery 725, an Atlantic Beach art gallery to hold an art show benefiting L'Arche Harbor House.

The Groshell's daughter Gentry is non-verbal and uses painting as a form of communication. Her abstract paintings are breathtaking. Howard was inspired by Gentry's ability to create such works of art and learned to paint from Gentry. He says it is the greatest gift she could have given him. Therefore, the evening was called "My Gift to You" and it celebrated the gifts that those with intellectual and physical disabilities give to us.



Rainbow Workshop displayed and sold their artwork



GALLERY 725
FINE ART & PRINTING

The evening started with a champagne reception with more than 100 people in attendance. Many local artists who work with Gallery 725 donated pieces of art for the silent auction. Paintings created by both Gentry and Howard were on display. The largest of Gentry's abstracts sold and a portion of the proceeds were gifted to L'Arche Harbor House. Artwork the core members created at the Rainbow Workshop was for sale, the gallery hung many of our paintings, and the core members were very excited to see their masterpieces displayed.

We made several new friends that evening many of whom saw, first-hand, the beauty that is L'Arche Harbor House.

The entire evening was hosted by the Groshell's and Gallery 725. A delicious assortment of food and drinks was provided by Ocean 60, Marker 32 and North Beach Bistro. We are grateful for the new friends we made and the opportunity to share our community with those who have not heard about us. This evening would not have been possible without the hard work and support of the Groshells and Gallery 725.

2014 Spring Golf Classic at Timuquana

For the first time in L'Arche Harbor House's golf tournament history, our 24th Annual Golf Classic was held at Timuquana Country Club on Monday March 10. Mr. Michael McKenny was the Honorary Chair.

A field of 121 players and more than 20 volunteers made sure the day went-off without a hitch. Post tournament included dinner, awards, a silent & live auction, and \$1,000 raffle. The highlight of the day was the auction of one of our core member's paintings. Joy's first attempt at acrylic on canvas was a very popular live auction item, selling for \$175. She was so excited to have helped her community in this way.



Team Parliment enjoyed the day at Timuquana.

SAVE THE DATE: March 9, 2015

We're planning a wonderful celebration for our 25th Annual Golf Classic next year. If you are interested in being on the golf committee to help make this our best year yet, please call Lori at the L'Arche office.

FIRST PLACE

Jim Sebesta
Mark Turko
Aaron Zarle
(Team Newmark Grubb/Phoenix Realty)



LOW GROSS TEAM

Mike Vallencourt Sr.
Bill Hardaker
David Anthony
Fr. Donal Sullivan
(Team Vallencourt #1)

SECOND PLACE

Mike Vallencourt Jr
Dan Vallencourt
Marackus McInarnay
Stan Bates
(Team Vallencourt #2)

CLOSEST TO PIN:

Jonathan Meide
LONGEST DRIVE:
Men - John Librandi
Women - Becky Hulett

LONGEST PUTT:

Jim Peter

THIRD PLACE

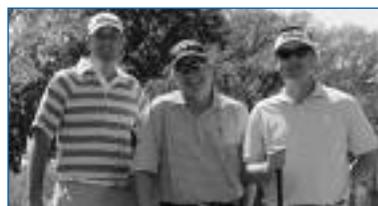
Frank Japour
Gabriel Barnes
Frank Keasler
Scott Messner
(Team CrK CC)

MONSTER PUTT:

Rick Friedman & Jo Marie
Robert Eadie & Paul
Nancy Smith & Robbie



Jo Marie concentrated on her chance to win the Monster Putt.



Congratulations to First Place team winners.



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- Golf Committee Members
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WIN a Trip to Rome! And Enjoy an Italian Feast.



Hurry... get your raffle ticket before it's too late!

Raffle ticket: \$150

Only 150 tickets will be sold

Italian Feast: \$25

Catered by Olive Garden, Friday, Sept. 19

Tickets are on sale **NOW** for the chance to win a **Trip for Two to Rome**. Only 150 tickets will be sold. The lucky winner will be announced at the **Italian Feast** on **Friday, September 19** at L'Arche Harbor House.

This enchanting week in Rome includes:

- Round trip coach airfare for two to Rome, Italy
- 5 days/nights in a full service apartment (*incl. kitchen & private bath*)
- Arrive in Rome on Monday morning and depart on Saturday
- Personal car service to and from Rome airport and apartment
- Travel before **May 2015** (*excluding Christmas, Palm Sunday and Easter week*)

Please contact the office for ticket information.



Annual Fund Update

The **We Are Family Fund**, our annual giving campaign, is a great way to connect people to a cause we all cherish. The majority of funds received go directly to meet operating expenses. Like families everywhere, we must buy food, pay utilities, repair our homes and meet the individual needs of our family members. A warm welcome to our newest WAFF members. If you are not yet a member, please join today and help us reach our goal.

Welcome to Our New Family Members (Since October 2013)

Chad Allen
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Mark & Jenny Cashen
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Join the family **ONLINE** at www.larchejacksonville.org and click the link on the Home page; or contact the Office at 904-721-5992.

Join the L'Arche Auxiliary

Monthly Meetings: 2nd Wednesday, 6pm

The Auxiliary is a sociable group that 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 assisting with projects for awareness and fundraising, brings the group into a wide range of L'Arche activities: such as, filling in when assistants need an afternoon or evening off, helping with mailings, and volunteering at the Gate River Run, the L'Arche Golf Tournament, the Living Nativity and more.



Dawn Smyser, Cheryl O'Connor, Nancy Smith (President), Jeanne Vlieg, Maripat Meide

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



Congratulations, Lotfi!

Congratulations to **Lotfi Rahmaoui**, Nouwen House assistant, for becoming an American citizen in November 2013. Lotfi has been a member of our community for more than 3 years.



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, guesses, and donations again in 2014. We wrapped up the campaign by raising **\$2700 plus a \$2000 bonus!** Many thanks to everyone who responded to the 2014 appeal.

L'Arche Thanks Gate River Run

Once again L'Arche Harbor House participated as charity volunteers for the 37th annual Gate River Run. L'Arche was represented by 17 volunteers – assistants, auxiliary, and friends – who gathered at the Jacksonville Fairgrounds Expo on Friday, March 14, to assist with distribution of the race packets, official T-shirts, and goodie bags. L'Arche Harbor House is grateful to have received a check for **\$3,000** as one of the Gate River Run charities!

Thank you, Board of Directors

Board Appreciation Dinner

Havana Jax Café 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 Officer / New Officers

We are deeply grateful to board member **Dawn Smyser** (Secretary) who is stepping down after 6 years as an officer and active member of the board. We welcome new board members **Natasha Dorsey**, **Chuck Parliament**, and **Kate Thilges**, daughter of former board member Linda Dutton.

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Faces of Change

We Welcome:

Sue Rinaldi comes to us through the Catholic Volunteers in Florida with a heart for volunteering. She also enjoys yoga, hiking, tennis, reading and prayer. Sue is the mother to five adult children and shares life at Greatfull House.



Jamie Bagwell is also a Catholic Volunteer in Florida and recently graduated from University of Virginia with a degree in mechanical engineering. Jamie was active in student ministry with a passion for service and cultivating a faith-based community. Jamie shares life at Sunflower House.



James Archer recently graduated from Catholic University in Washington D.C. He discovered L'Arche during his brother's time in Trosly, FR and through visits with the D.C. community. James was active in campus ministry and lived in community with other students. He is very excited about coming to L'Arche!



Amy Elizabeth Hoelzle comes from Ohio, with much experience working with persons with disabilities. She has a degree from Kent State, where she studied education and music. Amy Elizabeth is very enthused about L'Arche and looks forward to sharing life in community!



Jil Heintze will arrive in September from Germany. Jil is a participant of the volunteer program IN VIA. One of Jil's passions in life is horseback riding and equine therapy. She looks forward to learning about L'Arche, improving her English and living in the United States for one year!



We Say Goodbye:

Nelson Sinchi shared life at Peace House for one year and Greatfull House for a second year. Nelson brought many gifts to L'Arche, most notably, his generosity, leadership skills and great sense of humor. Nelson was house co-coordinator and served on the community council. Nelson is respected and admired by all in the community, and will be greatly missed. He has returned to New York, where he plans to continue service to people in the margins of society.



Kristina Roselle shared life at Greatfull House for one year and Peace House for a second year. Kristina is known for her gifts of laughter, kindness and competency. Kristina served on the community council and was often involved in planning or implementing the more creative, prayerful and fun activities of the community. Kristina moves to St. Louis where she will pursue a Masters in Social Work at St. Louis University.



Sam Green was an assistant from England who shared life in Peace House for 10 months. With his vibrant gifts, Sam often led the community in times of contemplative prayer, uplifting song and thoughtful reflection. Also, everyone really loved his British accent and afternoon tea with biscuits! Sam has returned to England to pursue ordination in the Church of England. Hop back over the pond to visit us soon, Sam!



Christina Jindra shared life in Peace House for the past year. Christina generously shared her gifts of creativity and music and was also known for taking time with each person she met in community, thus building mutual relationships. She served on the spiritual life committee and was active in planning prayer services throughout



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the year, always incorporating the gifts of the core members. Christina now moves to the Dominican Republic where she will live and work in mission there.



Kate Schulte has shared life in Greatfull House this past year. Kate is gifted in promoting a healthy lifestyle, advocating for the core members and being hospitable and kind. Kate naturally befriended all the members of the community. She also served on the spiritual life committee and often contributed or led times of prayer, song and reflection. Kate moves to Chicago where she will pursue a Masters in Public Health from DePaul University, as well as become a friend to L'Arche Chicago.



Micha Jung will return to Germany after one year of sharing life at the Greatfull House. As part of the IN VIA program, Micha served the community through his adventuresome spirit, fun sense of humor and openness to new experiences. He is known for his friendliness, friendship with the core members and biking and swimming every day! Micha has a great love for persons with disabilities and will continue working in this field when he returns home.

Christin Tomy was an assistant at the Rainbow Workshop this year, sharing her many gifts and expertise with the members of the day program and the whole community. Christin often led the community in praise and song and contributed to many community events. Daily, she helped the Rainbow during a time of transition – through her dedication, commitment and ability to build strong mutual relationships with each person. Christin has moved to St. Louis where she will start her Novitiate year with the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters.



Summer Assistants

Lizzie Koptik follows a long line of amazing students from University of Notre Dame, who spend each summer with L'Arche through Notre Dame's Summer Service Learning Program. Lizzie brought incredible energy, positivity and willingness to serve during her time at L'Arche, and we are so grateful!

Emma Bednarz spent 6 weeks sharing life at the Greatfull House as a participant in the Hibernia School program from Germany, in which students are placed around the United States at different L'Arche communities. We enjoyed Emma's sweet disposition, peaceful presence and bravery in coming to a new country for the summer!

Miriam Racine has spent the summer working at L'Arche Rainbow Workshop. Her family has been long-time friends and supporters of the community, and we were so happy to have Miriam's help, artistic contributions and loving spirit at the Rainbow this summer. Miriam will return to her studies at Guilford College in NC.