



IMPACT

R E P O R T 2023



A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMUNITY LEADER

The connections we create sustain us.

As a community of people with and without intellectual disabilities sharing life together, we've made a commitment to walk alongside one another through thick and thin, joy and grief, and the ups and downs. As our team cares for people in their aging and illness and even accompanies them in their dying process, we are ever mindful of their **vulnerability and fragility**. The core members trust our assistants. Our responsibility toward one another is to be a source of **strength and patience**.

We've all made commitments. And **what we choose to sign up for** – core members, assistants, office team, Rainbow team – **is worth it**. Hard work is required on all sides to **power and empower** a community. Our people are tired. We're short-staffed. Yet we still find time to reflect and pray together, to go on ice cream runs, have bowling championships, renovate and repaint, rebuild our back deck, welcome guests, and create art!

L'Arche steps into and stays in hard places, with all the good and challenge that comes from being connected to one another. **We're glad to have you on this journey with us** and hope you'll find many opportunities to deepen **your connection** with us.

Amy F. Schultz
Community Leader/Executive Director



Amy Finn-Schultz with Sara

The **L'Arche mission** is dedicated to ensuring that core members receive the respect and support they need to live meaningful and fulfilling lives.

We make a commitment to **treasure them as family** and to value them always for the many gifts they bring to the community and the world.



AT THE **HEART** OF L'ARCHE:
CORE MEMBERS

- ♥ These special people with intellectual disabilities live as family in four houses clustered around a community center.
- ♥ Our core members have valuable lessons to impart to everyone they meet. Faith, patience, love, and joyful spontaneity make them, in L'Arche language, true "teachers of the heart."

Resident Core Members
14

Age Range: 42-78

Number of Years at L'Arche:

38 years: Ann, Joy

26-34 years: Kathy, Jeff, Larry, Viva, Brenda

9-20 years: Tommy, Michael, Chris, Jack

2-5 years: Sara, Sonia, Sophie

Rainbow Workshop
Non-Resident Core Members
8

SKILL BUILDING AT RAINBOW



Left to right: Will, Jack, Sara, Mary Lewis, Ann, Chris and John

From Monday through Friday our L'Arche day training program **Rainbow Workshop**, is a dynamic center of activity for 12 resident and 8 non-resident core members. **They have quite the reputation for creating fabulous works of art** – ceramics, painting, mosaics, and jewelry. But once a week – every Friday – the core members also have the opportunity to **sharpen their language arts and math skills!** This is the special project of volunteer Mary Lewis, who has devoted more than 10 years to teaching the core members.

According to Mary, "As a former special education teacher, I developed a program that uses various learning activities, such as workbook pages, to achieve success in building their skills. Most of all, we have a lot of fun together!"

HOT OFF THE PRESS

Our **Artist Series Notecards**, one of the most popular products purchased from the Rainbow Workshop, debuted **seven fabulous new designs** this past spring! The designs are reproductions of original works of art by the workshop artists. Several of the original paintings are for sale in the workshop and will be featured at the Holiday Extravaganza on November 18. These packages of eight cards and envelopes are now available from the Workshop.

Additionally, two new designs are included in this year's line of beautiful **2023 Christmas Cards**, thanks to the artistic efforts of Brenda and Will.

Volunteers from the L'Arche Auxiliary graciously give their time to package both Notecards and Christmas cards.



Meet the Artists!
Front row: Tommy, Larry
Back row: Will,* Brenda

Inset: Lisa*

*Rainbow non-resident core member



Cards by artist (left to right): Top: Brenda, Will; Bottom: Lisa (2), Larry (2), Tommy

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

By Amber Ryals, House Assistant & UNF Student

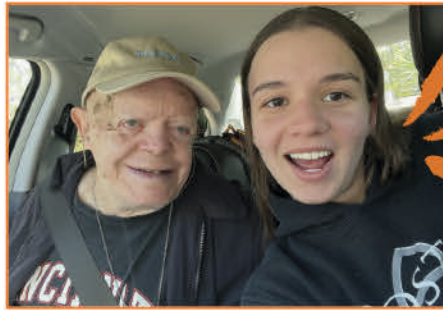
True love sets no conditions; it does not calculate or complain, but **simply loves.** — Saint John Paul II

My experience sharing life at L'Arche has shaped me on my journey of understanding and living out this definition of love.

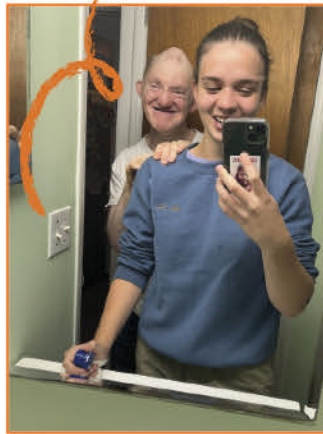
On a particularly tough day, I came into community. It was later in the evening, so I was surprised to run into Larry in the kitchen.

I quickly wiped my tears away and put a smile on my face. Larry gave me a look like he understood and shared my pain. Without hesitation he removed his beloved watch and reached out to hand it to me. (I don't know what to say to make it clear that Larry's watch means a lot to him).

This is just one of many times that I have experienced this love here at L'Arche. Whether it's being greeted on an early morning by Mike shouting "Amber!!!" at the top of his lungs or Tommy on our weekly Thursday outings, I encounter love on a daily basis. The kind of love that makes you take the watch off your own wrist and hand it to the person in front of you without hesitation. This was the love Saint John Paul II was talking about. **This unconditional love is what makes L'Arche so special.**



Amber spends every Thursday with Tommy on his day off. Lunch at Wendy's is always on the outing agenda!



Mike is one of Amber's biggest fans and a best friend.



SHARING LIFE IN COMMUNITY: ASSISTANTS

- ♥ Assistants share daily meals, work, celebration, and prayer with core members.
- ♥ Our **live-in** assistants come from across America and around the world; our **live-out** assistants are from the Jacksonville area. Some have special training or prior experience helping people with disabilities, but most do not.

Number of Assistants: 23

6 Live-in • 10 Live-out
7 Part-time

Meals prepared: 34,560

Weekly outings: 4,368 hrs /asst.

1-on-1 special time with a core member: 1,460 hrs /asst.

(annual average)

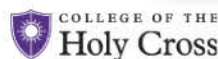


Amber works and shares life in all the homes. She is currently a student at the University of North Florida and has been an Assistant for more than two years.

COLLEGE STUDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

L'Arche delights in college students from across the nation (and the globe!) who volunteer and/or come to join us as Assistants. This past year it was a pleasure to welcome students who brought wonderful energy and enthusiasm to the community!

(photos clockwise) Meg and Kathy; Jack and Will; Axel, Jeffrey, and Renee; Sarah and Joy



Meg Sullivan first visited us for the 2023 Holy Cross spring break immersion. Happily, she returned in June for two summer months as an assistant in Greatfull House.



Sarah Snelson, a participant in the Notre Dame service project in Dec. '22, returned in June for two summer months as an assistant in Peace House.



At the start of 2023 Will McCauley and Renee Miles found their way to L'Arche through the UNF Campus Ministry and became assistants in Peace House.



Axel Paillard "crossed the pond" to become part of our community through the summer. He is from a small French town and a student at La Rochelle Université - Excecia Business School. Axel shared life in all the houses.



A LOVING **SUPPORT** SYSTEM: **VOLUNTEERS and FRIENDS**

- ♥ L'Arche Jacksonville relies on generous individuals and groups from the larger community.
- ♥ Some share their time and talent; others offer financial help. L'Arche welcomes, delights in, and depends on volunteers of all ages, from students to retirees.

Number of Volunteers **185**

- Weekly Volunteers
- Rainbow Workshop helpers
- Accompaniers
- Board of Directors
- Auxiliary Committee
- Golf Tournament
- Church, School, and Social Groups
- Business Partners
- High School and College Students

LET THERE BE **LIGHT** ...IN THE SHOWER!

In July 2022, **Peace House** became the priority for urgent repairs and necessary upgrades both inside and outside. The HVAC system was on life support, several roof soffits had collapsed, the exterior was in need of some smaller repairs and fresh paint, and renovation of the men's bathroom was **long overdue**. To no one's surprise, a few "treasures" were discovered during the demo of the bathroom – most notably an old water heater in a very small utility closet. Once removed, that small utility space became a functional supply closet! However, the most significant improvement that drew cheers from the residents and assistants was the beautiful new shower with an **overhead light!**

Contractor **John Harward** of JC Harward & Associates brought all of his magic to this extensive project. John's design and execution ensured that Peace House was put back together again. It's a great relief to know that life in Peace House is now more **comfortable and secure**.

None of this would have been possible without the generosity of our donors toward this special appeal. **GEICO** employee Kelly Parks kicked it off with a \$10,000 **GEICO** grant and five awesome donors provided the additional financial resources to reach our project goal.



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No light in the old shower - it was dark in there!



Is this an old water heater hiding in a closet??



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PLANNED GIVING - Contact us for information

WE ARE FAMILY FUND - (Annual Appeal) Designate your gift to benefit a particular need (optional); undesignated gifts support operations

ASSISTANTS FUND - Direct funding of the Assistants program

EVENT SPONSORSHIP & PARTICIPATION - Individual or corporate sponsors for the Holiday Extravaganza, Living Nativity, & Annual Golf Classic

CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP - Sponsorships, grants, donations

VOLUNTEER - **Individuals or Groups** - A wide variety of projects, programs, and events for all age groups



OUR DONOR TRIBUTES

2022-23 Fiscal Year: July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023 *

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 their tax-deductible gift.

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CUMULATIVE GIVING for Last Fiscal Year: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Life at L'Arche Jacksonville relies upon the generosity of family, friends, companies, foundations, business partners, and others who support our mission.

Cumulative totals include all **tax-deductible donations, pledges, grants, matching gifts, & soft credits** received through Fiscal Year End 6/30/23.

Please let us know of any errors or omissions.

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FOUNDATIONS, FUNDS, AND GRANTS

Last Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

WARREN P POWERS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION: \$25,000
Greatfull House Renovations

ALFRED I DUPONT FOUNDATION: \$20,000 Operations

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR NE FLORIDA:

\$15,000 Riverside Hospital Foundation and \$14,889 Blanchart Family Endowment Fund, for the L'Arche Jacksonville nurse;

\$2,000 David Garrison & Terri Talley Venters Fund for Operations

CHUCK & PAT PARLIMENT FAMILY FOUNDATION: \$13,240 Golf/Renovations

GEICO PHILANTHROPIC FOUNDATION: \$10,000 Peace House Renovations

AYCO CHARITABLE FOUNDATION: \$8,000 Operations/Renovations

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS FOUNDATION: \$7,250 Golf sponsor/Give and Go

THE PLAYERS COMMUNITY OUTREACH: \$5,764 Operations

PGA TOUR INC RED COATS: \$5,000 Peace House Renovations

THE BENEVITY COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND: \$4,200 Golf/Operations

BANK OF AMERICA EMPLOYEE GIVING CAMPAIGN: \$2,726 We Are Family Fund

WARREN & JOANNE POWERS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION: \$1,000 Golf

CASCOE FAMILY FOUNDATION: \$1,000 Operations

AMAZON SMILE: \$704 Operations

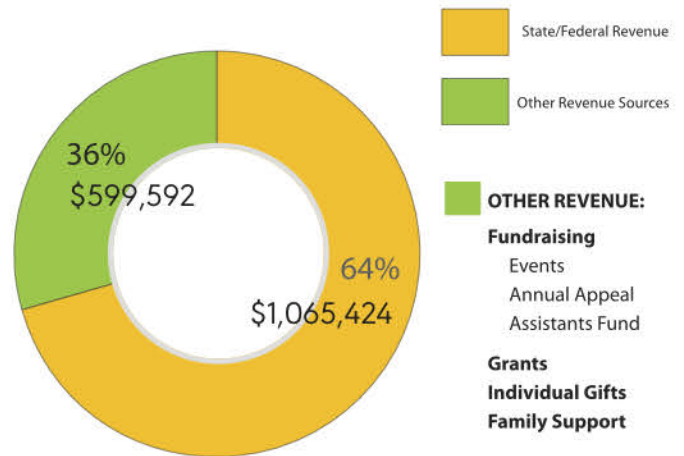
IN KIND DONORS

Last Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

44 INDIVIDUALS, CORPORATIONS, AND BUSINESSES
Goods and/or services contributed to support community needs and maintenance; and for 2022 Golf Classic

REVENUE

Last Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023



HOW YOU IMPACTED OUR MISSION LAST YEAR



2023 Golf Classic held
Mar. 27, 2023

Golfers, sponsors, and volunteers – **You are the heroes** of this most important annual fundraising event. Your participation is critical to raising or exceeding our goal of \$90,000 for community expenses not covered by government funding. Thanks to you the 2023 tournament, another sold out event, **raised \$109,300!**

SAVE THE DATE - 34th Annual Golf Classic - March 25, 2024!



We Are Family Fund
(our Annual Appeal)

Maintaining and sustaining a community of four houses, 14 core members, and 18 assistants is a big task. As a WAFF member you value our mission to ensure that the core members receive the respect and support they need.

Since 2011, WAFF has raised more than \$1,013,000!

FY 2022-23 = \$170,730



Assistants Fund

The Assistants Fund was established in 2014 in response to the increasing cost of care as the core members age. Your sponsorship of an assistant for **a day, a week, a month, a year...** makes a **significant difference!**

FY 2022-23 = \$45,640

COMING EVENTS

Annual Holiday Extravaganza
Christmas Shopping at Rainbow Workshop
Sat. Nov. 18 11am-3pm

35th Annual Living Nativity
hosted by Christ the King Catholic Church
Fri. Dec. 15, 2023

34th Annual Golf Classic
at the Palencia Club
Mon. March 25, 2024



ADMINISTRATION/LEADERSHIP

Amy Finn-Schultz, Community Leader/Executive Director
Patty Baker, Community Care Coordinator
Nora Santamaria, Rainbow Day Program Director
Karla Smith, Business Manager
Shae Williams, Development Assistant
Nancy Smith, Development Advisor, Graphic Designer
Lois Morris RN, Community Nurse
Claire McGrath, Projects Manager

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