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*L'Arche Clinton* — A Community of  
faith, rooted in prayer and trust in God



February 2017

## In Love with L'Arche



Katie with the Arch 4 core members

*Katie Porter is the sole live-in assistant for the L'Arche Clinton community. She has been employed with L'Arche for a little over a year and the following are her answers, in her own words, to questions asked about her role.*

What's your name? **Katie Anne Porter**

Where are you from, originally? **Fulton Illinois, but I have lived in Iowa for about four years and don't really have plans to live in Illinois in the future.**

How long have you been with L'Arche? **1 year, 1 month, 17 days and counting. I was an assistant, at Arch 1 and Arch 2, until early December of 2016, when I became a full-time, live-in assistant at Arch 4.**

What's your current role in community? **I'm a live-in assistant at Arch 4 and also a member of our community council.**

What is your favorite part of being a member of L'Arche Clinton? **The feeling of acceptance. Before I was a live-in, every time I shared life I felt at home and that feeling is even stronger as I technically live at Arch 4. I love hanging out with the core members, and every day with them is different. They never fail to**

**make me laugh and brighten my day.**

What has been the biggest surprise during your time in community? **Definitely, becoming a live-in assistant. Sara Ellet, Director of Professional Services, asked me if it was something I would be interested in at one of my first interviews and then again shortly after I started. I thought there was no way I could do that role, but I am so happy I changed my mind!**

What have you learned? **I've learned that all people are different and special in their own way and if you take time to figure them out, it can be rewarding for you. L'Arche Clinton has been a great blessing on my life and definitely changed it for the better.**

What is your greatest hope for L'Arche Clinton? **My greatest hope for L'Arche Clinton is that it continues to welcome more core members and this community grows. I hope more people come to find out about it and let it change their life the way it did mine.**

## Support L'Arche Clinton with your time, your love, and your pocketbook

By Jean Bormann  
Director of Development  
and Communications

As the Director of Development and Communications, it is a pleasure to inform you about L'Arche Clinton and the many ways you can support our community. When considering supporting L'Arche, think of the three "W's": work, wisdom, and wealth. We are always looking for volunteers to help enrich the lives we share in our homes and to help us with the many needs of operating a community. As our costs of care have risen we are increasingly relying on donations to meet operational and community costs, and your donations are sincerely appreciated.

Monetary donations can be made by mailing a check to L'Arche Clinton, P.O. Box 278, Clinton, IA 52733-0278, by bringing a check or cash to our office, (located in the lower level of St. Paul Lutheran Church, 715 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. in Clinton), or by donating online at <https://app.eapestry.com/onlineforms/ArchInc/donate.html>. Those interested in arranging monthly giving can call our office at 563-243-9035 to set up automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account on a monthly, quarterly, or yearly basis.

We maintain a wish list of items our homes and core members need that can be furnished to us. We ask all donated items be submitted through the office (Jean Bormann), to insure you receive appropriate receipt for your donation. On occasions when urgent needs arise leading to immediate need for items or funds, we may reach out to you for help.

Making a donation of a gift-in-kind or services can mean a variety of things, from a mailbox to ensure safety for our core members when they retrieve the mail to donations of flowers or vegetables to be planted in the gardens or flower beds at our residences.

Volunteers are a vital part of our organization, and the time they donate is invaluable to our core members. Helping prepare meals in the home, going on walks, helping serve a community meal, being part of a fundraising event are just some of the many other ways we need your help. The love and gratitude you will receive in return is unmeasurable.

As with all L'Arche communities, we are always in need of your prayers, and our community is more than happy to pray for you. We have community celebrations throughout the year that you are welcome to attend, and you are always welcome to make arrangements to share a meal in one of our homes.

We invite you to join us on the third Monday of every month at Pizza Hut, 1616 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Clinton, for our monthly fundraiser: All you have to do is eat-in or carry-out your favorite Pizza Hut cuisine between 5-7 p.m. then mention L'Arche Clinton or The Arch and Pizza Hut will donate 20% of your purchase to our organization.



Core member, Bob, with Dee Willoughby by the mailbox donated to Arch 4

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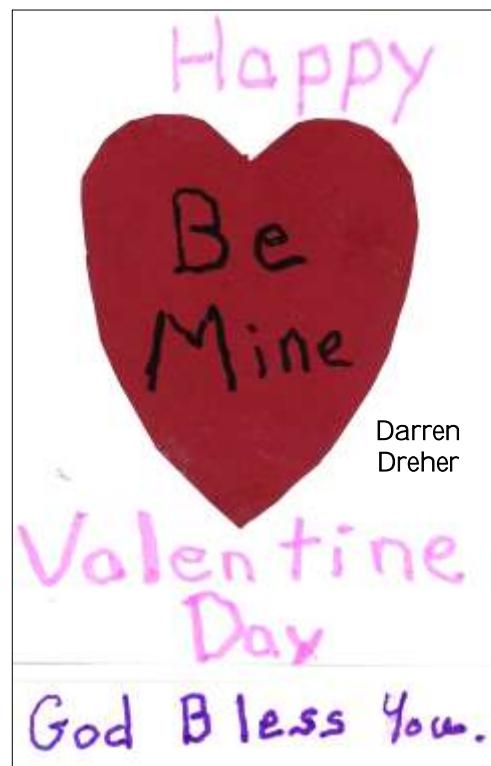
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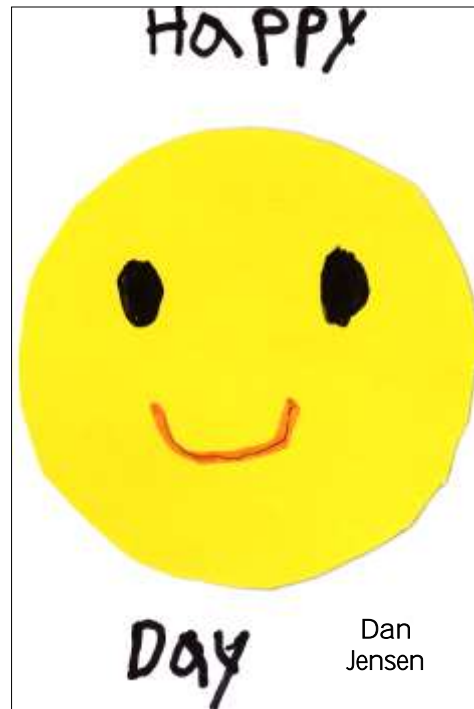
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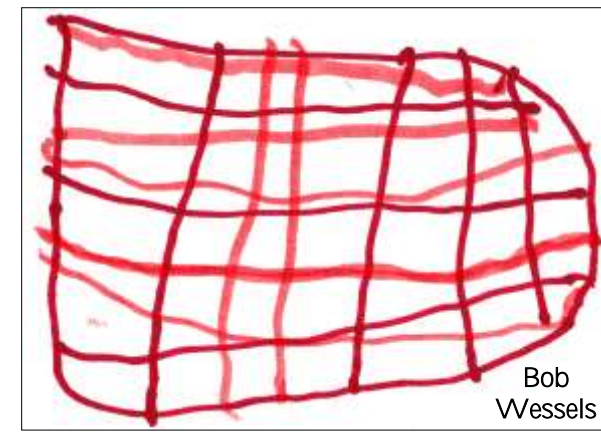
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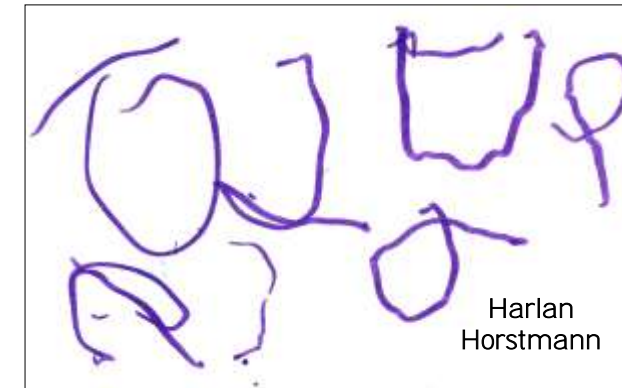
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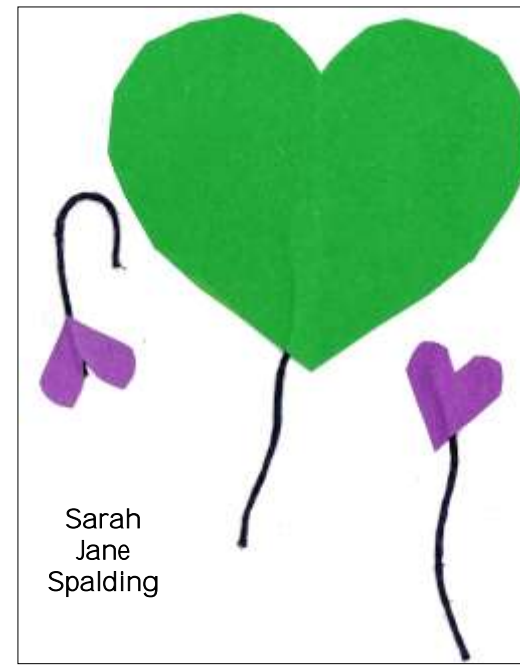
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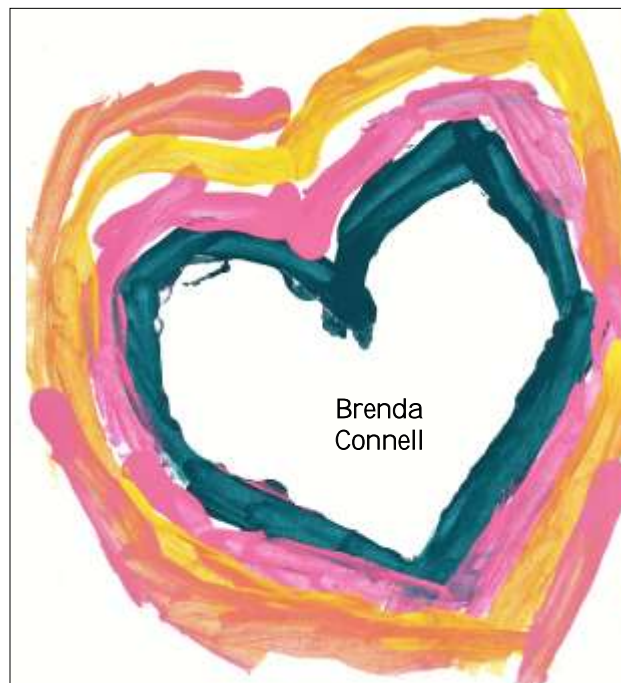
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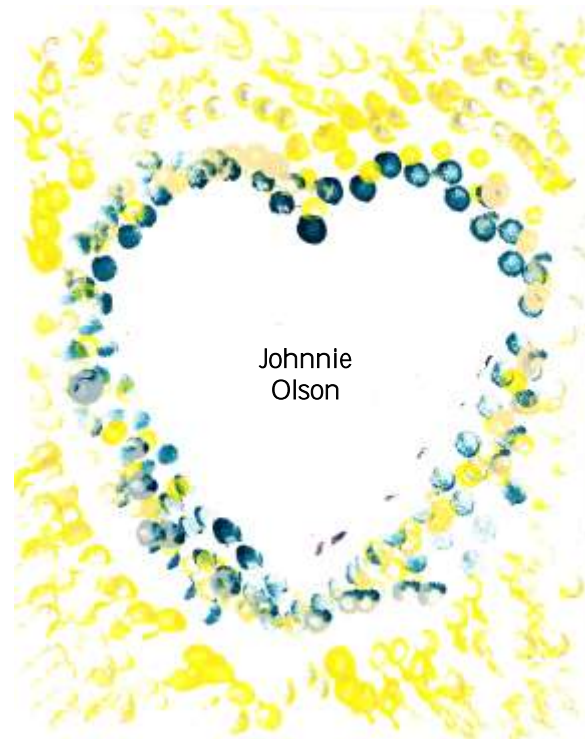
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My love for the Arch started with my brother

By Sr. Theresa Judge  
L'Arche Clinton Board Member



My connection to the Arch began with my little brother Larry who had Down's syndrome. My sister worked at the Arch at one time with Sr. Marjorie so we knew of the existence of the Arch. Larry lived at home with our mother and he LOVED to dance (he called it 'boogie'), so my mother would take him to dances at the Arch. His special friend was Gerry Potter.

Then later Sr. Anne Martin invited me to be on the Arch board. I was really impressed with the caring attitude of all the staff and board members that I observed. I especially loved the intentionality of the care and services that were given to the core members. One of the best examples I can give was the blossoming of Mike Cooper through his connection to the Arch.

I have been on the board for many years and have really enjoyed working with such a dedicated group of people that make up the board. In my opinion, everyone connected with the Arch is a very 'special person' - from the core members to the staff and board members. It is a joy to work with them all.

An Acrostic Inspired by and Dedicated to Cats  
By Brigitte Hoppe  
Cuddly  
Adorable  
Timid  
Sassy!  
Brigitte Hoppe is a cat lover and an experienced owner, having had at least 7 as pets throughout her life. She is also a novice and promising young poet.

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