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Thank You
THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DONORS WHO REMEMBERED US THIS PAST YEAR. YOUR GENEROSITY HELPED STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY AND CORE MEMBERS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH YOU AND DELIGHT IN THE POSSIBILITY OF ADDING MANY MORE L'ARCHE FRIENDS IN THE COMING YEAR!

L'Arche Clinton Wish List, Donations Welcome

ARCH I

- New kitchen sink and new countertop
- Gift card to Home Depot
- New blinds for dining room, downstairs bathroom, pantry and guest room
- New ceiling fan for kitchen, living room and dining room
- Picnic Table
- Paper products: toilet paper, paper towels, napkins
- Gas Cards
- Chair and table for the front porch
- Matching silverware (at least 16 of each utensil)
- Hanging mail boxes for office
- Compost bin
- House memberships (Sawmill museum, Discovery Center, YWCA, etc.)
- Tickets to activities/attractions (movies, showboat, Adventureland, etc.)
- New shelves in upstairs bedroom (would need to be installed also)

ARCH II

- Variable Speed Treadmill
- 11.1 or 15.6 cu. ft. Chest Freezer

- Household needs (toilet paper, dishwasher pods, cleaning supplies)
- Gas Cards
- Garden tiller
- House memberships (Sawmill museum, Discovery Center, YWCA, etc.)
- Tickets to activities/attractions (movies, showboat, Adventureland, etc.)

ARCH IV

- Casserole dishes
- Tickets for Lumber Kings or a movie
- Hobby Lobby gift cards
- Senior Citizens Exercise Video
- Paper products: toilet paper, paper towels, napkins
- Gas cards
- Grocery gift cards
- Passes to the Niabi Zoo and/or the Putnam Museum
- Tickets to a Cubs game
- Dorm size refrigerator

APARTMENTS

- Circa 21 tickets
- TaxSlayer vouchers for concerts
- Laptop computers and printers

L'ARCHE CLINTON IN GENERAL

- Volunteers to paint (we can supply paint or you can) Interior at Arch I and Arch IV
- Volunteers to do yardwork
- Volunteers to take large hauls to Salvation Army / Goodwill or dump

OFFICE

- Large paper shredder
- Area rugs/New Carpet
- Dehumidifier

L'Arche Clinton thanks you in advance for any donations you make to us. Whether it is money, items from our wish list or your time, it is very much appreciated.

Please contact Jean Bormann, Director of Development to make an in-kind donation to L'Arche Clinton. You can email to development.larcheclinton@gmail.com or call 563-243-9035.

Thank you for helping us "Imagine Community Differently!"

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



December 2017

L'Arche Clinton Introduces Our New Board President



Karen Marshall (front row, second from left) new president of the L'Arche Clinton board is joined by a group of core members.

My name is Karen Marshall, and I am incredibly excited and honored to officially begin my time as president of the L'Arche Clinton Board of Directors. I want to personally thank Amanda Eberhart, our previous president, for her wonderful leadership and commitment these last two years. Thank you Amanda, for your contributions and for the support I know you will provide to me in this transition. Fortunately for L'Arche Clinton, Amanda will continue to provide her insights to all of us involved with L'Arche

as a member of the Board of Directors.

I first joined the L'Arche community as a board member about a year ago, and prior to that was involved with helping on the Personnel Committee. Many times we are asked about our L'Arche story, and I would say my L'Arche story is still in its first chapter, but I look forward to more chapters being written as I learn about the community and all the wonderful people, especially Core Members, who are a part of it. A huge thank you in advance to all

the members of the board, L'Arche staff, and Core Members for the support I know I will receive as I begin my time as board president. I look forward to the upcoming year and encourage any of you reading this to reach out to me with any comments, suggestions, or questions as we all work together to forward the mission of L'Arche in Clinton. May God Bless you and yours during this joyous Christmas season.

The Year in Review for L'Arche Clinton

By Devin Land
 Community Leader

I became the Community Leader in January, 2016 having been associated with L'Arche Clinton for nearly three years as a board member, including a year as the board president. I felt like I was part of the community, and I understood the challenges it faced. I felt as though L'Arche Clinton was like a beautiful old house that needed some work. It had a solid foundation, beautiful architecture, and most of all when you entered the house there was a sense of warmth and peace: It just needed updating and repair. As I near the completion of my second full year as Community Leader, I'm happy to report on our progress in fixing up this beautiful old house. Importantly, this renovation is not just about making the house livable today, but ensuring that it will be standing strong in the years and decades to come.

Highlights this past year include the conclusion of a two-year administrative redesign. By shifting and combining role responsibilities we reduced our administrative staff by 33% and are now more efficient. In March we hired Jomisha Mathews as Agency Services Coordinator, in June Hilary (Stratton) Graham as Director of Professional Services, and recently Lisa Englert as Program Coordinator of Arch I and Arch II after long-time Coordinator Jon Kuiper chose to step away from that administrative role (thankfully Jon remains a part of our community as an Assistant). This is a

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Money Matters & We Make It Simple: Why You Should Choose ACH Donating

By Amber Truckenmiller
 Director of Finance and Human Resources

The Automated Clearing House (ACH) Network, offers you a safe and efficient way to donate to L'Arche Clinton. Not only is it secure and convenient, but it saves you money! Meaning, L'Arche Clinton will receive 100% of your donations: no credit/debit card processing fees, no postage, no envelopes, no checks, no more remembering to pick up stamps, no more running to the post office, no more waiting for your check to clear the bank, no more getting lost in the mail, no more sending your sensitive financial information



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solid team that provides excellent professional oversight, and they're a joy for me to work with.

Other administrative progress has been made in meeting the ever changing regulations governing Core Member care and financial operations. This challenging work started in earnest in the previous year and will continue for some time, but began to pay off when we learned in June that our most recent audit resulted in the longest-term certification possible. Nice work team!

Outreach has always been part of the L'Arche story and mission. The way I think about it is that if the world were more like L'Arche it would be a better place, and the best way for people to understand L'Arche is to experience it. Our L'Arche outreach this year came in many forms. In May we hosted a L'Arche Spirituality Day, inviting members of area churches and others. We hosted L'Arche Trivia Night Fundraisers in both the spring and fall. In August we hosted an open house at Arch IV to show off the new deck, a wonderful outdoor space funded by a grant from the Clinton County Development Association. This year we hosted 11 student groups from area colleges who stayed in our community for up to a week at a time experiencing L'Arche firsthand.

Our team leader in outreach is Jean Bormann, Director of Development and Communications. As the first full fiscal year with Jean in this role came to a close in June, we were pleased to surpass our fundraising goal of \$45,000. That goal will rise each year, given the reality that fundraising will be increasingly necessary

to meet our annual budget and help this community thrive.

Our Core Members had opportunities to travel to L'Arche formations and retreats nationally and internationally. Kenney attended the L'Arche Creativity Retreat in Atlanta, Sarah Jane attended the L'Arche International Gathering in Belfast, Northern Ireland (and en route visited the L'Arche community in Pierrefonds, France), and Brenda attended the L'Arche Inclusion Formation in Chicago. Program Coordinator Carolyn Luebe attended the L'Arche Experienced Leader Formation in Chicago, and Jomisha attended a L'Arche Exploratory Retreat in Maryland. These are opportunities for our community members to experience the beauty of L'Arche with others from around the country and around the world, and to bring those experiences back to share.

The brightest highlight in any year is when we welcome new Core Members, and this year we welcomed two. It is such a pleasure to witness a core member like Michaela settle into our community, which can take time, but eventually refer to L'Arche as her home.

When the old house needed as much work as this one, change and updating are inevitable. The beauty of our community is the solid foundation, deep roots, simple life, and love found between these walls. Amidst what seems like lots of change, life goes on in our community in such a beautiful way. As this year comes to a close, I am grateful to be a part of this community, and look forward to continuing the efforts that will ensure L'Arche Clinton will remain strong for the foreseeable future!



Jeff Schuetzle, pastoral minister, holds the microphone for core member, Dan Jensen to sing "Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart" during the opening scripture service.



Core member Brenda Connell, holds the spark bible as Sister Michael Marie Burns reads the story of the Nativity.



The St. Paul Lutheran Church Youth Group served the holiday meal for us. From left: Keegan, Olivia, Paige and advisor, Liz Mink.



Community Leader Devin Land, welcomes everyone to the 2017 Holiday Party.



Core member Sarah Spalding, had fun with her brother, Scott, at the L'Arche Holiday party.



Johnny Olson, Brenda Connell, and Becky Tyler played the parts of an angel, The Virgin Mary and a shepherd during the sing-a-long.



Bethany Luzny, Community Life Coordinator, helps Janice Warner choose a cookie to go with her ice cream.



Joanne Horstmann led the core members and assistants in a song during the Nativity sing-a-long at the 2017 Holiday Party

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Become an Assistant. At L'Arche, individuals with intellectual disabilities are known as "core members," and "assistants" are those who come to share life with them. Assistants accompany Core Members in their activities of daily life, such as creating homes and supporting them in sharing their gifts within the house and the larger community. Live-in and live-out positions available now.



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