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



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## 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.

Please email resume to  
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or mail to L'Arche Clinton  
Attn: Devin Land, PO Box 278,  
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L'Arche Clinton Wish List. If you'd like to donate something on this list call Jean Bormann, Director of Development and Communications at 563-243-9035 or email to [development.larcheclinton@gmail.com](mailto:development.larcheclinton@gmail.com)

### ARCH I

- ◆ Home Depot, gas and grocery gift cards
- ◆ Bath Towels for two core members
- ◆ New kitchen sink/countertop
- ◆ Picnic Table
- ◆ Paper products: toilet paper, paper towels, napkins
- ◆ Matching silverware (at least 16 of each utensil)
- ◆ House memberships (Sawmill museum, Discovery Center, YWCA, etc.)
- ◆ Paper shredder
- ◆ Tickets to activities/attractions (movies, showboat, Adventureland, etc.)

### ARCH II

- ◆ 3-wheeled bikes
- ◆ 2-person outside glider

- ◆ Household needs (toilet paper, dishwasher pods, cleaning supplies)
- ◆ Gas and grocery cards
- ◆ House memberships (Sawmill museum, Discovery Center, YWCA, etc.)
- ◆ Tickets to activities (movies, showboat, Adventureland, etc.)

### ARCH IV

- ◆ Casserole dishes
- ◆ Cookie sheets
- ◆ Tickets to Lumber Kings game or 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
- ◆ Patio set with umbrella

### APARTMENTS

- ◆ Circa 21 tickets
- ◆ TaxSlayer Center vouchers for concerts
- ◆ Laptop computers/printers

### GENERAL NEEDS

- ◆ Laminator
- ◆ NEW Electric roasters or crock pots
- ◆ 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



# PHOTOS FROM THE WELCOME CELEBRATION!



Danelle and Katie two of Robbie's favorites.



Robbie visiting with his Uncle Glenn while we prepared for his affirmation ceremony.



The L'Arche Community welcomes Robbie as our newest core member



Danelle helps Robbie read one of the many cards he received.



Robbie's family listen to the affirmations offered by the L'Arche Clinton community.



Janice offers a special blessing to complete the welcoming ceremony.



Stephen explains the origin of the L'Arche candle presented to Robbie at his welcoming.



By Devin Land  
Community Leader

One of the first lessons I learned in L'Arche was to embrace the unexpected. As the leader of the community, I always work with our leadership team to ensure that our events and gatherings are well planned and orchestrated. But when the unexpected happens – as it often does in L'Arche (and in life) – it's best to just "go with the flow." More often than not, this leads to the most rewarding and memorable moments.



So it was when I first met Robbie Anson, our newest core member. It was at our annual holiday party in December, 2016. I introduced myself to Robbie, and he promptly informed me that he would like to have the microphone to address the crowd (after he finished his meal, of course). We had carefully planned this event to include a core member skit, prayer, songs, and time for Jean Bormann and me to address the gathering. We hadn't planned for an extra speaker. But when Robbie asked if he could have the microphone, of course I said "yes."

When Robbie took the microphone, I listened with amazement – along with everyone else – as he introduced himself, and we learned that he was an experienced and passionate spokesperson and advocate for people with disabilities, and especially for people with Down syndrome. It seemed that Robbie embraced our community that day, because in his 10 minute impromptu speech, he also began advocating for L'Arche. And clearly, our community embraced Robbie, because our community members began that day talking to me about the possibility of Robbie joining our community.

We were thrilled to officially welcome Robbie into our community in June this year. Robbie lives in his own apartment, and thus is part of our "apartment program." Robbie brings with him the gifts that we saw the first day we met him – he is animated, smart, funny, and passionate about the causes he believes in. I've had the experience more than once of having to consult a dictionary after talking with Robbie because he throws out words I don't know the meaning of. With Robbie, it's wise to expect the unexpected, because you never know what he's going to say next. He is truly a joy to be around, and we're very happy to welcome Robbie to L'Arche Clinton!

# RANDOM SHOTS OF ROBBIE!



Photos clockwise starting top right: Robbie just hanging around at the park with Danelle; Danelle and Robbie on one of their adventures; Robbie with the customer service staff at HyVee when we did our "L'Arche" interviews; Robbie enjoy the peace and quiet of the country and Robbie feeding the ducks and geese on Stockwell Lane.

