

Two live-in assistants share their L'Arche story

By Hannah Eby and
Sister Mary Ann Scherer
Live-in Assistants, Arch IV

English poet William Cowper coined the phrase, “Variety is the spice of life.” Variety and spice have been added to Arch IV with two new live-in assistants, Hannah Eby and Sister Mary Ann Scherer.

Hannah hails from the shores of the Mississippi, having grown up in Dubuque, IA, and Sr. Mary Ann hails from the shores of Lake Michigan and the small city of Two Rivers, WI. Hannah comes to Arch IV after a six-month trek on the Pacific Crest Trail (aka 2,663 miles of blood, sweat, and tears!). Sr. Mary Ann, a member of the Fond du Lac Sisters of St. Agnes, comes to us after forty-one years of classroom and parish



Hannah Eby and Sister Mary Ann Scherer

ministry and most recently, four years of community leadership. They both join L'Arche to engage in community living and social justice.

Sr. Mary Ann explains, “After leadership, I wanted to connect to God’s people in a concrete way. I felt called to L'Arche while on a silent, ten-day retreat. I also had the example of three of my sisters who lived in L'Arche Mobile to guide and encourage me.” Hannah says, “These post-college



Hannah is more than happy to share her love of music with core member Dan.

years, I’ve been trying to ask questions and to reflect on what I believe and how I should live. That led me to the Jesuit Volunteer Corps NW, teaching abroad, and local social service work. I’m so excited to have found L'Arche, because it allows me to live out my values every day.”

Both live-ins enjoy different aspects of daily life with core members and assistants. Hannah enjoys music and art with the house. “I like engaging with my community in creative ways—it helps me feel connected to people on a deeper level, and I love how much we laugh together. No matter how I’m feeling that day, the core members draw me out of myself and remind me

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that what’s important is our human connection right here, right now.” Sr. Mary Ann says, “I enjoy the morning and evening transportation to the workshop and day hab. I like having that time set aside for perti-

nent conversation and special connections. I also enjoy the repetitiveness of our daily routines. Each core member brings a certain spark and so the routines are never ho-hum or boring.” Among her favorite aspects of these routines is bedtime. “I love tucking the core members in, asking them to ‘sleep with the angels’, and hearing them smile back at me.”

In their free time, Sr. Mary Ann enjoys reading, writing letters, and playing cards, while Hannah can be found running or walking by the river.

When asked what is unique about being a live-in assistant, Sr. Mary Ann shares that she enjoys the small conversations that happen as she comes and goes about the house: “I like that my room is on the same floor as the core members. They know that when my door is open, and I am there, they are always welcome to stop by for conversation. They are respectful of my boundaries when the door is closed.” Hannah adds, “I get to share my life in a very real and personal way here, and I feel welcomed into peoples’ daily lives. I appreciate how mutual and genuine these relationships are. Unlike my previous work, this isn’t just a job; this is my home and my community.”

Both Sr. Mary Ann and Hannah are grateful to the L'Arche community for their welcome and look forward to the coming months at Arch IV.



Sister Mary Ann enjoys documenting her adventures with the core members.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!



L'Arche Clinton has been nominated by the employees of Sterling Federal Bank to compete in their Second Annual Sterling Federal Bank Employee Charity Challenge.

What is the Charity Challenge?

The challenge is an online voting process that will take place during the whole month of March. The process is simple. Visit the Sterling Federal Bank's Facebook page once daily to vote for L'Arche Clinton to help us win the overall challenge. The charity with the most votes will take home the Grand Prize of \$20,000. Second place is \$10,000 and third place receives \$5,000. L'Arche Clinton is very excited to have been chosen as one of the 10 charities to compete. Everyone is eligible to vote one (1) time each day in March simply by visiting the Sterling Bank Facebook page, so please cast your votes for us. Winners will be announced in April.

Watch your email and the L'Arche Clinton Facebook page for more details. Please share with all your friends. If everyone votes every day we are sure to win.



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2nd Annual Employee Charity Challenge Facebook Voting Instructions

1. From Sterling Federal Bank's Facebook page, locate and click on the Charity Challenge post:



POLL: Sterling Federal Bank's 2nd Annual Employee Charity Challenge

Sterling Federal Bank is excited to give back to the organizations who give so much to our communities! Please vote for your favorite charity. Please vote for your favorite charity and continue voting throughout March! You can return here to vote once per day.

2. Once selected, the list of charity candidates will be displayed:

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- Habitat for Humanity
- Serenity House
- PADs Women & Children's Shelter
- American Red Cross of NW Illinois
- Lee County Council of Aging
- L'Arche
- Rock River Hospice & Home
- Pegasus Special Riders
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Clinton
- Twin City PADs

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3. Simply select the charity of your choice and select "Submit" at the bottom of the screen
4. Return the next day to vote again!

Glenn Anson, friend of L'Arche and my uncle

This is a story submitted for publication by Core Member, Robbie Anson. He is very passionate about being an advocate for those who have intellectual and physical disabilities and is proud that his

uncle, Glenn Anson, has chosen to serve on several committees of the L'Arche Clinton Community. We are also grateful for the commitment Glenn has made on our behalf.

Glenn Charles Anson is not only a friend of the L'Arche Clinton community, he is my uncle. He is the third born of four boys in the Anson family. Bell, Tracy, Glenn and David. I was named after my uncle Bill and my dad Tracy.

Glenn is a 1984 graduate of Mount St. Claire college with a business degree. He took that degree and went to work at the University of Iowa in data processing.

Glenn has a heart of gold for special needs and it shows. He has volunteered for many events such as walks for Autism, donating to the local MDA foundation and supporting the suicide awareness walk.

In 2014, I moved from a group home setting to live independently on my own in my very own apartment. My uncle Glenn came to live with me while I adjusted to my new environment. It was then that his friend Jean Bormann started telling him about L'Arche. She felt he would make a great advocate and example for people with disabilities. Jean and my uncle Glenn went to high school together, so they have known each other a long time.

Finally, in 2016 my uncle was asked to join the L'Arche Development Committee and Trivia committee, to which he was honored to do.



Uncle Glenn and Robbie

Happy Valentines Day



Valentine Fun (from left): Mike and Danelle decorate and sample Valentine Cookies; Becky and Brenda show off the Valentine affirmation board they made at Arch 2; Mark and Sarah enjoying the PEP Valentine's Dance.

L'Arche Clinton
2019 Pizza
Fundraisers



Join us for our fundraisers on the 3RD MONDAY of every month, 5-7 p.m. at Pizza Hut located at 1616 N 2nd St., Clinton.



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Jean Bormann, Director of Development and Communications at
563-249-2569 or email to development.larcheclinton@gmail.com

ARCH I

- ◆ Dorm Size Refrigerator
- ◆ 12-Cup Coffee Maker
- ◆ Home Depot, gas and grocery gift cards
- ◆ Office supplies and desk organizer
- ◆ Frying and sauce pans with lids
- ◆ 3-wheeled bike
- ◆ New kitchen sink and countertop
- ◆ Picnic Table
- ◆ Paper products: toilet paper, paper towels, napkins
- ◆ House memberships (Sawmill museum, Discovery Center, YWCA, etc.)
- ◆ Tickets to activities/attractions (movies, showboat, Adventureland, etc.)

ARCH II

- ◆ Household needs (toilet paper, dishwasher pods, cleaning supplies)
- ◆ 2-seated Glider for patio

- ◆ Rubbermaid or Tupperware large bowls
- ◆ New silverware (service for 16)
- ◆ Gas and grocery cards
- ◆ House memberships (Sawmill museum, Discovery Center, YWCA, etc.)
- ◆ Tickets to activities/attractions (movies, showboat, Adventureland, etc.)

ARCH IV

- ◆ Casserole dishes
- ◆ 12" deep Teflon Skillet w/glass lid
- ◆ Frying pans with lids
- ◆ Cookie sheets
- ◆ Tickets to Lumber Kings game or movie
- ◆ Hobby Lobby gift cards
- ◆ Senior Citizens Exercise Video
- ◆ Paper products: toilet paper, paper towels, napkins
- ◆ River City Gold and/or Wal-Mart Gift Cards

- ◆ 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

L'ARCHE CLINTON IN GENERAL

- ◆ Laminator
- ◆ NEW Electric roasters
- ◆ Party Supplies: Streamers, table cloths, paper plates, paper cups, plastic silverware
- ◆ Volunteers to paint (we supply paint or you can) Interior at Arch I and Arch IV
- ◆ Volunteers to do yardwork