

*L'Arche Clinton — A place where adults with and without disabilities share life in community!*

A summer of fun! From

## New friendships with Faith Lutheran to a day at the zoo



**L'Arche Core Members** presented their story Faith Lutheran Church, Andover bible school

We never expected when the Faith Lutheran Church summer bible school director, Jamie Lukritz, invited us to make a presentation to their students that it was the beginning of a warm and wonderful relationship. Core members and staff spoke and sang songs with the bible school attendees and then opened it up for questions and ended with a dance party in the parking lot.

Since visiting last summer, we received donations including: assorted craft items and 25 pumpkins from their garden for our

core members to paint for Halloween.

Kindnesses like these are the heart of L'Arche and our core members received just as much joy as they were able to offer.

If your church would like us to come and visit or would like to make a donation to our community, please contact Jean Bormann, [ddc@larcheclinton.org](mailto:ddc@larcheclinton.org). or 563-249-2569.

Thank you Faith Lutheran Church for opening up your hearts to L'Arche Clinton.



**L'Arche Core Members** enjoy painting pumpkins donated by Faith Lutheran.



**L'Arche Core Members** gather outside the Niabi Zoo gift shop after enjoying a beautiful fall day visiting the animals. Most took a ride on the train, fed the fish in the Koi Pond, visited with the playful meerkats and a few even checked out the spiders and snakes. L'Arche core members are able to afford day trips like this through generous support of our fundraisers.



### WELCOME DIANNA

L'Arche Clinton gave Dianna her official welcome on Thursday, August 26. We played "Get to Know Dianna," and each home, along with the apartment guys, welcomed her with affirmations and gifts. We all gathered around and blessed one of our newest core members who is very proud of her bounty from the garden she so carefully tends.



**Jaime Zastrow, the Program Coordinator of Arch II where Dianna lives, describes Dianna as follows –**

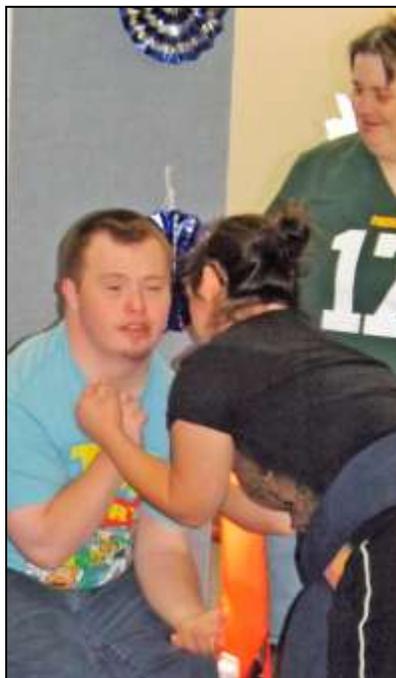
Dianna joined our community in the spring, and has won the friendship of her housemates at Arch II and the other members of the L'arche Community. One of Dianna's favorite quotes, which she also tends to live by, is "Winners never quit, and quitters never win."

Dianna likes to stay busy, and she excels at crafts. She enjoys crochet, and can crochet an afghan in a day. She also enjoys making latch-hook pillows and rugs. Her works of art should be displayed in museums! Dianna's dedication

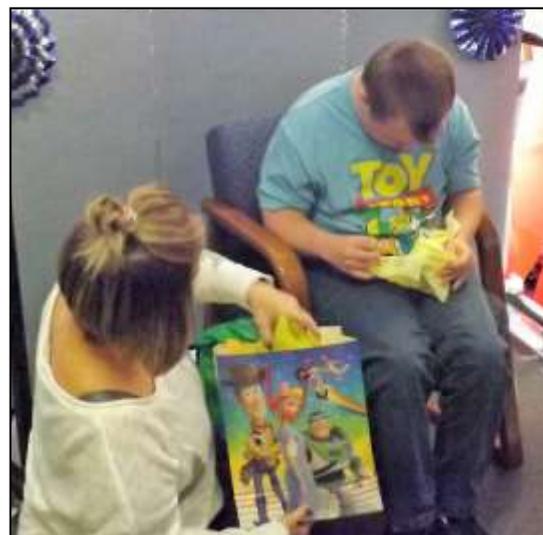
to completing her crafts is unwavering and she never leaves any of them undone. When not crafting, Dianna can be found playing a game of Sorry or Uno where she is hard to beat, tending the garden and flower beds, or lending a helping hand to everyone. Since joining our community she has experienced many firsts including having a garden, having a fish named "Grumpy," going to the Showboat, visiting Heritage Canyon, seeing new towns, and trying new foods.

We are so happy that Dianna has made Arch II her home!





👑 Maybe not king of the forest—but definitely king for the day!! 👑



*Michelle Thines, the Program Coordinator of Arch IV where Levi lives, describes Levi as follows –*

Levi was quiet and shy when getting to know our community. But since his personality began shining through, it's been a blast! Levi makes us laugh a lot, and is very caring to the other core members in the house. Levi loves to go for rides and outings, and is always the first one ready to go when an activity is planned. He loves our Thursday community gatherings! Some of Levi's favorite pastimes are listening to music, drumming, going to Gigi's playhouse, playing with his Toy Story figurines, watching Golden Girls, and drinking his coffee. Levi's frequent famous quote is, "If I were KING of the forest!"

Levi has made so many friends in his short time with our community, and has formed unique bonds with all of the assistants in his home. Every time I see Levi now, he always calls out with arms wide open "My Michelle" and I get a really big hug, which melts my heart. Levi seems to have a special sense when he knows you need a picker upper, and he can definitely turn your frown upside down when you need it!

Levi brings so much joy to Arch IV and we are lucky to have him as part of our family!



Welcoming Levi with a game of "What are Levi's favorite things," kept everyone guessing. His coordinator would give two examples and you would vote for which one you thought **was Levi's favorite**. Root beer floats and a dance party rounded out our celebration.





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## Cards for a Cause Fundraiser benefits L'Arche Clinton

L'Arche Clinton has teamed up again with Usborne Books and More with another fundraiser. Usborne is offering assorted card boxes, each containing 30 or more cards. You can check out the options available and order on line by using this link: <https://form.jotform.com/kkrogmanubam/LARCHE-NOV21>

Orders will be taken from November 1-19, 2021, with cards delivered by the end of November. You can choose to pick them up at the L'Arche Clinton Office, 715 S 3rd St., Clinton or for \$10 more you can have them delivered directly to your home, anywhere in the United States. Just think, you get beautiful cards and L'Arche benefits.

Available Card Options are:

**Thanks & Blanks 30 cards with matching envelopes.** Approximately 15 Thank You cards, and 15 Blank cards (use for graduation, thinking of you, birthday, congratulations, and more!)

**All Occasion Box #1 30 greeting cards with envelopes.** Assortment includes several birthday cards, and a mix of new home, new baby, blank cards, get well, anniversary, congratulations, wedding, sympathy and thank you.

**All Occasion Box #2 30 greeting cards with envelopes.** Assortment includes



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& MORE**

several birthday cards, and a mix of new home, new baby, blank cards, get well, anniversary, congratulations, wedding, sympathy and thank you. All Occasion Box 1 and All Occasion Box 2 do not have identical cards.

**Kid's Birthday Box 30 birthday cards** created for kids, in a ready-to-color keepsake box.

**Holiday Card Assortment Box 50 holiday cards with matching envelopes.** 12 Christmas and holidays, plus an assortment of Hanukkah, New Year's, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, July 4, Grandparent's Day, Halloween, & Thanksgiving.

Thank you for your interest in helping with this fundraiser! At \$30 per box, these beautiful, detailed cards are an incredible value at only \$1 each (30 or more cards in each box, for \$30). They easily compare with the \$5 cards you find in gift shops and grocery stores. Each box of cards purchased gives nearly \$12 to L'Arche.

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