

SPRING 2019



NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends of L'Arche Wavecrest,

In 2017 as the community of L'Arche Wavecrest continued to envisage a way forward for opening a second home, to meet the needs of adults with intellectual disabilities in our Orange County Community, we chose a theme that well described our mission, **"Building Community: Heart-to-Heart, Home-by-Home."** In September of 2018, we launched the HOME TWO CAMPAIGN with the goal of raising \$75,000 to have enough funds to open a second home, again using our theme, **"Building Community: Heart-to-Heart, Home-by-Home."**

Thanks to the generosity of each and every one of you in the L'Arche Wavecrest Community and three very generous foundations, the \$75,000 goal was met! We are now in active pursuit of a suitable L'Arche Wavecrest Home Two! Funds raised from our March 30th Luncheon/Auction will help purchase a vehicle for the new L'Arche Wavecrest Home!

We recall the words of John O'Donohue in his blessing for a new home, which we have used as our prayer during the past six months: "Though the journey may be difficult and slow, may there be great delight around this hearth. May it be a home of welcome for the broken and diminished... May all see that no visitor arrives without a gift and no guest leaves without a blessing."



With heartfelt gratitude,

Marianne Loewe

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Board President



Enduring Education by Travis

"What would you like to share with people who read our newsletter, John?". John, a core member at Wavecrest, looked up from his coffee and said, - "That I have been to fifteen different schools."

Between sips of coffee, John recounted his educational journey. With the reality of school closures and at times attending two schools at once, the number of schools John has attended steadily climbed. Despite such a significant amount of transition, John proudly notes that he still managed to graduate from high school early. His educational journey is a model of lifelong learning. With the ups-and-downs that life sometimes surprises us with, John continued to learn.

Today he proudly attends his sixteenth school, No Limits Learning Center, where he assumes a number of leadership responsibilities. He faithfully holds a supervisor role, coordinating other students to assist with trash pick-up, and can be seen assisting other students in their educational journey. John also excels in his coursework.

It is our hope that L'Arche Wavecrest will continue to be a learning community. That we can practice the same determination to learn that our beloved core member, John, models for us every day. In doing so, we can learn together what it means to be a community.



Travis (Community Outreach Leader) & John (Core Member)

Basketball is the name of the game for Chris and John

by Susan

Basketball is the name of the game for Chris and John. Hoopstars is their league and Bullets is their team. They look forward each year to the January through March season. Chris says his skills include shooting and blocking. He describes himself as a "fierce competitor but loveable on and off the court." John uses his height for rebounds and shooting. John finds basketball "easy to play" and "likes being part of a team." They both agree that the highlight of the season is Hoopstar Madness: players vs. coaches. Of course they love the Awards Banquet also. They are proud of the medals they have earned and would be happy to show them off.



John & Chris (Core Members)

Cathy (Core Member)

Cathy's Corner



The Holidays have come and gone. Happy in the year of 2019. Everyone has finally returned back to Abraham House while each one of us have returned to our day programs and jobs. It's the third week of the New Year. January's weather has greeted us with cold wet rain and air. A series of rain. The hope that this Summer will not be in such a horrible drought in California.

When it's cold and wet, warm waterproof coats are worn, hot soup is a welcome, hot beverages are too. I think of doing laundry, painting, books and baking as I would stay at home warm and dry.

*Building Community:
Heart-to-Heart, Home-by-Home*

Please join us for the
**4th Annual L'Arche Wavecrest
Luncheon and Silent Auction**

Saturday, March 30th, 2019
11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Mother Louis Room
Motherhouse of the
Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange
480 S. Batavia, Orange, CA.



Proceeds go towards a new van
for our new home

Tickets price:
\$ 35 per person
\$ 10 per child

Price includes a Tasty Lunch and
Gelato Bar



COMING SOON!
Our Second Home.

Please stay tuned for more
information
in the upcoming weeks.

SAVE THE DATES

Prayer Night:

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm on 4th Monday of each month.

Community Gathering:

March 9th, April 13th, May 11th, July 13th, August 10th, September 14th, October 12th, November 9th, December 14th.

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