

SUMMER 2019



NEWSLETTER

L'Arche Wavecrest is Expanding!

by Jim Morgan, Community Leader

We are very excited to share we will be opening a second home in September, ten minutes away from Abraham House.

Our new six-bedroom home will enable us to expand what we are accomplishing with Abraham House, providing another home and workplace where people with and without intellectual disabilities live and work together as peers; creating an inclusive community of faith and friendship; and transforming society through relationships that cross social boundaries.



Please keep us in mind if you can help us transform our new house into a home! Furniture and household items which you might not need can really help make a difference.

Thank you all for all of your support which helped make this possible!

L'Arche Wavecrest 2nd Home



2019 Core Member Retreat

by Cara Vezeau, House Assistant

Jazz and I were privileged to attend this year's Core Member retreat at Palisades Retreat Center near Seattle, Washington. We also got to visit all three L'Arche homes in Seattle when we first arrived!

Once at the retreat Jazz and I enjoyed the nature and loved getting to know people from Vancouver, Chicago, Tacoma, Seattle, and Portland.

This year the retreat focused on God's creation story. My favorite part of the retreat was taking part in the liturgical service in which all core members and assistants from each community participated. Jazz and I played piano together for the worship and Jazz also played a beautiful instrumental piece for the processional.

This portion of the retreat displayed how meaningful it was to have a service that all different abilities could be included in. Another favorite portion of this segment was being led in breath prayers by another core member from Portland. Having only been at L'Arche Wavecrest for six months before this retreat, I was finally exposed to the L'Arche community at large and the many unique personalities and gifting from each community. I flew back from Seattle very refreshed and impacted.

Jazz was impacted as he still plays on the piano the worships songs we sung at the retreat. In asking Jazz about the retreat he said, "My favorite part of the retreat was the story telling of the bible verses. I also liked the hikes even though it was really cold, hanging out with new people, singing songs, making ceramic hands, eating together and sharing our favorite picture."

We certainly got to enjoy a variety of meaningful activities and we can't wait for our next gathering this summer.



Jazz & Cara

Cathy's Corner

by Cathy Acton, Core Member



Cathy & John

Once and only once in my life have I seen two rainbows in the same sky in one day.

I was in Ohio either going or going to or from Holmes County where Amish people live. Anyway, for Noah and his family, it was God's symbol of love in this rainbow. After a massive flood for forty days and nights, however, God put out a special bow of many colors to reassure Noah and his family that after the biggest flood, he would never again drown out all of humanity.

So when I saw a double rainbow in the Ohio sky, it made me think of Noah and his Ark, God, and his promise to Noah. And so being these twins of rainbows were supposed to be a symbol of love and his reminder and reassurance to not just Noah's generation, but ours as well, along with Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.



Travis, Chris & John

Cindy's Reflections

by Cindy, Former Core Member

I Cindy once lived at Abraham House for 5 years and Cathy and I shared a room upstairs. I went to Hope school. I no longer live at Abraham House, but live in an apartment building in Orange. Where I live in my own apartment now 4 years I sometimes, invite my friends over for a visit.



Cindy

For fun I like watch TV, take walks and play games and jigsaw puzzles. I even do knitting projects and play with a lady friend on Monday afternoons, who live here. On Wednesday nights a bunch of us get together and play Bingo. We have fun together.

Now on Fridays from 1:00-5:00 pm I work at the Salvation Army on Tustin in Orange where I pick up clothing from the floor and off the tops of the Racks and rehang them on hangers and put the article of clothing where it belongs on the Racks, and I remove any empty hangers. I like my new job a lot and I take access to and from work.

I get to see my sister Marianna and Ron once in a while and we run errands or go to doctor appointments together.

Sometimes I visit my sister in San Diego and we have fun together.

I visit Abraham House on the second Saturday of each month for a Community Gathering and I have fun seeing every one and taking part in the activity and helping out. Everyone is happy to see me.

The end, by Cindy Hein



Cindy volunteering at the Auction



Chris (Core Member)

SAVE THE DATES

Prayer Night:

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

Community Gathering:

July 13th, August 10th, September 14th, October 12th, November 9th, December 14th.



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