

# SUMMER 2018



## NEWSLETTER

### Fundraising is a Very Rich and Beautiful Activity

by Jim Morgan, Community Leader

*“Fundraising is a very rich and beautiful activity. It is a confident, joyful, and hopeful expression of ministry. In ministering to each other, each from the riches that he or she possesses, we work together for the full coming of God’s kingdom.”* This excerpt from Henri Nouwen’s *A Spirituality of Fundraising*, reflects the joy, and caring which permeated our 2018 Auction and Luncheon last weekend. Over 100 supporters from all over Southern California participated in the event, better described as a celebration, to support the Mission of L’Arche Wavecrest and our efforts to open new homes in Orange County. Our event sponsors, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Farmers & Merchants Bank, and an anonymous donor, along with everyone who attended, helped us raise 26% more than last year! It was a fun-filled luncheon of “confident, joy, and hopeful expression” of what we have accomplished over the years, and what we can achieve together in the future. **Thanks to everyone involved!**



### Cathy’s Corner

by Cathy Acton

The Auction was a better turnout than last year and lots of things to place one’s bids on. A pianist named Tilly played such wonderful music for our fundraising event. Dad, Larry Acton, had a bid on three different items and won all three of them. The first was dinner at Abraham House. The second was a picture that I made. The third was what I really wanted, which was a unique one-of-a-kind experience of spending two hours in a professional recording studio

with Daniel Nahmod. Dad won it with me in mind. I just need to figure out what song I would like to record and when would be the perfect time for me to do it so to get to learn about the music business. I hope I’m not going to get nervous when I’m there. I don’t know why I tend to get a bit on the nervous side in recording sessions in studios. Maybe it’s just only normal. To be perhaps to channel it to do my best work like I do on stage. Gosh, I’m so excited for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. To do something on my own, perhaps maybe I might be able to make some connections to help me to promote myself as a vocalist singer/artist/soloist. Hey, I’ve got to start somewhere.

Tonight, is Prayer Night, so as usual there will be prayers, but also the wonderful welcoming which is usually tea and something sweet. Tonight, we’ll have a beautiful cake to eat along with our tea selection to have it hot.

Our next fundraiser is on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018, from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. During our Community Gathering at Abraham House.

Hope to see you all then!



## Practiced Hospitality by Travis Case



This April Abraham House received an invitation to dine with a handful of LMU students at the Center for Service and Action

House in Los Angeles. This home that is sponsored by the university houses students who are committed to living intentionally—an intentionality marked by service. We were the recipients of such service where hospitality took the shape of hamburgers and hotdogs (veggie burgers for those committed friends of cattle). Around the table, a discussion flourished about what one looks for in a friend, why we need friends, and what we can do to be better friends. We all left the evening with a deeper understanding of friendship, and a commitment to practice the kind of hospitality that we received.



## Volunteers: A Personal Connection

by Susan Dempsey

How would you define the word volunteer? Oxford English Dictionary defines a volunteer as a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertakes a task. That's a straightforward response. However, it is also very impersonal and the volunteers at Abraham House take their time spent with the community very personally. They are the hands and hearts that join the L'Arche Community in undertaking tasks or simply spending



time. With the mind set of working with us, not for us, volunteering and the relationships formed are very personal indeed.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact us at:

[volunteer@larchewavecrest.org](mailto:volunteer@larchewavecrest.org)



## SAVE THE DATES

### Prayer Night:

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

### Community Gathering:

July 14<sup>th</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup>, September 8<sup>th</sup>, October 13<sup>th</sup>, November 10<sup>th</sup>, December 8<sup>th</sup>.



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

L'Arche Wavecrest has embarked on an exciting campaign to open another community in 2018.

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