



## NEWSLETTER

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

by Marianne Loewe, Board President

Warm greetings to each of you and our deep gratitude, as well, for the many ways you live the mission of L'Arche Wavecrest. In addition to the blessing of opening Home Two, L'Arche Wavecrest has the amazing opportunity to think about and put into words how we hope the mission of L'Arche Wavecrest will advance, will develop over the next five years. This takes shape through the process of writing a Mandate. How will our wider community embrace the values of L'Arche, like the sacredness of each person and the care for those most vulnerable in our world, etc. because of the presence of L'Arche Wavecrest?

These key moments in the life of L'Arche Wavecrest, Opening Home Two and creating a new Mandate, invite the participation of each of you. So please join us by answering the survey that was sent out, being present for our monthly gatherings and prayer evenings, and/or supporting the mission of L'Arche Wavecrest.



**WE HAVE ANOTHER CHALLENGE GRANT FROM THE SAME FAMILY FOUNDATION THAT HELPED US TO OPEN HOUSE TWO. THE GRANT WOULD HELP FUND THE EXPENSES OF THE MANDATE PROCESS AND UNANTICIPATED EXPENSES OF OPENING HOUSE TWO. THE CHALLENGE FOR US IS TO MATCH \$10,000, SO THAT WE ACTUALLY RAISE \$20,000 BY THE END OF OCTOBER!**

Thank you again for the grace you bring to our community, our world!



### Mandate:

"Each Member Community and Project will have a mandate that defines its strategic orientations for a specified term, normally of five years, but in no case less than four years or more than six years. A mandate is informed by, flows from, and is coherent with Federation and L'Arche USA mandates in effect or being recommended for adoption at the time a Member Community mandate is being created. The whole Member Community or Project will be engaged in creating, implementing, and evaluating the mandate, and — the Governing Body adopts the mandate."

From the L'Arche USA Policy Manual

## Cathy's Corner

by Cathy Acton, Core Member



I was able to be at the Community Gathering until my ride came to pick me up from the house at 12:30 or 1:00pm, to go with Cynthia, Cheryl, and her mother Edith for a Mother's Day afternoon tea.

I dressed ready to attend an English afternoon tea. I wore a pink cocktail length dress with a white hat, gloves, a fan and a purse. On my feet were black shoes.

Somehow no one told me that I would have to bring my own cup and saucer, but the problem was solved. Edith loaned out her cup and saucer while just taking a heart mug. I circled around doing the meet-and greet with these ladies during this lovely afternoon tea. I had a

delightful time. There were men who were the ones serving as well as they could as waiters. These men were okay. Every lady had a good crack at opening up an oyster to get a real pearl inside. I chose two oysters. The first one was too small, so I opened the second one which had a green pearl. I had my eye on the breast cancer charm, so I traded the green pearl for a pink pearl.

## Chris' Woodworking Hobby

### Reflection by Jordan Mapes, House Assistant

On Sunday July 21, I had the privilege of attending a Wood Working class with my best friend Chris. During this experience we were shown the basics of how to properly use a wood lathe, to craft a wooden bowl from a basic piece of wood. Now Chris mainly was the one who was participating in the class and I was still able to help him out from time to time and experience it for myself. Chris was very happy by the time it came to smoothing out the piece of wood to actually cutting and hollowing out the bowl. All the hard work and piles of sawdust later it was finished. By the time it was ready to put the finish on his bowl, Chris knew right away that it was perfect and didn't want to do any more to it. I asked Chris afterwards what he had thought of it, and he was already eager to go back again.



### Reflection by Susan Dempsey, Volunteer Coordinator

Chris enjoyed a 3 ½ hour class at Rockler Woodworking and Hardware in Orange. Three students and an instructor gathered to learn how to make a wooden bowl. Chris is familiar with some power tools, but learned to use a new one – a carbide tipped lathe tool. Once Chris turned the square of wood into a wooden bowl, it was polished and is now the centerpiece on the table in the den at Abraham House. It was a fun experience. Woodworking is his favorite hobby and he'd like to do it more often. He asks that if you have woodworking projects and need a partner, please give him a call. He'd be happy to help.



## SAVE THE DATES

### Prayer Night:

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm on 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month.

### Community Gathering:

September 14<sup>th</sup>, October 12<sup>th</sup>, November 9<sup>th</sup>, December 14<sup>th</sup>

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