

SUMMER 2020



NEWSLETTER

Quarterly Board Notes

- Larry Acton has joined the L'Arche Wavecrest Board. *Welcome, Larry!*
- We secured an PPP Covid-19 small business loan/grant on 4/17 to cover 2 months of payroll. We are grateful to Farmers & Merchants Bank for their assistance with procuring the loan/grant and for their on-going partnership.
- Board member, Joanne Bachtelle, is spearheading the launch of a L'Arche Wavecrest cookbook. Stay tuned! Get out your spatula!
- Jean's House is up and running with four new Core Members and new Assistants. *Welcome, Liz, Leslie, Sergio, Adam, House Leader Mary, Kaleb, Mary, and Jordan!*
- The COVID 19 Pandemic forced us to postpone our Annual March Auction and Luncheon. Conditions permitting, the event will be held *September 12, 2020*. In the meanwhile, your donations are appreciated more than ever as we struggle to make-up expenses incurred from licensing and RCOC delays in connection with the opening of Jean's House.



Adam (Jean's House Core Member)



Cathy, May 2019

Remembering Cathy

by Cara Vezeau, House Assistant at Abraham House

Around the same time we were told to stay in our homes, we were handed the news of the loss of our beloved Cathy. We have been thankful for her complete healing that heaven brings, yet we just cannot replace what she has given to us here at Abraham House. In these quieter days we often bring up why we miss Cathy. We comment on how quiet it is and how she could really make us laugh. I miss the way she would call for us from another room. "Oh, Cara." Insert your name instead of mine and you'll hear exactly how she called for your attention! Who knows what story or idea she'd share with you after that!

Cathy's presence always filled the room. She carried herself with confidence, hospitality and regality.

Cathy's thoughtfulness, humor and lighthearted mischief also reigned with her. Not to mention her laughter, British royalty knowledge, tea collections, artwork, hugs and captivating stories. I'm left with many Cathy quotes and insights that bring me cheer. "Hard days doesn't have to be bad days" is something we could all use right now.

It's still a process, grieving Cathy. Changing words like "she can," to "she could." It doesn't seem real yet, and I'm not sure it really will. Our home has been so greatly impacted by her friendship that her legend will always remain. How I wish for another tea time with Cathy; however, I just know that heaven is having a great time learning all her dance moves!



Cathy, August 2019

Meet Liz

by Kaleb Cohen, House Assistant at Jean's House

Jean's House Q&A series continues!



Liz (Jean's House Core Member)

Kaleb: Tell me about yourself. Who are you? Where are you from?

Liz: I'm from a town called Temecula. And I'm Liz Hitzeman.

K: Liz, what are some of your favorite things to do?

L: I know sign language. I like to hang out and make new friends.

K: Do you have any hobbies?

L: Learning sign language and just learning about nature.

K: You like to act too, right? Do you have a favorite musical or play?

L: Um... I like them all!

K: What's your favorite that you've been in?

L: Shrek, so far.

K: How did you hear about L'Arche?

L: Actually, my brother worked in Syracuse, New York where they have the L'Arche program and we kinda heard about it through there.

K: Why did you want to move to L'Arche Wavecrest?

L: 'Cus I have some new friends here now.

K: Can you tell me what has been your favorite part about living at Jean's House, so far?

L: That I've made a lot of new friends here, at the house — at Jean's House.

K: This last question is a little serious: In this time when people are really worried and having to stay home and be extra careful, do you have any words of advice for those reading this newsletter?

L: Yeah, that they should stay home and try not to get the virus.



Liz



Travis's Laptop

Renovate Your Kitchen

by Travis Case, Community Outreach Leader

Hello Wavecrest community! I pray that each of you are doing well during these challenging times. Many of us are confronted with the new reality of staying home. Each of our capacities to make a meaningful contribution, to express creativity, to invest in relationships with friends and family, are limited to the four walls of our house. It raises the question, how do we stay home well? Are there ways that we can recreate the space around us to be spaces of innovation, meaning, and peace?

Many of us have turned to our favorite shows to pass the time. As I also partake in today's streaming frenzy, I have come to notice that many meaningful scenes take place in a kitchen. Moments of character development, meaningful dialogue, or humor throughout television history have been put on display right next to the house refrigerator or stove. Kitchens are presented as the one place in the home where there is much more cooking than just supper.

Last week I was in the kitchen preparing a meal for the house. In today's world of online church services, I decided I would play something to fill the silence. I placed the house computer on the counter and began streaming a video of church music followed by a sermon/homily. As the sound of worship filled the stillness of Abraham House, the core members spontaneously gathered around the computer to watch. We stood in the kitchen together as the smell of food filled the room and the sound of church fueled the memories of how life once was. When the service came to an end and the food was finished cooking, we ate together and talked about what we heard. Sharing food, conversation, and worship all happened around the counters of our kitchen.

I would like to ask you, what is happening in your kitchen? As we continue to pray fervently for healing and hold onto faith, maybe it is time to renovate your kitchen. It too can become a place of food, worship, and community.

SAVE THE DATES

Prayer Night:

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

Community Gathering:

Abraham House: Jul 11, Sept 12, Nov 14.
Jean's House: Jun 13, Aug 8, Oct 10, Dec 12.

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