



ZOOM Auction 2020 Surpasses Goal

by Jim Morgan, Executive Director/Community Leader

Over 40 people logged in to the L'Arche Wavecrest Live ZOOM Auction on September 12th, not knowing quite what to expect, but the enthusiastic crowd lifted our support to \$21,780, surpassing our \$20,000 goal!

The Reverend Christopher Smith opened the event "Celebrating L'Arche Wavecrest's Spirituality Wellspring," and followed up with singing an amazing version of *What a Wonderful World*. A moving recording of Cathy Acton singing *Amazing Grace* accompanied with a L'Arche Wavecrest slide show followed.

Winfred Van Wingerden led the live auction and raised the excitement in the crowd to support our Mission. Daniel Nahmod sang a personally composed song, and then his *Super Heroes* video and song were played to the joy of the participants.

The Sister Michelle Tochtrop, CSJ, Light of Inspiration Award was presented to a well deserving Donna and Dick Barbarino, who are longtime L'Arche Wavecrest supporters. Silent Auction and raffle winners were announced, followed by Abraham House Core Member, Jazz Sorenson, playing a piano piece, and the delightful event closed with the Sorenson family leading *This Little Light of Mine*.



Donna and Dick Barbarino

Thank you to everyone who participated! We miss seeing you in-person, and look forward to the time we can invite you again to our homes.

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A Conversation with Chris Friedman

by Jack Stewart, House Leader at Abraham House

Jack: Hi Chris! Chris: Hi Jack!

Jack: So, how long have you lived at Abraham House? Chris: Since July of 2004. Sixteen years!

Jack: Wow! That's a long time. What's your favorite thing that you've done this summer, so far? Chris: Celebrated my sixteenth anniversary. I went to Karen Carr's church and had a great time. It was such a happy day for me. Bethany and Mike also dropped off a present.

Jack: Nice! Have you watched anything good on TV lately? Chris: I like to watch YouTube and watch woodworking videos. I also like watching extreme weather videos.

Jack: That's neat. What are you looking forward to after it's safe to gather again? Chris: I'm looking forward to going back to Immanuel Church and Mercy commons to see my friends. I'm also looking forward on going to the next Regional Gathering! And to go to more woodworking classes. I also am excited to go on many more Core Member retreats. I'm also excited to go back to Camp Recreation with my gal pals. And I'm excited for when my I league, Hoopstars, can get together again.

Jack: There's so much to look forward to! Thanks for talking with me Chris!



Meet Sergio

by Kaleb Cohen, House Assistant at Jean's House

Kaleb: So, who are you? What's your name? Sergio: Sergio.

Kaleb: How do you pronounce your last name? Sergio: Oh-se-geda and this is how you spell it: O C E G U E D A

Kaleb: What are some of your favorite things to do, Sergio? Sergio: Some of my favorite things to do, I like playing video games, doing word searches, coloring, and playing basketball outside. My favorite food... I'd say Mexican food... I like any kind of Mexican food. I don't have just one favorite superhero but there's a lot of superheroes that I like. Batman, Superman, Iron Man, Captain America. But I would like to see all of the movies if I can.

Kaleb: Can you tell me about your story? Where did you grow up? Sergio: I think I grew up in Santa Ana, I think. Somewhere around there. And then when I was about 7 or 6 years old, I started living with Beth and I've been living with Beth for a long time.

Kaleb: I know that when you were little, you had cancer? Sergio: Yeah when I was little, I had cancer. And I was in the hospital for a few months, I think. Yeah. I was probably about maybe 5 when I had cancer.

Kaleb: Is there anything specific that you'd want the L'Arche community to know about you? Sergio: Well, I like to joke around. I like to lock people out. That's pretty much it.

Kaleb: During the pandemic, during the virus, what gets you through the day, what keeps you going? Sergio: Finding things to do, maybe. Like playing video games, playing corn hole outside, playing different games. And doing like crossword puzzles, word search. I think that's all I have, that gets me through the day. Just remember that God is in control and that this virus is... think of it as having time off from school and work. Let's go swimming!



SAVE THE DATES

Prayer Night:

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

Community Gathering:

Abraham House: Nov 14. Jean's House: Oct 10, Dec 12.

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