



L'ARCHE NOAH SEALTH OF SEATTLE

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Paul Atcheson, Nancy Simpson and Dave Bishop on Summer vacation

What a very full year it has been for all of us in L'Arche Seattle!

We are blessed being a member of an organization with a broad, inclusive mission and hope-filled vision for our world. As we make the gifts of people with an intellectual disability known through mutually transforming relationships, we foster community and work towards a more human world.

Celebrating its **50th Jubilee**, L'Arche, with 147 communities worldwide, invites people from all walks of life to join a journey that calls the best out of us. We hope you enjoy this summation of the past year of our journey together!



Pepperdine students with Robert Ross holding USA ark!

A Year in Review!

2014 saw the return of many former assistants and none more welcome than Tuan Huang! Tuan, now a professor at Pepperdine University, brought 8 of his students for Spring break in February. We enjoyed having them around and were grateful for their energy and engaging presence.

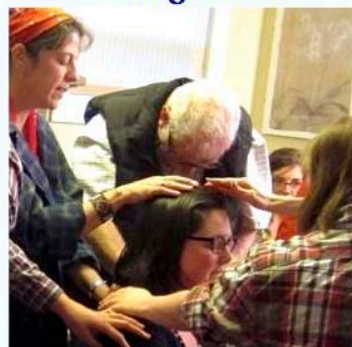
In March, we hosted students from Stanford for a



week. As core member Erin Kinney remarked: "They were soft people who took naps." Delightfully, of the students, Nancy Pham, returned and spent the summer with us.

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So long Leah!



Leah Welch carried all the coordinating roles during her 6 years with us. In fact, she did everything—and all with that signature mid-west good humor. What more reason did we need for a big party? We celebrated Leah with a **Minnesota State Fair**, held inside and out the back of Angeline House. The party committee certainly delivered with a corn hole bean toss, face painting, "Pin the Wig On the Leah," photo booth, flash sketches portraits by Robert and more! We even wore our best flannel for the occasion.

After we surprised Leah with games, the evening went on with a delicious fair-time feast of seasoned corn on the cob, lemonade and corn dogs!

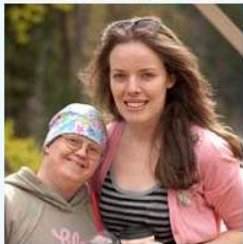
Thank you Leah for your hard work, inspiring love and wholehearted support of the community over the past six years.

All the best to you and Joe!



Leah and Patty McNary

Farewell Jessica!



Nancy and Jessica at the Guild

While on our Board of Directors, Karen Pillar linked us up with the Notre Dame Alumni Club and so we became a host site for their Summer Service Learning Program. Jessica Pollum was the first of many summer students. And Jessica so enjoyed a 6 week internship in '08 that she returned and stayed for 5 years after graduation. Jessica lived at Noah before becoming Activity Center Coordinator.

Jessica has an astonishing memory for even the smallest of details and so was L'Arche Seattle's own mobile archive.

In June we were delighted that Fr. Monk Molloy, O.P., former President of Notre Dame, SueAnn Lamia, President of the Alumni Club and Karen joined us for lunch while Jessica was still with us.

Jessica is finishing up her Masters in Public Administration at Seattle University and returning to California in March. Thank you for your dedicated service, Jessica. We wish you well for the future!

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Mary, Patty, Rebecca and Lydia at the Guild

In July we love to picnic at Volunteer Park, here in Seattle, beckoned by the signs promising good food and great performances by local musicians. Several community members became accomplished professionals at walking by the various vendors' booths and finding out if there were any complimentary gifts or corporate swag!

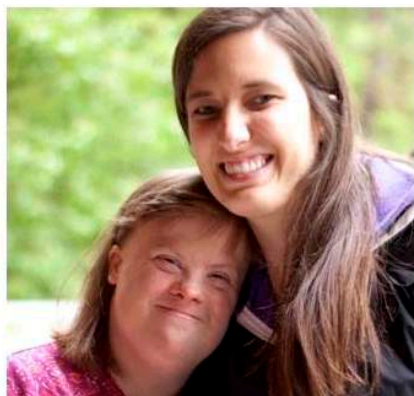
The second half of July holds the highlight of the year for many —Community Vacations! Thanks to the tremendous generosity of Mary and Tony, a group headed off to the "4th house" in Portland while another headed to Immaculate Heart Retreat Center in Spokane. Thank you Mary and Tony!

In September we welcomed the Jesuit novices and hosted our annual Crafty Community night when we prepared table centerpieces for the auction.

In October we held a concert to benefit Solidarity with Chris Coleman. Solidarity supports southern hemisphere communities receiving little funding from their governments, leaving them struggling to pay for basic necessities like food, housing, medicines, etc.

In November we were blessed to celebrate Thanksgiving, beautifully organized by Liv Ringo, with our extended community—including family, board members, Bill Herb, Mike Golze and many other friends at St. Joe's. Thank you Fr. John and St. Joe's! Then it was off to the Mount Baker Neighborhood Center to see Robert's piece, *Trees*, on display.

December was a jam-packed month full of joy! We had rich conversations at the dinner table as we followed the Jesse Tree advent calendar. Thanks to Sarah Domhoff, art work by Erin and Robert was submitted to the Mount Baker Art Show. On Christmas Eve we had a great community dinner and ended the evening singing carols in German! Jean and her husband, Dennis Moore graciously hosted the community for a lovely Christmas Day Dinner. Thank you Jean and Dennis!



Carolyn Drobnicki and Liv Ringo at our Annual Retreat.



*Robert Ross with his exhibit, *Trees*.*



Andrew and Joe, novices, help prepare for Thanksgiving dinner at St. Joe's

Third Annual Auction: Planting Seeds for our Future

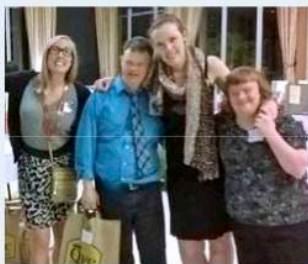
Photo synopsis !



Erin and Jen: a great team!



Pat enjoys this year's event.



Taylor, Dave, Jessica and Carolyn



Erin's art

Once again we are so grateful to Fr. Steve Sundborg and Seattle University for their immense generosity and gracious hospitality in allowing us to use their terrific facilities.

Spurred on by last year's attendance, under the encouraging "can-do" leadership of Susan Simpson Fox, supported by Mary Gaudette, we moved to the larger space at Campion Ballroom.

The September 13th auction, was a collaborative effort of friends, family, and community members and helped raise greater awareness of L'Arche to the broader community.

This year we had almost as many new friends as old attend.

Fr. Steve Sundborg opened the evening, engaging us with the important message L'Arche has for our world and his admiration of core members.

Following a delicious meal catered by Board Members, Henry Gordon (Balabuste Catering) and Linda Gado-la, Michael Fox began the live auction.

Items included everything from a selection of French Wine and an Irish Tea Party with Nancy to unique artwork created by core members, as well as hand crafted gifts made by the community at the Grunewald Guild.

And, of course, The Scavenger Hunt. Forever popularized by the phenomenal promotion plug L'Arche Tacoma's Pat Toohey did for the event last year, none was needed this year. Last year, to emphasize how *good* an experience it was, Pat simply raised the entry fee

by 50% on the spot —and then doubled the number of participants! Thank you, Pat!

Appreciations too to Jen and her band, Darrell Jesse, Jason Edwards and Arron Hiebert, who entertained us during the silent auction. The silent auction featuring donated and one of kind items from friends of L'Arche.

Kelly Keone insured the tables were decorated beautifully and there was literally something for everyone! Cat Lovers Basket, tickets to a Mariners' game, pottery, photographs, Christmas ornaments, everything!

Among the most memorable experiences from the night were the stories shared: the recorded testimonial by Fran Henderson (Carolyn's mother) and the talk by Erin Kinney and Jennifer Kelly which raised \$23,000 for the Mission. The evening itself raised \$60,000.

Many people came together to make this night possible—we are so grateful to all, especially Susan Simpson Fox (Auction Committee Chair) and, of course, Lou Kramp, (on leave from the Board) who initiated this festive annual event. We hope to see you at Seattle U. later this year!

**We hope you'll join
us
for our next
Annual Auction
Seattle University
October 3rd, 2015!**

In Memoriam



Carol, presiding at one of her earlier community nights, with Eddie.

This past year L'Arche Seattle said goodbye to three of its beloved members.

Carol Ludden, co-pastor for L'Arche Seattle for over 20 years passed away July 7th.

Carol fought a long battle with cancer — over which she prevailed for more than a decade with great courage, determination and her characteristic good humor.

She constantly communicated her unwavering belief that the world is “charged with the grandeur of God” with wisdom, grace and humor and her life announced St. Paul’s proclamation:

Finally, brothers and sisters, we wish you joy! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. (2 Cor 13)

Brady Twohy, a member of our Board of Directors in the late 1980’s, passed away November 8th. Brady had a remarkable depth of kindness and sincerity. “There was nothing that Brady enjoyed more than laughter, and no one who made him laugh like his wife, Doreen. Together they raised

three daughters, modeling for the girls the values of patience, wisdom, wit, imagination, and love.”

Brady personified an edict in Ephesians: *Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Jesus forgave you. Eph 4:32*

Sheryl Harris passed away December 27th. Sheryl lived in the L'Arche Seattle community for three months during an internship in the early 90's and was on the Board of Directors from 2009 to February 2014.

Sheryl was a light in the world with her disarming empathy, ability to bring people together and her generous use of her time and gifts — whether tutoring adults with reading difficulties, volunteering in a low-income clinic for women or delivering food to the home-bound. The light in her heart and her eyes bore witness to our universal call:

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another. 1 Jn 1:7.

Each one leaves behind an un-fillable void — but a void that leaves room for the memory and graces of each of their lives to continue to call out the best in all of us privileged to know and love them. Each witnessed to a different aspect of a life of love and generously supported our community over the years.

They leave behind a rich legacy which will continue to bless us.

Mike Golze



In April we said goodbye to our old friend, Mike Golze. Mike came to us when

Bellevue Center closed over twenty years ago and thrived for a long time in L'Arche.

Mike loved deeply and became attached to people only to be heart broken when they would move on. He let us know that he was ready for a change.

Mike was enthusiastically celebrated when he returned for our Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Joe's.

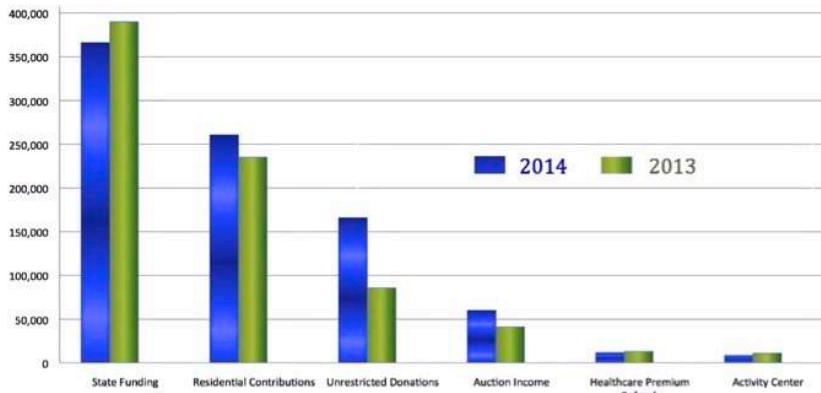
We miss you Mike—your thoughtful soul, sense of humor and love of Johnny Cash.

Best of luck!

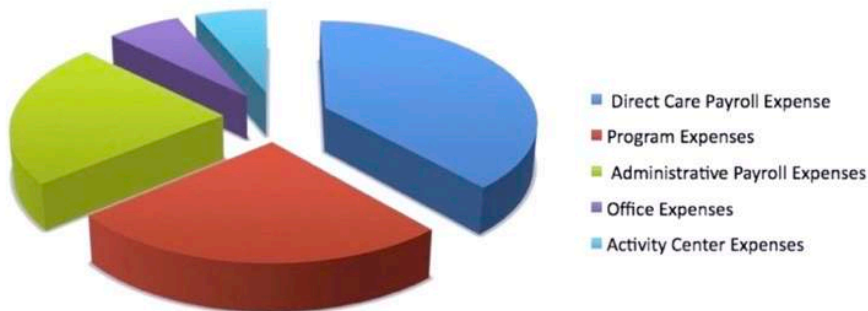


Anna Knodel, (Volunteers Abroad Program) and Mike at Angeline

**L'ARCHE NOAH SEALTH
Income Comparison 2014 with 2013**



**L'ARCHE NOAH SEALTH
Expenses 2014**



Honoring our 50th Anniversary, we held a benefit concert at St. Patrick's in October. Chris Coleman, a talented young musician from Australia, is no stranger to St. Pat's—he and his dad performed there in 2006. The concert helped raise several hundred dollars to support Solidarity, a network within L'Arche that fosters reciprocal relationships between communities around the world.

Thank you Fr. Pat and St. Pat's!



Charly ('93 - '93), beside Erin, returned to visit his daughter, now an assistant, Carolin, with his wife, Nadine.

Snaps of the year!



Anna Kuzubova & Mary Brown oversee auction registrations!



Robin Roche celebrates 20 years with Eddie Hutson and Robert



Nancy Simpson & Jess Liu at the Fair!



Elizabeth Rogers & Carolyn Drobnicki giving Halloween mixed reviews!



Xan Brown at the "Kentucky Derby" Party