

Living Out Our Identity & Mission

Stacy Cates-Carney, Executive Director



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The Identity and Mission process of L'Arche International was completed this spring and one of the end results was a new Identity and Mission statement. The International Mission Council has asked each community to work on integrating the new identity statement (above) into community life. I thought it might be helpful to share with you, our friends and supporters, how the work of our mandate and our daily life in community is reflecting what has been named as the identity of L'Arche.

We are people with and without disabilities sharing life together in communities belonging to an International Federation - The Membership Committee continues the implementation of the Zone Membership document by encouraging individual members to reflect and discern their personal sense of vocation as well as their commitment to the journey of L'Arche. The Membership Committee hosted the second annual overnight retreat for long-term assistants in October. Jane MacNeil, Dave Ronald and Sue Hudacek completed the process for Confirmed Membership and have been affirmed by our community as members who have, over many years, demonstrated a deep commitment to life sharing in L'Arche. For the third summer, long-term assistants and board members are gathering with core members for dinner, prayer and a time of listening to core members' thoughts about their life in our community (and what good conversations these are!).

Mutual relationships and trust in God are at the heart of our journey together - A common thread throughout our mandate is our desire to build and sustain relationships - both within our community, with others in the larger local community and with our larger L'Arche family. Through formation and education opportunities, assistants and employees have continued to develop as advocates and competent caregivers. More importantly, core members, employees and assistants continue to grow in their relationships with each other as they work on improving communication as well as sharing times of celebration and recreation. Relationships have deepened not only within our homes but also in the larger local community and the larger family of L'Arche. In the summer of 2006 Diana Busch traveled to the community of El Arca in Santo Domingo to spend several weeks, Bill Hoskyn visited the community of Uganda on a trip to Africa and several other assistants made time on personal trips to visit other L'Arche communities. We recently returned from a weekend gathering in Portland with L'Arche communities from throughout the West Coast.

We celebrate the unique value of every person and our need of one another - Our Community Council has been working on our mandate's directive to ensure that the necessary supports are in place to respond to the changing needs of our community members. Some of this work has been naming core values that guide our approach to aging and dying community members. We are very aware of the aging process in the life of our core members. Perhaps the greatest gift we have received in the past year was walking the last stage of the long road together with Wally and Dick. We were graced with supports from Multicare Hospice as well as community friends. Both Dick's and Wally's funerals were beautiful celebrations of the rich life of both of these men and an honoring of the grace of our life together in L'Arche.

As we continue in our daily life to be faithful in relationships and to do the work to which each of us is called, we are profoundly aware this is all possible because of the prayers, contributions and friendship of many friends and supporters. Thank you for believing in the identity and mission of L'Arche - that and trust in God keeps us on this journey together.

In gratitude,
Stacy

From our Board President

by Paula Olson

It is with great excitement and awe that I find myself writing my second letter as President of the Board of Directors for L'Arche Tahoma Hope. With my fellow excellent and loyal board members right over my shoulder, I am delighted to report on some of our many achievements in the past year and the ways in which we carried out our mission.

Our March Auction was the most successful yet, both in terms of attendance and proceeds! We were especially excited to greet first timers to the auction and hope to see them and their friends next year. Of course, the credit goes to the Auction Committee and Joy Caddock, our Development Coordinator. Speaking of development, our revitalized Development Committee, chaired by Ed Chavez is moving right along, having established a development plan. First on their list was reviewing and renewing our brochure and other written materials, which will be finalized and distributed before the end of the year. Ed says there's plenty of work and fun for new committee members to help identify and minister to people called to support L'Arche with their talents and funds.

The Board of Directors welcomed a new board member, Kevin King, and we will expand even further this year. If you are interested, don't hesitate to give me or Stacy Cates-Carney a call to set up a time to talk about joining and participating in one of the most rewarding organizations around. Our board engages in self-evaluation and attends board formation programs to improve our abilities to carry out our legal and financial responsibilities. We also participate in local non-profit assistance organizations.

We all mourned the loss of two of our well loved core members this year, which has left a hole in our hearts. The Farm and Gardens program, headed by Patrick Toohey and Holly Hunt, continues to astound us. Last year, they exceeded their sales goal, and this year they are on target to beat their 2006 record, in spite of the burglary earlier this year. We were grateful to Kathleen Merryman of the News Tribune for her column on that unfortunate event. The board is also grateful to United Way for their three-year grant, which was approved this year. Finally, our community hopes to welcome a couple of new core members in the coming year.

Last year, I told you we wanted a community gathering space. In moving toward that goal, we have put together a Community Gathering Task Force, gathered input from the community, investigated new and existing options to create a larger space for community celebrations and retirement places for our long-term assistants. Several alternatives are under consideration.

In fostering international relationships, our community hosted the visit of the community leader from L'Arche Uganda and several board members took him to dinner.

They tell me that I'm out of space, yet there is so much more to share. As always, I welcome and encourage you to become connected and to support this wonderful place called L'Arche, here and all over the world. Call me, call any of us and let us help you find your place in our community. I assure you it will be one of the best calls of your life!



Walter Patrick Joseph McGough
"Mr Twinkletoes"

BORN ON JANUARY 23RD, 1927
DIED ON APRIL 20TH, 2007

Remembering Wally

excerpted from Kevin Glackin-Coley's eulogy.
Visit our website for the full eulogy.

Walter Patrick Joseph McGough. How to capture the essence of a man who lived the fullest 39 years since Jack Benny? He was, in the words of Pat Carroll the best uncle anyone could ask for. Wally was a man of deep and abiding faith who prayed long and hard for all those he felt in need of prayer. Many of us gathered here today could tell stories of how Wally's prayer supported us through times of struggle and loss as well as joy and celebration, and of how he kept us on his prayer list until HE was sure we no longer needed to be prayed for quite so intentionally.

A man who suffered great pain – more than any of us knew because he seldom let on how much it hurt. A man who struggled with his identity after so much was taken from him through injuries, who did not want to be considered disabled, and yet became a spiritual cornerstone of the L'Arche community. It was his physical suffering and gradual disability that refashioned Wally from a visitor to a central member of the community.

Yet, we can't reflect on the life of Walter McGough in a completely somber way, because in spite of his suffering he was truly one of life's leprechauns. He called himself Mr. Twinkletoes – often signing his letters that way – and the twinkling was not limited to his toes. He was the life of every party he attended, especially if it involved singing any number of Irish songs. He was always one of the first on the dance floor – even if it meant using his walker – and it seemed he danced every song with a different partner – all of whom he would tell was his special girl.

So as we bid farewell to this little giant of a man, I envision him sitting again with his father and mother, roller skating his way across the clouds, beating St. Peter at Crazy Eights, talking up all the female angels, asking God to watch over all of us, and talking with Bill Downey through the walls of their adjoining rooms.

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- French Proverb

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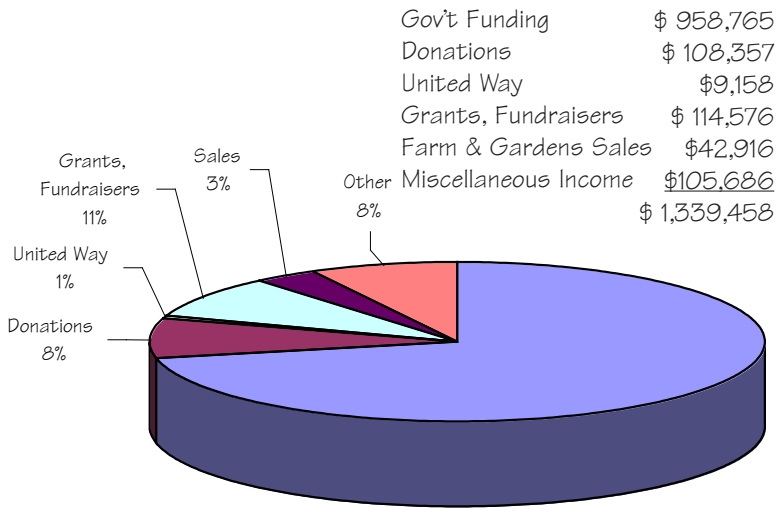
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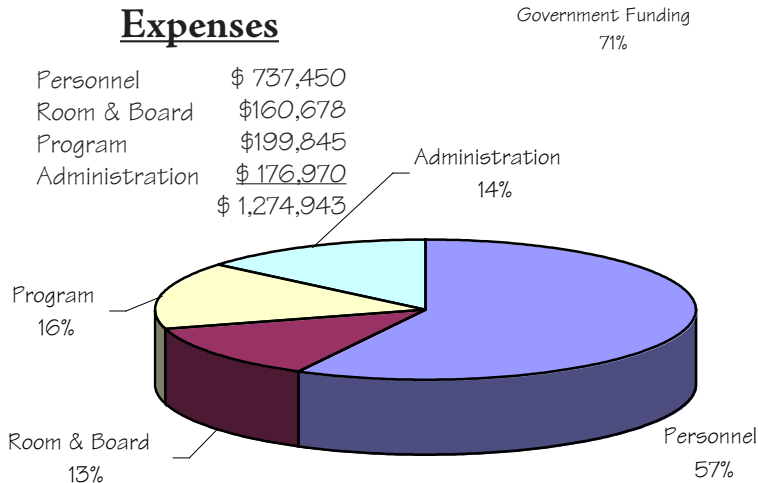
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Tahoma Hope is Home to Two "Krista Colleagues"

by Erin Hahl, House Leader

On Memorial Day weekend of this year, both Bill Hoskyn and Lisa Villano traveled to the outskirts of Spokane for a gathering of friendship, fellowship, and conversation. They arrived by different modes, yet both came for the same reason - to be recognized as Krista Colleagues. For Lisa, this was her second year attending the conference, while Bill was being welcomed into the group for the first time.

The Krista Foundation was started in 1999 by Jim and Linda Hunt to honor their daughter, Krista, who died in a bus accident while volunteering in Bolivia. The Foundation supports young adults who are rooted in faith and committed to service, both internationally and in the States. Each year a class of "Krista Colleagues," as they have become known, is chosen from a pool of nominees. All of the Colleagues have some tie to the Pacific Northwest, whether it's where they grew up or where they've chosen to serve. Once selected, the Colleagues gather near the Hunt homestead for a conference and are given a financial grant to further develop their vocational interests. In addition to the conference and grant, the Colleagues are invited throughout the year to participate in dialogue and to attend speaking engagements that focus on stewardship and service.



Lisa and Carie

When asked, both Bill and Lisa expressed their appreciations for their time in Spokane. Bill, who is on the verge of his third year at L'Arche and who has a heart for international travel and service, said what he appreciated most was the chance to meet other people of his age, who share the same values, are committed to service, and have the drive to think and live internationally. Lisa, whose beautiful spirit has carried her well into her third year in L'Arche, said what she values most about the Foundation is the ethics of service held amongst her fellow Krista Colleagues.

In the words of the great Sharilynn Heinzman, "Way to do it!" Bill and Lisa, we're proud of you!



Bill and Shann

For more information about the Krista Foundation, go to www.kristafoundation.org.



Please Help us Celebrate!

In honor of L'Arche Tahoma Hope's 30th Anniversary, we are planning a week of fun and we hope you can join us for some or all of it!

Questions.....e-mail Joy at witnessestohope@yahoo.com, or call her at (253) 535-3178.

Monday, August 13th

The Community will be playing at Stewart Heights Pool from Noon to 5 PM -- Come splash with us!

Check out the Stewart Heights Pool website for directions and entrance fees: www.metroparkstacoma.org



Saturday, August 18th

Come have tea and cookies with us. Each of our homes will be hosting an Open House from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please come out for a visit! Check out our website (www.larchetahomahope.org) for addresses and driving directions.

On Saturday evening the Community will be participating in the 5:00 PM Liturgy at St. Leo Catholic Church (710 S. Yakima) in honor of our anniversary.

Sunday, August 19th

We're going out to the ballpark! Join us as the Rainiers take on the Sacramento River Cats at 1:35pm. Block seating is available -- just contact the Rainiers ticket office (752-7707) up to 3 days before the game and ask to sit with L'Arche.



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O Rocky Blue Gazer

a poem about Dennis Johnson by Mike Laveson, former assistant

Who, if not you, would keep vigil over the mountains?
Who could receive their beauty like you do
And bear witness to their holiness?
Only you are moved to exultation,
Lifting up your hands into the air
And pronouncing them

"Glorious"

Those mountains must stand a little taller,
A little prouder
Knowing that you hold them in your adoring gaze,
Knowing that they are beloved.

What a noxious gas pride is; what an insidious chill: fear.
How else could we miss the glory of these jewels of creation?
So noble, yet so ephemeral
So majestic, yet so elusive.
Too often we fail to notice.

But not you.

There are mountains within each of us longing to be seen.
And so we call upon you, mountain gazer,
to teach us your secrets.
Reveal to us the beauty and holiness of your mountains—
So that we might recognize the beauty and holiness of
The mountains in men,
Raise our hands into the air and pronounce them

"Glorious, Glorious, Glorious"



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- Sat, August 11th - McKinley Arts Festival 10-6
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 - Sept. 15th, 9-4 (Pre-harvest Plant Sale)
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- December 2, Bethany Presbyterian
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- **HARVEST FEST**
 - October 6th, 10-4 (petting zoo, pony rides, face painting, crafts and much more).

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