

Manna For Our Daily Round

Stacy Cates-Carney, Executive Director

At a recent assistants' meeting I read the following passage from Community & Growth by L'Arche founder, Jean Vanier:

"If we are to remain faithful to the daily round, we need daily manna. It may be ordinary, a bit tasteless. But it is the manna of fidelity to the covenant, to responsibility, to the small things of everyday life. It is the manna of meetings, of friendship, of looks and smiles that say, 'I love you' and warm the heart."

We were taking the time to listen more deeply to both the anxiety and fears in our hearts as well as our gratitude and sources of joy. In community, it helps our hearts and our journey together to both ask for and acknowledge our daily bread/manna, so we spent time naming some of the sources of nourishment in our lives: walks with core members, meals around the table, singing, sharing in laughter, quiet prayer at bedtime, connecting with other brothers and sisters in L'Arche ...the list goes on.

A significant source of nourishment for our community is our many friends – John, who comes every Saturday morning to take Ricky out for a cup of coffee, Miral who visits Farmhouse on Thursday evenings, Judy and her family who bring a meal on a regular basis and sometimes join in the festivity around the table, Tom who comes to the Farm and spends an afternoon a week working beside the core members, and Irena who invites Sharilynn for an overnight. This list also goes on and on. It is a confirmation of what is so clearly named in our L'Arche Identity Statement – Mutual relationships and trust in God are at the heart of our journey together.

There is a lot that can be said in reviewing the past year but the richest harvest and our true manna is our relationships. It is the relationships within and surrounding the community that reminds us, especially when fear and anxiety creep in, that we have enough...that we are enough.

When Jean Vanier spent time with the five L'Arche communities in the Western US at our Regional Gathering in June, we gathered on the Farm for a Fiesta on the Summer Solstice. We celebrated Jean's birthday (he turns 80 in the fall) and in our coming together we also celebrated the joy of our abundance in L'Arche. When Jean stepped onto the Farm, rich in bloom, and looked around he asked Pat, "Is all this ours?" Pat's reply was, "Yes, it's all ours!" Yes, it belongs not just to L'Arche Tahoma Hope but Jean, to our family of L'Arche, to our friends. We recognize that what we have and who we are is to be shared . . .it's how there will be enough. It is by remaining faithful in relationships that we discover that we are enough. It is good to remember this when the flowers are no longer blooming and relationships get strained, and there is much coming and going in community life.

On behalf of our community I extend deep appreciation to you, our many friends and supports, for the many ways you provide manna for our daily round.



Stacy with Jean Vanier and Joan Mahler,
Zone Coordinator of L'Arche USA

photo by Nancy Medwell



From our Board President, by Paula Olson

This past year has been the most exhilarating of my time with L'Arche Tahoma Hope. Tops on the list of incredible experiences are the visit by our founder, Jean Vanier and the L'Arche Western Regional Gathering of all the communities on the western side of the United States. I had heard so much about Jean, read much of his written work, and of course, was surrounded by the fruits of his creation and inspiration. I saw the excitement on the faces of Stacy and Sarah as they worked so hard to prepare for his visit and the Regional Gathering. I learned about celebrations of Jean's 80th birthday, the Sunday luncheon hosted in his honor by Steve and Tessa Rothrock, and his public talk at St. James Cathedral.

I wondered what kind of man he was to inspire such enthusiasm and anticipation. How would he act, carry himself? Would he be detached or approachable? Would I understand his speeches? I am skeptical of modern day "saints", yet everyone who had met Jean or heard him speak had the same awe of him. So as busy as life was for me in May and June, I very much looked forward to seeing, possibly meeting, Jean.

The day came at Pacific Lutheran University. The organizers outdid themselves in preparation for the Regional Gathering and Patty McNally, our Regional Coordinator was a wonderful MC. Then came Jean...he was tall, dressed in dark colors and had the kindest eyes I had ever seen. He spoke with a heavy accent, yet I could understand what he was saying. In his talks, he spoke about his childhood and young adulthood, giving glimpses of where he came from and his personal journey to the first L'Arche community. The most amazing thing about his journey was he did not set out to create L'Arche. Rather, he seemed to be only the instrument that allowed L'Arche to be born.

But what struck me most

was his interaction with the core members. He was so tender and patient with them, speaking to them individually, waiting for them to respond to him. He treated each of them as if he or she was the only person in the room. I remember one core member who studied him, as if she was assessing who he was and what was his agenda. He calmly returned her look as if to say, "check me out thoroughly; you will find I am just like you." After a time, she seemed to be satisfied and she went about her business.

I was also impressed by his self effacement. This was truly a man who was uncomfortable with the accolades, with the notoriety that he produced. He clearly preferred sitting in the audience at Regional Gathering with Sue and didn't hesitate for one second when it was his turn to stand and "shake his booty". By all accounts, here was someone who could break through my resistance to modern day saints.

Well, Jean went back to France and I went back to home and work. Yet, I was changed. My understanding and commitment to L'Arche was deepened and I better understood the larger concept of community on which L'Arche is based. I better understood that our community includes anyone who had been touched by L'Arche as shown by that instant knowledge of each other when we meet. I have a stronger appreciation for those of you who support L'Arche Tahoma Hope by your financial and in kind gifts. You are truly the ones who grow our community and keep it strong.

As always, I invite all of you to participate more fully in our community by volunteering on the auction and development committees, joining our board, bringing dinner one night to one of our homes, or finding your niche with us. Be sure to introduce yourself to me and our other board members. We want the chance to know you and thank you.



Regional Gathering, 2008



All Photos by Nancy Medwell

A Special Thanks to Our Donors....

"Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."

- Anonymous

Following is a list of those who have supported us financially from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Sincere efforts have been made to assure the accuracy of these donor records. We apologize for any errors or omissions and ask you to notify the office at (253) 535-3178 with corrections to help us continue to improve our efforts.

Affordable Pet Grooming
Toshio and Suzanne Akamatsu
Marcela Alanis & Theresa Pearson
Mary Jean Alban
Myron and Gretchen Alden
Alfy's Pizza - Bonney Lake
All Seasons Window Cleaning
Jane Allen
Joan Allen and Lisa Antush
Aloha Hawaiian Cafe
Deborah Anderson
Jackie Anderson
Karl and Christine Anderson
Leo and Patricia Annest
Duane and Ida Annoni
Antique Sandwich Company
Archdiocesan Cursillo Movement
Harry and Molly Archer
Nancy Archer
Bruce and Dixie Arneklev
Thomas and Susan Arnold
The Art Stop
Ro Bacina
Paul and Maureen Bala
Barbara Ball
Ball Auto Sales & Service
Rose Marie Bankhead
Bargreen-Ellingson
Art and Mary Fran Barkshire
Brian and Pauline Barlow
Michael and Kristine Bartanen
Thomas and Cheryl Baulig
Howard and Loree Baumgart
Beharmer Designs
Beautiful Angle
Reinard Beaver
G.M. and K.J. Bechtold
Bellarmine Prep
Bill and Rose Mary Berger
Bikram Yoga Center
The Bird Feeder
John and Jan Bishop
Robert and Phyllis Bjorkman
Mindy Black
Pacific Ave. Motors
Thomas and Maureen Blum
Boeing Employees Community Fund
Cappri and Dave Boitano
Marc and Noel Boitano
Alan and Sue Borne
Berk Borne
Paul and Eileen Borne
Peter Borne
Richard and Mary Ann Boulanger
Catherine Bove
Pat Boyd
Donald and Carol Boyle
James and Ruth Boyle
John and Lorraine Boyle
Great West Management Group, Inc.
Patricia Boyle
Mark and Debbie Bozanich

Mary Bradford
Patsy Brannon
Rachel Brehm
Brilliant Life Chiropractic
Mitch and Cindy Brown
Stephen and Carol Bryant
Mark and Margaret Bubenik
Chad Buchanan
Kyle Buchanan
Robert and Colleen Buchanan
Timothy & Maria Cecelia Buckley
Stacey Buhler
Christy and Tom Burkhardt
Matt Burns
Diana Busch and Levin Conway
Terry and Joyce Busch
The Buttered Biscuit
Cafe Divino
Calla Lily Designs
Chris and Joleen Canwell
Joan Capp
Philip and Carmena Capp
Dale and Doris Carlisle
Dazaifu LLC
Dana Carlisle
Todd and Maura Carlisle
Mary Carlson
Bridget Carney
Lisa Carney
Tim and Terry Carney
Bob and Joan Casey
Capital One Services, Inc.
Andy and Becky Cates
Larry and Betty Cates
Rebecca Cates
Vicki Cates
Joseph and Stacy Cates-Carney
James and Barbara Cathcart
Les and Mary Lou Cathersal
Catholic Community Services of
Western Washington
Catholic Daughters of America #977
Catholic Daughters of America #2003
Jim and Barbara Cavanaugh
Celebrity Cake Studio
Lily Chabra
Margaret Champagne
Fr. Gerard Chapdelaine, SJ
S. and M. Chapman
Ed and Jennifer Chaves
Cathy Chick
Childrens Museum of Tacoma
Debbie Chilton
Betty Chipps
Nancy Chmiel
The Church of St. Patrick
R.C. and D.L. Clark
Colleen Cline
Rev. Victor Cloquet
Dan and Myra Cohen
Niko Colella and Kim Ebert Colella
Carol Colleran

Christine Colleran
Liz Colleran
Colombiere Jesuit Community
Perry and Sandy Colombini
Tony and Anna Colombini
Jennifer and Ben Colson
Jack and Angela Connelly
Genny Connor
Steven and Georgia Conway
Patrick and Patricia Coogan
Richard and Janice Cook
Corina Bakery
Stan and Chris Cotton
Kathleen Cramer
Rosemary Crawford
Sharon Crocetti
Joan Cronk
Dawn and Dave Cross
Robert and Georgeann Cukjati
Bob and Louise Curiel
Perry and Susan Dahlquist
Susan Dalton and Bruce Simner
Catherine Daniels
Bruce and Mona Davies
David and Erin Davis
Keith Davis
Theresa Day
John and Dorothy De La Garza
Larry and Mary DeForrest
Brent and Maren Diamond
Craig and Laurel Diamond
Disc Connection
Divine Earth Gardening Project
Michael Doherty
Richard and Marguerite Dolack
Gail Dougherty
Doyle's Public House
Earl and Pat Drangstveit
Judith Dresser
Mark and Ruth Dundon
Dwell Home Decor
Janet Dyckman
Catherine Dziuk
Joan Eads
East & West Cafe - Proctor
Wayne and Susan Eatherly
Mara Eaton
Michael and Marcia Eischen
Byron and Inez Ellingson
Roger and Laura Elmore
Employee's Community Fund
of the Boeing Co.
Enoteca Wine Bar
Tami Erhart
John and Lorna Erickson
Kenneth and Jane Erickson
John and Jean Evanger
Andy and Eileen Fagan
Richard and Debbie Fagnant
Lu Farber
Bob and Pam Farr
Julia Farrell

Sr. Madeleine Farrell
Farrell's Pizza - Parkland
Geoffrey and Joan Ferguson
Tammy Ferrante
Financial Design Group, Inc.
Finders Keepers
Bob and Betsy Fine
Ronald and Sharon Finholm
Michael and Linda Fish
Lynn and Ben Fisher
Michael and Kelley Flamoe
Denny and Isle Flannigan
Betty Fleischmann-Badger
Michael and Jean Flynn
John and Marybeth Foody
Myra and Steve Foss
Franco the Tailor
Diane Frank
Suzanne Frazier
Eugene and Beverly Fries
Herb and Rose Gaines
MaryAnn Gaines
Brendan and Diane Gallagher
Richard and Ginger Gallagher
Fr. William Gallagher
John and Florence Gallo
John and Anastasia Gamache
Margaret Gamache
James and Susan Gardner
Emily Garza
Mary Gaudette
Carolyn and Armen George
Joe and Carolyn Ghilarducci
Laura Giddings & Charles Schilling
Giggling Greek Restaurant
Alan and Debra Gill
Joanne Girard Buck
Salvatorie and Joan Giusti
Tom and Haldis Glasenapp
Kevin and Corina Going
GoodSearch
Kate Goodsel
Mona Gosen
Richard and Beth Graziano
Don and Jennifer Greco
George and Carol Guenther
Evelyn Guerra
Clarence and June Guimond
Erin Hahl
Hal Halberg
Julie and Jonathan Hale
Verna Hammond
James Hansen
Harkness Furniture
Harmon Brewing Co. LLC
James and Patricia Harnish
James and Patricia Harrington
Christine Harris
Danelle Harris
Christopher and Kristen Harrison
Dick and Kay Harrison
Phil Harty

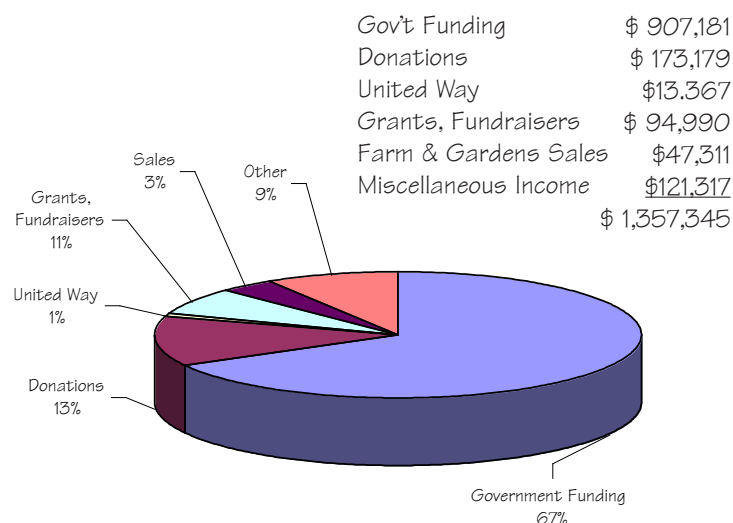
2007 Financial Report

L'Arche Tahoma Hope ended 2007 in a strong financial position. This was due in part to greater than anticipated donations including significant memorial gifts. We were able to meet the financial day to day needs of the community as well as take steps to plan for the future.

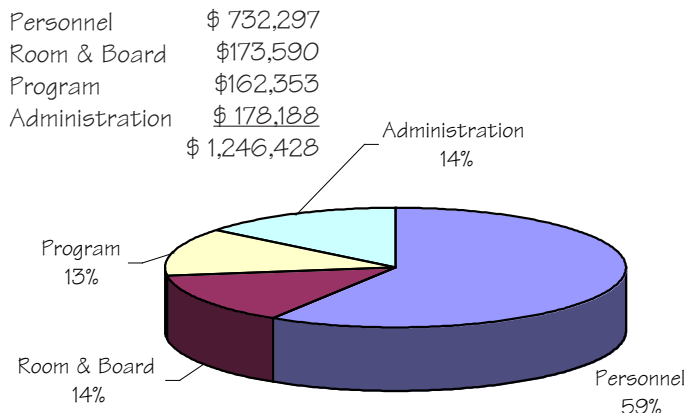
Early in 2008 funds were approved for capital improvements at two of our homes. These improvements included the repaving of the Ananda driveway and the installation of an emergency generator at Farmhouse.

We were able to set aside funds to build towards a 6 month cash reserve. This reserve serves as a safety net in anticipation of fluctuations in government funding. We also were able to make strides in supporting the retirement funds of our longest term assistants - those who have lived a vocation with L'Arche for over 20 years. And finally, we were able to strengthen our commitment to Solidarity efforts by sharing with our brothers and sisters in need in L'Arche USA as well as L'Arche Latin American and the Caribbean. We are deeply grateful to all our supporters... the foundations, corporations, and individual donors, for believing in our mission and helping us live it out day to day.

Support & Revenue



Expenses



David and Sheila Hauck
 Rodney and Rebecca Hauth
 Karen Havnaer
 Elizabeth Hayes
 Judge and Mrs. Frederick Hayes
 The Health Connection
 Elizabeth Heath
 Julie Ann Hebert
 Paula Hebert
 Jo Marie Hegarty
 Hello, Cupcake
 Steven and Lydia Helmholz
 James Henriot
 Patrick and Mary Ann Henry
 Frank and Teresa Hidaka
 High Cedars Golf Club
 High Voltage Records
 John and Annette Hightower
 Christine Hinds
 Paul and Charlotte Hirsh
 Robert and Kathleen Hitchcock
 Tim and Kris Hoban
 Hobby Town
 Brian and Sallaye Hoff
 Charles and Rebecca Hoffman
 Barbetta Hofstedt
 William and Andrea Holt
 Veronica Hooper
 Bill Hoskyn
 Billie Bob Hoskyn
 John and Marjorie Hudacek
 Sue Hudacek
 Vincent and Ramonda Huff
 Linda Hulst
 Holly Hunt
 Bruce and Bernadette Huson
 Emily Ignacio
 Tom Ilwellyu
 Edward and Patricia Imhof
 Indoor Reef
 Indulge Cupcake
 Martin and Rosemarie Inglin
 Don and Celeste Innes
 Adelaide Isaac
 Richard and Christine Ito
 Joan Jackson
 Lisa Jackson
 Paul and Anne Jacobson
 George and Joyce Jansen
 Susan Jensen
 Neil and Donna Jerome
 Jo Ann Jett
 Barry and Tessa Johnson
 David and Cheryl Jones
 Jones Consulting
 Cheryl Jordan
 David and Judith Katri
 Edward and Mary Keil
 David and Patricia Killen
 Kevin King
 Jack and Bea Kingery
 Cliff and Maria Kirchmer
 Richard and Juliann Kirk
 Joseph Kleinhenz and
 Meredith Henderson
 Rachel Knoke
 Ed and Karen Knuckey
 Marceille Kobel
 Lance and Diane Koty
 Steve Kramp and Sarah Thorpe
 Krispy, LLC
 Mimi Krsak
 James and Eileen Krueger
 Gary and Connie Kuhlman
 L'Arche Wavecrest

La Fondita
 Jim and Dawna Lahti
 George and Rose Landeis
 Robert and Molly Lane
 Charles and Ruth Langen
 Monique Lanier
 Charles LeFevre
 Left Foot Organics
 Sharyl Leingang
 Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc.
 Mark and Nancy Lennox
 Ty and Kathleen Lillis-Tinsley
 Al and Sheila Linggi
 Esther and Martin Litton
 Jim and Pat Litzen
 Josephine Lowe
 Luciano's Casino-Waterfront Restaurant
 Miral Luka
 Lumberman's - Bonney Lake
 Meredith Lynch
 Jane MacNeil
 Mad Hat Tea Company
 Jean Madden
 Joan Eads
 Paul and Dolores Mahoney
 Thomas and Theresa Mahoney
 Majorie Mankin
 Marlene Mankin
 Evergreen Excavation, Inc.
 Catholic Woman's Club
 Patrick and Judith Manza
 Viola Marcoe
 Anna Markholt
 Joseph and GERALYN Marley
 Ken and Margaret Marson
 Dick and Candi Marzano
 Arthur and Elizabeth Maslow
 James and Mary Mason
 Smithosh Mathew
 Tom and Cathy Matson
 Linda Matsusaka
 James and Eileen Matteucci
 Richard and Marcia Matthaei
 Megan Matthew
 Jeffrey and Mali Mayor
 John and Mary Mazetier
 Guy and Corrine McCarnay
 Ed and Joan McCarron
 Robert and Jodi McConnell
 Scott McDonald and Susan Pagano
 Barbara McDowell
 Thomas and Doris McGuire
 Jerry and Mary Ellen McKain
 Michael and Margaret McKasy
 Susan McKenzie
 Joseph and Lolita McNabb
 Patty McNally
 Lawrence and Millie McNerthney
 Dorene and Terence McTigue
 Mary Means
 Mike and Jane Medrzycki
 Fred and Carol Meirose
 Leslie Merta
 David and Beth Meshke
 Brent and Melinda Michaelson
 Mae Mickelson
 Danny and Teres Millar
 Bob and Joan Miller
 Daniel and Evelyn Miller
 Jerome and Bette Miller
 Mark and Chelle Miller
 Richard and Roberta Mitchell
 L'Arche Nehalem
 John Mocerri and Sonja Wingard
 Dorothy Moe

Melissa Moffett
 Stephen and E Louise Mondau
 Debbie Montgomery
 Verna Mooney Jones
 Morford's Hallmark
 Morrell's Cleaners
 Sandra Mostoller
 Neil Mullen and Yolanda Duralde
 Multicare
 Edmund and Drew Murphy
 Jerry Mylet
 Sara Nau and Erin Flagstad
 Tim Neff
 Tim Nueberger and Joanna Robinson
 Nick & Willy's Pizza
 Nissan of Fife
 William and Jayme Nitz
 Nonna Rosa
 Elizabeth Norris
 Richard Nuckolls and Ann Suver
 Joseph and Anne Nusse
 Christine and Maria O'Brien
 Patriot Fire Protection, Inc.
 Neil and Claire O'Brien
 Pauline O'Donnell
 Gerard O'Leary
 Oak Brothers
 Richard and Marcia Olsen
 Rob and Paula Olson
 Todd and Roberta Olson
 Gregg Ostergren
 Fredrick and Stephanie Ostmann
 Reid Ozaki
 Pacific Crest Industries
 Tom Pagano and Mathew Lavagr
 Antonio and Beverly Palomo
 Joe and Ann Panesko
 Joseph and Margaret Pazderka
 Mary Pedersen
 James and Janet Pence
 Joe and Cheryl Penry
 Mark and Leeann Perry
 Richard and Fran Perry
 Richard and Lorelei Petrlich
 Peter and Karen Pierce
 Pierce County Deanery
 Pike Place Bagel
 Pilates of Tacoma
 Margaret Pinchak
 Joe and Bernie Piscatella
 Sonja Politakis
 Clifford and Marilyn Ponnikas
 Christine Porter
 Michael and Bunny Portmann
 Teresa Posakony and Steven Donaldson
 Richard and Barbara Powers
 Marc and Juleen Pudists
 Quality Fasteners
 Daniel and Jana Quiocho
 Ram Restaurant & Brewery
 Scott Rapp
 John and Bettie Rawe
 Carl and Maxine Real
 The Red Hot
 Redeemer Lutheran Church
 Redford Family Partnership
 Rob and Margret Redmond
 Delbert and Marie Reed
 Ed and Betty Reed
 Janice Reeves
 Aaron and Sarah Reichhardt
 Kathleen Reilly
 John and Dorothy Reitan
 Traci and Justin Richards
 Russell and Janet Richardson

Adrian Richmond
 Teri Rideout
 Winnifred Rieck
 The Ritz
 Rocket Records
 George Rodkey
 Mark and Jan Rogers
 Dave and Shannon Ronald
 Joan Rose
 Law Office of Richard F. Rose
 Jane Ross
 Tom Ross and Patty Bahoshy-Ross
 David and Gloria Rothrock
 Steve and Tessa Rothrock
 Shelly Rubatino
 Janet Ruud
 Tiffany Ryan
 St. Bernard's Parish
 St. Charles Borromeo
 St. Frances Cabrini
 St. John of the Woods
 St. Joseph School
 St. Leo's Church
 St. Mark's Lutheran Church
 St. Matthew Parish
 St. Vincent DePaul
 Edgar Sargent and Laurie Beale
 Mark Schacht
 Christopher and Veronica Schmitt
 Chuck and Eve Schott
 Joanne Schott
 Michael and Leslie Schott
 Tim and Demetra Schwiager
 Bob and Becky Scott
 Richard and Elaine Seeberger
 Betty Selden and Gerald Hoff
 Robert and Marilyn Sendek
 Rosetta Sepich
 Jon and Maria Sessler
 Richard and Donna Severson
 Hakan and Susan Sezgin
 Donald Shave
 Mrs. Robert Shea
 Gregory Sherman
 Timothy and Marcia Sherry
 Ginny Shinn Uno
 Masami Shinya
 Brainerd and Christiana Shiu
 Joy Showalter and Terry Goatz
 Rachel Simner
 Simple Tidings
 Susan Simpson
 Andy and Laurie Smith
 Edward and Linda Smith
 Gregor and Donna Smith
 Janeen Smith
 Michael and Christie Smith
 Helen Sommerville
 Thomas and Jennifer Sousa
 The Spar
 Stadium Bistro
 Stadium Thriftway
 Evelyn Stankevitz
 Diane Stefanowicz
 Carl and Jean Steingrebe
 Melanie Stella
 Bob Stewart
 Sr. Josephine Stewart
 Esther Stillwell
 William 'Smokey' Stover
 V.A. Stowell and A.C. Gallup
 Gerard Straub
 Denis and Lisa Sullivan
 John and Nancy Sutton Sutton
 Allen and Joanne Suver

Joan Svare
 Carl and Linda Swanson
 Paul and Christine Swinehart
 James Sylvanus and Melisa Evangelos
 Tacoma Rainiers Baseball Club
 Jon and Susan Talbot
 BZ and Jennifer Tapia
 Gary and Libby Tart
 Laurie Teeter
 Elizabeth Tegeler
 Terra Organics
 Theo Chocolate, Inc.
 Donald and Joan Thompson
 Gary and Gail Thompson
 Jennifer Thomsen
 Sarah Thomson
 Bruce Titus Automotive Group
 Francis and Margaret Tolman
 Jerry and Mary Ann Toohey
 Patrick & Cheri' Toohey
 Top of the Hill Ceramics
 Ervin and Nancy Trapa
 Irena Trapnell
 John and Betty Troup
 Community Connection
 Michael and Mary Jo Tucci
 Tom and Diane Tucci
 Tom Tuttle
 Catherine Tyrrell
 Nancy Tyson
 Gary and Deleva Ulseth
 United Church in University Place
 Greg and Amy Unruh
 Upper Crust Bistro & Bakery
 James and Christine Villano
 Lisa Villano

Dave and Carla Vogel
 Robert E. Vogel
 Robert H. Vogel
 Arnljot and Dorothy Wagsholm
 Charles and Lucy Walker
 Patsy Walker
 Katherine Ward
 Kerry and Terry Watrin
 Ellen Watson
 Cecil and Yarrow Wayman
 Rev. Dan Weber, SJ
 Robert and Janet West
 Western Washington Beverage
 Donald and Joyce Whitemarsh
 Eugene and Kathleen Wiegman
 Mike and Susie Wiese
 John and Karin Williamson
 Robert and Karen Wilson
 Bonnie Witek
 Jean Witte
 Kathleen Wolf
 John and Christine Wolfe
 Richard Woo and Arlene Joe
 Woock Studios
 Mitchell and Mary Ann Woodruff
 Sara Woodward
 Chris and Cat Woon
 Bruce and Marcia Wright
 John Wynne
 Adam Ydstie
 YMCA of Tacoma-Pierce County
 Mark and Leslie Young
 Vince Young
 Shunji Yuasa
 Yvonne Zubalik

Thank You!

We are grateful to the following Foundations who have supported us financially between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007. We also appreciate the following Companies' commitment to encouraging their employees to share their blessings by instituting internal Matching Gifts Programs. The companies' support of us is also appreciated.

Foundations

- Babare Family Foundation
- Comcast Foundation
- I Do Foundation
- Neeb Family Foundation
- Sue D. Nilsson Endowment Fund of
The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation
- The Russell Family Foundation
- Schwab Charitable Fund
- Special Friends Foundation
- The Stewardship Foundation
- Titus-Will Families Foundation
- United Way of King County
- United Way of Pierce County
- United Way of Snohomish County
- Vanguard Charitable Endowment

Matching Gifts Companies

Bank of America
 Microsoft Corporation
 Russell Matching Gifts Program

A Visit From "Chavo"

by Erin Hahl, House Leader

On the eve of May 13, 2008, Salvador Delgado, the community leader from Queretaro, Mexico, arrived via an international enculturation meeting in Montreal. Chavo, Salvador's more common and preferred name, spent three weeks in and around Tacoma in an effort to building solidarity and strengthen ties with L'Arche Tahoma Hope and the Western U.S. Region. While Chavo came to us with minimal English and we received him with an almost reciprocal amount of Spanish, it didn't take long to get to know him and his gentle spirit. Chavo spent his days in an assortment of ways. He often joined the Farmhouse for morning breakfast and tea, worked almost daily on the Farm, and spent a good chunk of his time mixing with other members and parts of the Tacoma and Seattle communities.

Through the help of gestures, translators, and some creative forms of communication, Chavo shared with us about his community back home. L'Arche in Queretaro was founded in 1999 and consists of one house, made up of five core members. In addition to the home, community members take part in activities together, such as baking break, growing a garden, and gathering daily for prayer. The life there, he said, is simple and is full of many of the same joys and challenges found within the walls of our homes and programs here in Tacoma.

Chavo's presence was felt throughout the community during and after his visit. He brought with him a very playful and tender spirit, which enabled the often broken conversations to be a little more fluid. It wasn't uncommon to see him joking with core members, to catch him on the Farmhouse lawn participating in a badminton tournament, or to hear him joining the house in a song and dance number. Chavo went back to Queretaro with a few extra English words in his pocket, and both parties left the experience feeling a deeper sense of connection and a stronger sense of belonging to the international body of L'Arche.



Chavo with Quertaro core member, Moisés

Consider Us in Your Will

As a registered nonprofit organization, L'Arche Tahoma Hope can accept gifts made through a will. Many people find it easy to delay making a will. By some estimates, over 75% of us do not have one. We procrastinate because we think that estate planning is hard, but really it is not all that difficult.

Estate planning is important for everyone, not just the wealthy! Having an up-to-date estate plan with a valid will is the best way to ensure your wishes are carried out and also to ensure that you don't leave your heirs with unanticipated legal problems or tax burdens. For those who care deeply about the work of L'Arche, remembering us in your estate plan could be an appropriate way to complete the stewardship circle in your life. This type of support can secure the long term stability of L'Arche Tahoma Hope.

If you don't have a will, talk to a lawyer, or trusted friend regarding how to go about completing one. If you do have a will, but L'Arche Tahoma Hope isn't in it, we invite you to consider how we might fit into your estate planning.

Memorial Contributions

We are grateful for the donations we have received in memory of the following people. They, along with their families and friends, are in our prayers.

Martin Boyle
Fr. Paul Dalton
Frances Gregory
Ed Harris
Robert McConnell
Alice Overton
Molly Ross

We are also thankful for the donations we received in honor of:

Mark Drangstveit
Bert Ewers
Dan Hulse
Kevin & Annie Meirose

Don't forget to visit our website to find out more about what's up in our community....

www.larchetahomahope.org

Who's Where in Our Community

Anawim

Mark Drangstveit
Ricky Durham
Carie Halle
Leana Shiu
Kate Goodsel
Bill Hoskyn
Meredith Lynch
Jane MacNeil
Laura Willhoite

Ananda

Bobby Buchanan
Les Leise
Stacie Swanson
Rachel Knoke
Abby Laxa
Smithosh Mathew
Leah Morgan
Sonja Perez

Hopespring

Shannon Dell
Robbie Habermann
Sharilynn Heinzman
Nicole Becker
Ha-Young An
Lisa Villano

Farmhouse

Kai Ponnikas
James Taylor
Nancy Tyson
Erin Hahl
Debra Hegwood
Kristina Leopold
Dominic Milazzo
Graciela Reyes
Natalie White

Noah's Workshop

Bobby Buchanan
Ricky Durham
Carie Halle
Sharilynn Heinzman
Stacie Swanson
Mara Eaton
Sue Hudacek
Alyssa Robbins
Allison Wisco

Board of Directors

Paula Olson, President
Kevin King, Vice-President
Paul Borne, Secretary
Chris Colleran, Treasurer
Todd Carlisle
Laura Giddings
Arlene Joe
Steve Kramp
Kerry Watrin

Farm & Gardens

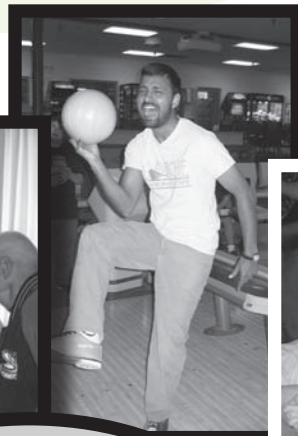
Tawna Billesbach
Tanya Brown
Frank Daum
Janice Evanger
Robbie Habermann
Bob Horner
Greg Kingery
Les Leise
Leana Shiu
Debbie Wilson
Cameron Buhl
Meghan Dooley
Holly Hunt
Bryce Kobrin
Patrick Toohey

Office Staff

Stacy Cates-Carney, Exec. Dir.
Diana Busch, Comm. Coord.
Sarah Thomson, Comm.Coord.
Cheri' Paillet, Dev. Coord.
Mary Pedersen, Admin. Asst.
Danelle Harris, Bookkeeper
Dave Ronald, Maintenance
Nancy Tyson, Office Employee

Our (Much-Appreciated) Long-Term Volunteers

Martha Boone, Tom Chemelir, Perry Dahlquist, Lu Farber,
Sr. Madeleine Farrell, Cindy Horner, Cheryl Jordan,
Jodi McConnell, Carmen Stanley and Margaret Tolman.





WHERE TO FIND US...

MARKETS

Tacoma Farmer's Market 10am - 2pm
Thursdays, May 15 - October 16

Proctor Farmer's Market, 9am - 2pm
Saturdays, April 26 - October 30

6th Avenue Market, 3:30 - 7:30pm
Thursdays thru September 30th



HARVESTFEST: OCTOBER 6TH, 10AM - 4PM

Mark your calendars now and watch your mailbox for details!

REMEMBER US FOR YOUR EVERGREEN WREATHS!

Call the Farm for details... (253) 537-7871, farmandgardens@larchetahomahope.org



AUCTION 2009

Mark your calendars for March 7th, 2009 for a night of fun and frolick. We are returning to the more spacious Landmark. There are many different opportunities to volunteer, so give the office a call to find out more!

THE PIERCE COUNTY HUNGER WALK

is set for October 5th, 2008 and we'll have a team walking for the 4th year. Come join us! For more information, call or e-mail Diana at the office. Sponsorship checks can be made to PCHW and mailed to the L'Arche office.

Soundings is published three times a year, Spring, Summer and Christmas.
L'Arche Tahoma Hope is a non-profit organization. Your donations are tax-deductible.

The Farmhouse
11716 Vickery Ave. E.
Tacoma, WA 98446
(253) 535-3171

Anawim
616 East 45th St.
Tacoma, WA 98404
(253) 474-5618

Ananda
12306 Vickery Ave. E.
Tacoma, WA 98446
(253) 537-5126

Hopespring
12319 - 36th Ave. E.
Tacoma, WA 98446
(253) 537-6936

Noah's Workshop
12319 - 36th Ave. E.
Tacoma, WA 98446
(253) 537-7540

Farm & Gardens
11716 Vickery Ave. E.
Tacoma, WA 98446
(253) 537-7871

12303 - 36th Ave. East, Tacoma, WA 98446, (253) 535-3178, e-mail: info@larchetahomahope.org

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Tacoma, WA
Permit No. 1126



United Way
of Pierce County