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A Year of Many Gifts

by Stacy Cates-Carney, Executive Director & Community Leader

"Be prepared at all times for the gifts of God
and ready for new ones.

For God is a thousand times more ready
to give than we are to receive."

~ Meister Eckhart



Each year in L'Arche brings changes, challenges, graces and gifts. As part of our Annual Community Review (aka Annual Report) it's important to share with you, our friends and supporters, highlights of what has been received, lived and let go.

As we entered 2009 we anticipated a change on our leadership team as Diana Busch prepared for the birth of her baby, Elizabeth (Elizabeth turns 1 in May!). Diana transitioned from her role as Community Coordinator to part-time assistant and now to supporting life member. We welcomed Erin Hahl as our new Community Coordinator, grateful for her years of experience living in the community. Rachel Knoke transitioned from a live-in House Leader to live-out assistant and Development Coordinator. At the end of the year Sarah Thomson, announced her intention to return to school full-time and will be transitioning out of her role and daily life in the community by June 11, 2010.

Elisa Stene Carrothers, long term assistant and grower, participated in the Inter-zone retreat in Mexico City and also spent time visiting our twinned community, El Arca Queretaro. Our community commitment to solidarity continues to be strong and visits such as Elisa's help us to come to know each other's community in a more personal way. Four assistants, all of who have been in the community for over 3 years, chose to take the step of becoming intentional daily life members and were welcomed into the Long Term Assistant group at our annual retreat in late October.

We continue to listen to the life and longings of our core members. Long term assistants and board members met with core members for dinner and conversation over two different summer evenings. We have welcomed two new core members since February 2009. We are engaging in more conversations and

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connections to explore how best to support meaningful work and day activities for all core members. We mourned the deaths of two friends and former core members, David Vernon and Carol Capp.

The Farm continued to till new ground. The Sutherland Orchard, in collaboration with the St. Leo Food Connection, was planted in October. The crew established a number of raised beds and made the cloches in the fields functional and productive. The Farm participated in 3-4 Farmers Markets per week throughout last summer. And while the Farm felt the impact of the challenges in the economy in lower sales, new relationships were developed.

In late fall we started the process of developing a new four year Mandate, and on April 17th we completed the process by affirming a new Mandate and I was confirmed in my desire and call to continue as Community Leader.

We continue to pray together through the seasons, in many places and forms, as we share a longing to deepen our spiritual life. We are a community very grateful for the many ways we are enriched in our life together and we can look back at 2009 as a year of many gifts. We thank you, our many friends and supporters, who continually give so many gifts which sustain our life in community. We are very blessed.



From Our Board President, by Kevin King

GRACIAS!

As your new board president, I wish to THANK each and every one of you. For what? For being an important part of L'Arche Tahoma Hope. I have been part of other organizations, but nothing really compares to the love, kindness and commitment that I see witnessed in the L'Arche friends, assistants, leaders and core members.

The core members are really the core of L'Arche. My focus, our focus is them and what they teach us. One core member at our National L'Arche meeting in Boston last month defined God in these words: "Well, I guess he is really a woman, a she!". Out of the mouths of babes and core members comes the insights and challenges to see our God and our world DIFFERENTLY, more inclusively and simply. As my mom would say "to take ourselves a bit less seriously".

For me, that is the 'core' of L'Arche—a simple, humble view of what really matters. For me L'Arche is the Beatitudes LIVED—blessed are the poor in spirit and to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God. The core of L'Arche is to see that I too am poor in spirit.

Getting down to business, the LTH community successfully went through a 'mandate' process. This is an every four year review of our goals and leadership. Not only did we together as a community come up with a new, revised mandate, but chose again and affirmed Stacy as our leader. To have Stacy's leadership, love, and financial and personnel expertise is truly a blessing for LTH. We have a leader who additionally has the spiritual groundedness to take us further than we ever thought we could go. Thank you, Stacy.

Finally, I wish to especially thank those of you who have given of your time, talent and treasure to support this most excellent endeavor. We as a Board closely watch our finances so that we can maintain this good work started by others FOR OTHERS, and ultimately for our core members. The annual auction was a great success and opportunity to announce our mission. Thanks, again and please come and see us soon—at our houses and at our spring and summer sales events for Farm and Gardens.

Blessings,

Kevin King, Board President

A Special Thanks to Our Donors....

"Gratitude is the memory of the heart."

- French Proverb

Following is a list of those who have supported us financially from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

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2009 Financial Report

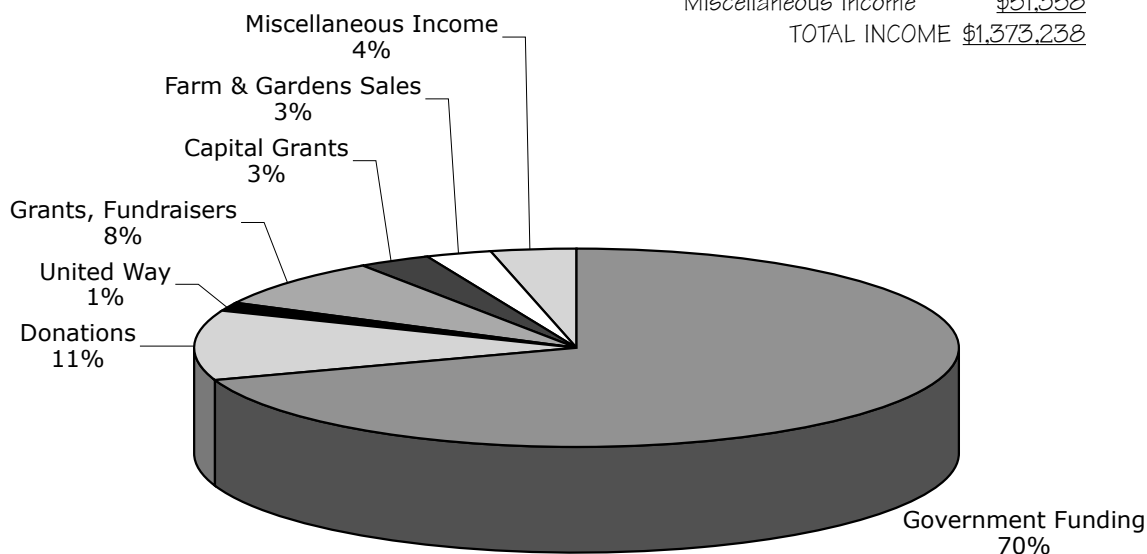
L'Arche Tahoma Hope completed 2009 in a surplus position. In light of the expected government funding cuts, the 2009 budget was approved with an expected deficit as the bottom line, knowing that reserves set aside over time would cover the Community's expenses, if necessary. Due to significant donations, including estate gifts, and careful monitoring of expenses, the actual outcome was much better than expected.

A long needed change in medical coverage occurred in 2009. After much research, the board approved a change of medical plan combined with the creation of Health Reimbursement (HRA) accounts for members of the Community, funded by L'Arche.

Our investment account started to recover at the end of 2009. Further investments were made by the Community, partly to the Endowment account, but also on behalf of the Farm and in a fund specified for general capital improvements.

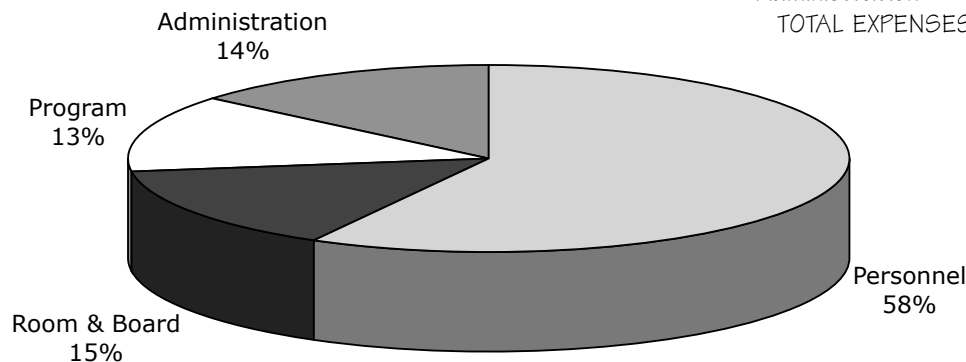
Support & Revenue

Gov't Funding	\$957,162
Donations	\$156,904
United Way	\$18,892
Grants, Fundraisers	\$110,937
Capital Grants	\$40,000
Farm & Gardens Sales	\$37,985
Miscellaneous Income	\$51,358
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,373,238



Expenses

Personnel	\$755,167
Room & Board	\$191,542
Program	\$174,106
Administration	\$180,601
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,301,416



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 your names are not as
 readily available to us as
 our direct donors, your
 support means just as
 much to us.

Thank You!

Memorial Contributions

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

Patricia Boyle
 Carol Capp
 Peggy Carroll

Janice Cook
 Larry Schott
 Angie Stanley

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

Cliff Ponnikas
 Katharine De La Garza
 Mark Drangstveit

Sue Hudacek
 Betty Reed
 Patrick Toohey

Bob Vogel

Thank You!

We are grateful to the following Foundations that supported us financially in 2009.

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.

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- Microsoft Giving Campaign
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- The Russell Family Foundation



"Bajo La Misma Luna" - A Fiesta to Remember!

A very gracious "Thank You!" to all of our friends and supporters who made this year's auction, "Bajo la Misma Luna (Under the Same Moon)" a night to remember! With your help, we were able to raise over \$85,000 to support the life and mission of L'Arche Tahoma Hope as well as our sisters and brothers in L'Arche of Latin America.

Our Fund an Item brought in \$24,000 - the most ever! This money will go toward funding retreats, training and formation experiences for every member of the L'Arche Tahoma Hope Community.

To all of the many volunteers who helped with everything from setting up to selling tickets – **THANK YOU!**

To the auction committee who worked tirelessly for months to put together a night to remember, from the small details to the big paper flowers – **THANK YOU!**

To all of our sponsors and underwriters who made sure that every core member seat was paid for and more of the night's proceeds came right back to L'Arche – **THANK YOU!**

To everyone who so generously donated or procured items and experiences, an essential part of any auction! – **THANK YOU!**

And, of course, to all of you who joined us at the Landmark Theater and so generously gave of your time and money – **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**

We sincerely hope that everyone enjoyed the night as much as we did and we look forward to seeing you again next year!



Mark your calendars for:

**Saturday,
March 5th, 2011**

for the 2011 L'Arche Tahoma Hope Annual Auction.

Want to help us make it a success? It's not too early to volunteer to help. Call or e-mail Mary or Rachel at (253) 535-3178, auction@larchetahomahope.org for more information about ways to be involved.

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"And the Bill Downey Award Goes To...."

by fellow Board Members, Chris Colleran & Paul Borne



The Bill Downey Award is an award given in memory of Bill Downey, a core member who was instrumental in L'Arche Tahoma Hope in its early years. The award is given to a faithful friend and supporter in recognition of their service to the community.

This year's recipient of the Bill Downey Award is **Kerry Watrin**, longtime board member and physician to many core members, and assistants. He was even Bill's physician and, in fact, at one point provided a life-saving diagnosis when Bill was having trouble. Kerry has built relationships with many of the core members in the Tacoma community and would probably say that he has been transformed by these relationships.

He has been a valued member of the Board for many years, interrupted at one point by a well-earned year's sabbatical. He listens to issues with a discerning ear and when the time is right, provides the right perspective, whether it is the historical ("This is where we've been in the past." "Watch out for that issue.") or it is bringing us back to the mission of L'Arche and our responsibilities as a Board.

Kerry has served in many areas as a Board member, including on a Mandate team, on a team putting together a Strategic Plan, and for many years as part of the Finance committee. His critical thought process and incisive questions have helped us weather some tough times financially, as well as helped us get onto the more stable financial ground we are on now.

Kerry has been on the Board and with the Community through rough times and in times of celebration. His retirement from the Board this year has left a hole, but he also left us with a wonderful example to follow.

Thank you, Kerry, for your years of service and friendship!



Bill & Kerry dancing a jig "back in the day"

Welcome, Kristen!

We're excited to welcome Kristen Mellis as our new Community Coordinator and we've invited Kristen to introduce herself to you:

My name is Kristen Mellis. I've moved from St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada – as far East as you can go in North America! I have lived in many places but I am originally from Northern Vancouver Island, BC. L'Arche has been a part of my life since I was a child when my parents became involved in L'Arche Victoria, BC. In university, I volunteered with, and then lived-in as an Assistant for 7 years in various communities [L'Arche Antigonish (NS), Kent (UK), Comox Valley and Shiloah (BC)] before going into education. At present my family is spread out – my parents are in St. John's, Newfoundland, and my sister and her husband are in Mission, BC. I have two cats; Amy (meaning "love") and Zoë (meaning "life") who have made the move with me.

I love being outside and enjoy going for walks, hikes, camping and kayaking. I enjoy going for coffee/ tea, cooking with friends, playing games and the guitar, singing and doing things with my hands. I also have a delight for the little bugs that live in the streams. I am happy to have returned to L'Arche and the Pacific Northwest and am enjoying life at L'Arche Tahoma Hope!



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Welcome Pat!

Pat Kernells traveled from L'Arche Spokane over the mountains on March 29, 2010 to join L'Arche Tahoma Hope. Pat lived in Nazareth House in L'Arche Spokane for eleven years before moving into Hopespring. He brings with him a deep love of



community, a strong sense of faith, an easy-going spirit, and his good friend Pooh Bear. Pat is an active 74 year old, who loves dancing, coloring, and building with legos and he takes great delight in getting out and about. While still holding his Spokane friends and family close, Pat, with his warm smile and friendly nature, has quickly found a home in Tacoma.

Welcome Pat!

Remembering Carol



The week of Christmas 2009, Carol Capp died peacefully in her sleep at her home with Options Unlimited in Spanaway, WA. Carol had lived at Anawim for a season before moving on to live with friends at Options Unlimited. We remember Carol for her incredible crotchet skills and for how joyfully she taught these skills to eager assistants. She made many a baby blanket during her time in L'Arche. Carol blessed us with her warm smile, her stories of years spent living with her family in Africa and her deep faith. She brought her lovely parents, Philip and Carmena, into our life at Anawim and we are so grateful for the many graces we received from them. Who but Philip and Carmena and Carol would spend an afternoon on their hands and knees, weeding and pruning along the front path at Anawim? Those of us who gathered at Carol's house after she died were consoled to find out that she was very happy and at peace the night before she died. She attended an Options community party that night and finished her day expressing her gladness and hopefulness over a bowl of her favorite ice-cream. On you go Carol, on you go.

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by Sarah Thomson, Community Coordinator

As I prepare to transition from L'Arche in June and begin a new phase of my vocation, recent voices of the Anawim core members come to mind. Ricky announces on Holy Saturday, "Jesus, He just controls me. I thank you all for God coz He just helps us." Mark puts his hand on my shoulder while making his lunch and says, "I'll help you pack up your office, Sarah. Tell me when we're gonna do it." Leana, last month, turns to me and asks, "What's our last outing going to be before they give you the boot?!" These simple offerings remind me of the many encounters with grace that I have experienced at L'Arche. If I am fool and free enough to follow the sage advice of Ricky, I will daily offer up my life to God and always take time to listen to my heart. Mark's invitation reminds me that doing things together slows me down and I am always richer for the company. Leana's perspective makes me chuckle to remember that sometimes in community it's about me and most times it's really not.

What good and faithful companions I've had at L'Arche Tahoma Hope these last 12 years. The unique mix of characters has been a vital part of supporting me to grow in wisdom, freedom and a deeper understanding of my vocation. I still remember the day I moved into Anawim in 1998. I cried that day, overwhelmed by so many new things and sad for all I thought I was leaving behind. At the dinner table that night, Stacie reached for my hand during grace and ran her thumb over and over the back of my hand. In that moment I knew I was safe and though I would cry again the next day, and many times in the years after, deep inside I was consoled that God had placed me right where I longed to be. I knew from the first meal shared and the first prayer prayed that my heart had found a home. L'Arche Tahoma Hope is a community of faith that practices a daily rhythm that is pregnant with opportunities to recognize the goodness and mercy of God all around us. Time and again I have received grace that I have not deserved.

I came to L'Arche out of a deep sense of call and knowing that I needed to be a person rooted in community. These last 12 years have been incredibly rich. I've lived many passages of life and death with others and within myself. And now the vehicle that animates my vocation is changing. Being an educator has always been a vital part of my call and this now compels me onward from L'Arche. It is time for me to launch my little currach into the deep, knowing as I've always known, that "Jesus, He just controls me." I'll be transitioning from the community June 11th and starting graduate studies this fall in Student Development Administration at Seattle University. Thanks be to God for the immeasurable graces that I have received from my brothers and sisters in L'Arche in Tacoma, in our region and around the world.

Thank You, Sarah T!

Sarah has shared more than 10 years of joys and challenges in daily life at L'Arche Tahoma Hope. We have been blessed with her laughter, pastoral presence, servant leadership, commitment to community and her passion for the mission of L'Arche. We trust she will take this passion with her and find new ways to share the philosophy and spirituality of L'Arche in her next endeavors.

Sarah...our deepest thanks to you for sharing yourself with all of us in mutuality and fidelity – our community is better because of you.

Who's Where in Our Community

Homes

Farmhouse

Kai Ponnikas
James Taylor
Nancy Tyson
Jason Jacobi
Smithosh Mathew
Mary Motlalane
Amanda Schappler
Graciela Reyes
Natalie White

Anawim

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Carie Halle
Leana Shiu
Roland Canillas
Rachel Knoke
Meredith Lynch
Jane MacNeil
Hillary Moyer
Sarah Ronald
Danyelle Thomas

Hopespring

Shannon Dell
Sharilynn Heinzman
Pat Kernells
Kate Goodsel
Katie Lodge
Katie Mulcaire-Jones
Wuhamu Pan

Ananda

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Les Leise
Stacie Swanson
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Looch Garofalo
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Together We Are Better

by Patrick Toohey, Farm & Gardens Coordinator

Many changes occur in the spring: new growth, the sun tempting us with brief radiance and the Farm & Gardens opens its doors for the season. Our annual opening day, Spring Fling, was a wild one! In between the hail, wind and rain, warm sunshine greeted many brave souls for a time primed for picking out a choice basket, the cream of the crop of geraniums and a wide variety of edible and flowering perennials. Folks were able to visit with the new piglets, toss a worm to the chickens and feed our visiting goats. We were also able to highlight long awaited site improvements at the Farm & Gardens – a new roadside sign, plant signs, new trellis, raised beds, a shade area, and a chicken coop under remodel.

Another area of growth has occurred as well - I, Patrick Toohey, have been asking for a bit more help and learning to slow down. Three days before opening day while trying to get the Farm into sales shape, I injured my rotator cuff. Putting the pain aside, I continued to work, until a very wise woman reminded me, "Maybe this is a sign that you need to delegate more". Sometimes life's lessons are painful, but they are often the most remembered. I have had to rely on all those around me to continue our progress and keep the Farm on track.

Being laid up has helped me become more aware of the many strengths and gifts of our team. These may have not been seen had I not asked for help and given up areas that I thought only I could do. It has been a joy to watch our team, the community and those who have come out to lend a hand. There has been finger pointing and words of concern from Debbie "Be careful, I will get those pots, I can lift that tray for you" to the alarmed "You're a madman" from Joe who catches me mowing the lawn one handed as he drops off a dinner and homemade bread. It's a gift I try to teach others -- "ask for help",

"work smarter not harder" but I struggle to lead by example. In my time of healing, we have had an abundance of people step up and fill the need. Ironically, during our mandate day I celebrated the acceptance of Stacy, as she committed to continue as our community leader, with

demonstrating that we have many gifts and we are all one body. Now the jokester in the sky has allowed me the time to step back and truly rely on the many gifts of the body.

It is with the help of those listed below that the Farm continues to grow people and grow plants and this year will be no exception. The Farm & Gardens crew and I would like to exclaim a heartfelt thanks to: The L'Arche assistant body, Herb Gaines & Family, JCPenny's (South Hill), St. Leo Parish Youth, Edgewood Presbyterian, Lighthouse Christian, DaVita, Firgrove Elementary, Mt. Tahoma High School, Clover Park High School, Bellarmine Prep, St. Martin's College in Olympia, PLU, UPS, UWT, Calvin, Charles Wright Academy, Franklin Pierce Transition Program, Michael, Bob, Kathy and Cheryl, Dan Watson (Watsons Greenhouse), Green Mountain Coffee, and United Way.

With the help of these individuals and organizations and the continued support from our core workers and volunteers we are able to remain on schedule and be intentional about our daily work. On our own we may be good but together we are better. Thank you again to all our supporters for helping to make L'Arche Farm and Gardens better. We invite you to come touch the earth, harvest and share in the experience of L'Arche Farm.



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Proctor Farmers Market, 9am - 2pm
Saturdays, March 27 - November 20

Broadway Farmers Market, 8:30am - 2pm
Thursdays, May 20 - October 28

6th Avenue Market, 3:30 - 7:30pm
Tuesdays, June 1 - September 28



GREENHOUSE HOURS

Monday - Saturday, 9 - 4pm until June 12.
Open select Saturdays after that.
Call for hours after June 14, (253) 537-7871

EVENTS

Pacific Avenue Spring Festival,
June 12th, 9am - 4pm.

Welcome to Summer Open House & Potluck,
June 26th, 10 - 4 (Potluck starts at 5:30)
At L'Arche Farm & Gardens.

Harvest Festival & Plant Sale,
October 2nd, 10 - 4 at the Farm.

We will be at a variety of churches throughout
the season, so call or e-mail us for dates, times
and locations.

Please call ahead to confirm we will be at the above events before making a special trip out to see us...