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"Continuing the Good Work Entrusted to Us" in 2010

by Stacy Cates-Carney, Executive Director/Community Leader

In gratitude for God's faithful presence and creative spirit, we continue the good work entrusted to us. We reaffirm our commitment to the mission of L'Arche Tahoma Hope and acknowledge our need for continued nourishment and development as a community.

~ from L'Arche Tahoma Hope Community Mandate 2010-2014

As with every year there is a rhythm to our life in community that remains fairly constant...

....people came and we blessed people on to the next part of their journeys,

....seeds were planted and produce harvested,

....meals were prepared and meals were shared,

....messes were made and messes were cleaned up,

...and we enjoyed times of celebration and prayer.

Our past year was also filled with other highlights.

Our mandate and community leader discernment process culminated in early 2010. As a community we crafted our Mandate - a plan of our hopes and vision for the next four years. I said 'yes' to the community's openness for me to continue in the role of community leader. A joint meeting of community members and Board members in July was an opportunity to begin to outline an action plan for the Mandate.



Sarah Thomson, after over ten years at L'Arche Tahoma Hope, moved on to new endeavors and Kristen Mellis joined us as our new Community Coordinator. In May Sarah was crowned queen at our first ever L'Arche Prom! We welcomed Pat Kernells (after 11 years as a core member in L'Arche Spokane) and Doug Creek as new core members to Hopespring and Farmhouse respectively. Debra Velder, Zach Hovland and Charles Clark II, all transition students, joined the Farm as new core member workers. A number of assistants started their journey with L'Arche in 2010 and we also blessed a number of assistants onto the next part of their journeys.

We engaged in the L'Arche International Commitment and Belonging process – with a community day in August of play, reflection, art, music and food. Our community also had a small reflecting group that met over the summer to share more fully on the meaning of commitment & belonging in L'Arche (both its joys and challenges). Jane MacNeil served as a regional representative to the National Reflection group which met in Portland, OR in December.

Sharing a meal and conversation is the cornerstone to many of our community meetings. The Board had dinner with long term assistants and listened to what helps sustain commitment to the journey of L'Arche and both of these groups had dinner and conversation with core members at the annual core member dinners during the summer. The Membership Committee hosted a dinner and evening of sharing information and exploring hopes with Supporting Life Members in October.

We trekked over to Spokane for Regional Gathering in June, to Lafayette, Oregon in both the spring and winter for retreats, around the Northwest for community vacations and to Seabeck for our annual Community Weekend.

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"Continuing the Good Work" in 2010 *(Continued from page 1)*

We made some improvements to our homes. Thanks to Chuck Schilling, the Ananda kitchen got a major face lift. Ananda also had the center bathroom retiled and new flooring installed in several bedrooms. Anawim had exterior painting done. Underground water lines were replaced at Ananda, Hopespring and Farm & Gardens. We continued to update our fleet of vehicles.

From mid-spring into early winter the Farm participated in several Farmers Markets in Tacoma as well as craft fairs and special events. Amidst its daily work, the Farm hosted a variety of groups including St. Ignatius High School (San Francisco), Gonzaga University, University of Montana, DeVita, as well as many local grade school and high school groups (see page 10).

Now in 2011 we are aware of a myriad of opportunities and challenges we face. Sustainability was a key theme in our Mandate and we are exploring what this means throughout the layers of community life. We will likely face decreased funding due to Washington State's budget challenges. We continue to diversify our funding and build on individual, corporate and foundation support as we remain hopeful about increasing our financial sustainability. The Board made a commitment in the mandate process to make day supports and meaningful activity for core members a priority and Siri Carlson has been hired as Recreation/Day Support Assistant to spearhead this effort. We look forward to deepening connections of solidarity with our brothers and sisters in L'Arche in our region and throughout the world.

We remain ever grateful for God's faithful presence and for the many who support and sustain us in our mission. In all that we do we seek to reaffirm our commitment to the mission of L'Arche and acknowledge our need for continued nourishment and development as a community. In 2011, our 34th year as a community, we will continue the good work entrusted to us.



From Our Board President, by Kevin King

First of all I wish to THANK YOU for your wonderful support of L'Arche Tahoma Hope. As I grow in awareness of L'Arche, I am so very grateful for this caring community of which you are a very valued contributor.

It has been a busy year. Over the winter and spring of 2010 our Board of Directors, daily life and supporting life members engaged in a mandate and director discernment process. We were delighted to confirm Stacy Cates-Carney's commitment to continue to lead L'Arche Tahoma Hope over the next four years with our community's dedicated focus on the following areas:

- Ensure a healthy quality of life for all members
- Ensure the health and wellness of L'Arche Tahoma Hope Community, and
- Promote building relationships/connections in the greater Tacoma area.

In addition to participating in this process our Board connected with the community over the past year by spending time with individual core members and long term assistants as well as monthly dinners in our homes prior to board meetings. Some of us, like you, also brought meals to the homes. The Board has also been able to grown in awareness of our commitment to Tahoma Hope by attending an excellent development presentation by L'Arche USA. This presentation includes a follow up webinar to help raise awareness and resources to better support L'Arche.

The auction was a great event, as usual....thank you again for your awesome participation! Special thanks goes out to Rachel Knoke, our Development Coordinator, and the incredible Auction Committee. (Read more about our auction on page 3).



I do not have to tell you that this is a tough time for funding. We are grateful for all the support we receive from a wide variety of individuals who, like the widow in the gospel, gives most generously from their resources.

I'd like to share a final note of just plain thanks for whatever ways you help us live out our mission at L'Arche Tahoma Hope...it is appreciated; YOU are appreciated!

Kevin King

President, Board of Directors, L'Arche Tahoma Hope

Oh, What a Night!

by Rachel Knoke, Development Coordinator

We've done it again! For the 17th year in a row, thanks to everyone who helped, our annual auction was a SMASHING success! It took a lot of people, a lot of time, and a lot of great items, but this year, for the first time ever, we raised **over \$100,000** from our one night of celebration and fellowship!!!

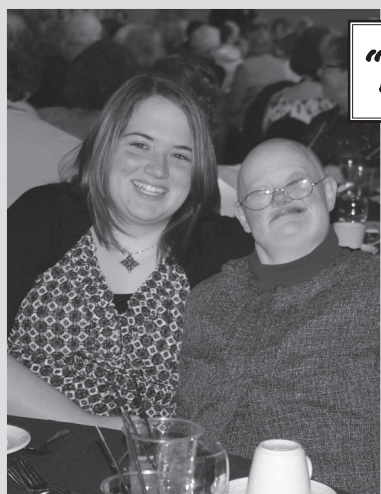
There are so many people who made the night possible that it's impossible to thank them all, but we'll try anyway! Thank you to Kelley, Irena, Christiane, Mary, Danelle, Arlene, Melissa, and Jana, our faithful auction committee who worked for seven months to get everything together and ready. It just wouldn't have happened without all of you! Thank you to all of the many hard-working volunteers that showed up to help set-up Saturday morning and all those who were there during the auction. Also, we need to give a special shout-out to Levin Conway, our computer guru extraordinaire! Thank you for your generous gift of your time.

Thank you to Jennifer and Marc, from Allegria Auctions, and Bill, our "colorful" commentator and MC! Thank you to all of you who so generously donated items, gift certificates, experiences, and hand-crafted arts. Without an auctioneer or things to auction off, it just wouldn't have been the same!

Thank you to all who sponsored the core members' attendance and to all who helped underwrite the auction. A special thank you to our Event Sponsor, Rebecca Cates, our Table Sponsors, Multicare and Dazaifu, LLC, our Patron Sponsors, Sessler, Inc., as well as Evergreen Excavation, Edward Jones Financial Services, Manza and Mocer, Financial Design Group, Joanne Schott, Janet Dyckman, and John Van Buskirk and Kitty-Ann Van Dorninck.

And finally, a very special thank-you to everyone who showed up to support L'Arche Tahoma Hope! Because of you, we had our best auction ever, raising over \$100,000, including more than \$28,000 for our Fund-an-Item (see pg 4 for details). We hope you had as much fun as we did and we hope to see you next year!

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



Our Bill Downey Award this year went to Marcus Walker. Marcus served as our auctioneer for over 12 years, encouraging the mission of L'Arche in Tacoma.

He was a faithful supporter, always offering feedback, encouragement, and enthusiasm to our night of fun and fundraising. Our many thanks to Marcus and Lauren Walker for their many years of friendship to L'Arche Tahoma Hope.

Marcus passed away on March 11th and will be sorely missed by our community.

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A Little More Fun at Tahoma Hope

by Siri Carlson, newly appointed Recreation/Day Support Assistant

Part of our community's mission statement calls us to "make known the gifts of people with developmental disabilities" and to "engage in our diverse cultures." In an effort to focus more on this area of our life together, we now have a Recreation/Day Support Assistant at L'Arche Tahoma Hope and this year's auction Fund-an-Item was to support this dimension of our community life. For the past few months, I've been blessed to be in that role and to explore what exactly it will entail.

The journey has been enlightening and very exciting thus far. With the help of everyone in the community, I'm helping core members pursue activities and opportunities that are sources of growth and fulfillment for them, whether by continuing to participate in existing relationships and activities, or discovering new interests and places of involvement. By focusing on enriching our daily lives, we can continue to make L'Arche Tahoma Hope a sustainable community and foster an ever-widening circle of relationships in the greater Tacoma community.

Our community has a lot of gifts and interests to share, and it's been very exciting to see all the opportunities and gifts Tacoma has to share with us. I'm enthusiastic about developing a relationship with Pacific Lutheran University (PLU), only a few miles away in the Parkland area, as well as continuing to explore the offerings of MetroParks and TACID, two organizations that have many opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities. Some core members have started attending TACID's Friday movie club, which has been a great success. It's hard not to have fun when munching on popcorn and watching Gene Kelly tap away to "Singin' in the Rain!" MetroParks has some great facilities and classes available, and making our lives enjoyable and sustainable also

entails keeping our bodies healthy and happy. Kai Ponnikas and I have started attending the open swims at Eastside pool, where there's plenty of opportunity for water games and racing, as well as post-workout soaks in the hot tub. There's always more to explore with existing activity offerings, and I'm looking forward to the exciting outdoor opportunities we will have this summer, both for enjoying our beautiful surroundings and engaging in the Tacoma community.

We're having a good time with each other as well. For St. Patrick's Day, a group of us got together in the afternoon to bake traditional Irish soda bread, read a fairy tale from Ireland and dance to some Irish folk tunes. It was a blast—we measured, mixed, and kneaded loaves for each house to take home with them (and it was even more fun to sample our work). At the end of March, we had our own "March Madness" with a friendly bracket competition and a couple of basketball games. And there's nothing like group sing-alongs—with the music ability at L'Arche Tahoma Hope, we've produced excellent renditions of "You Are My Sunshine," "Lean on Me," and "Proud Mary," to name a few.

I've barely touched the tip of the iceberg, but there's a wealth of life-enriching relationships and opportunities out there

for the core members and community of L'Arche Tahoma Hope. We engage in some of them already and are excited for our new opportunities. I have the fortunate (and fun) role of helping our core members find and keep sources of joy in their everyday lives and share that joy with all of Tacoma. I hope our paths cross with yours in the near future and you can join us for our daily doses of fun and fulfillment! If you have any ideas of ways we can connect with the larger Tacoma community, please e-mail me at fun@larchetahomahope.org!



The fruit of St. Patrick's Day labor - Irish Soda Bread!



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Richard & Carlee Brown	Genny Connor	The Flying Boots	Dave & Sheila Hauck

2010 Financial Report, by Chris Colleran, Treasurer

L'Arche Tahoma Hope completed 2010 essentially even, with a slight surplus position. The 2010 budget was approved as a deficit budget in light of the economic environment and expected further funding cuts. Through great diligence and the generosity of donors, L'Arche did not achieve that budget but in fact surpassed expectations by breaking even.

More changes were made to the medical plan due to increasing costs. L'Arche determined to go with a plan that has a higher deductible, which will be covered for assistants by L'Arche. While L'Arche will bear more risk under this plan, it does not seem that it is an unreasonable risk, based on actuals in 2010.

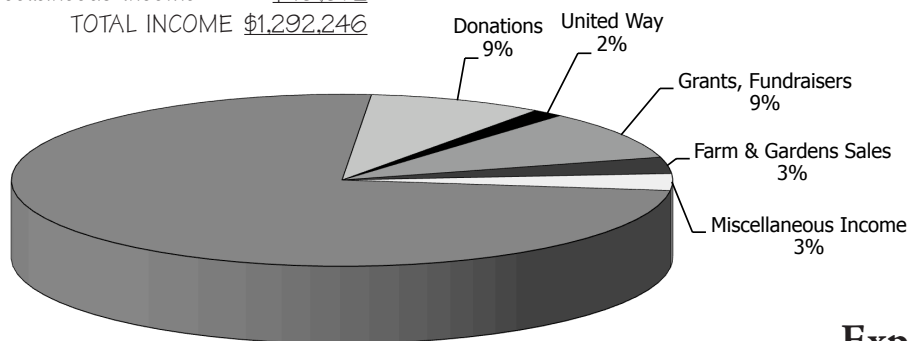
It became clear throughout the year that L'Arche needs to further diversify our funding, relying less on government funding and expanding the donor base. In light of this, the development budget for 2011 is more detailed and robust than it has been in the past.

Our investment account, with funds for operations, the Farm, and capital needs, saw a fair amount of volatility in 2010, but is currently in a better position than it has been in two years, with a balance just over \$400K.

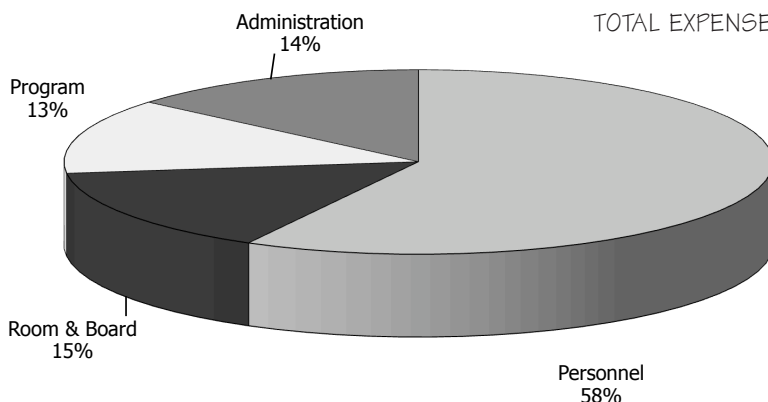
Due to past planning and current watchfulness on cost, L'Arche Tahoma Hope continues to be financially healthy. Government funding is a source of unknown volatility and advocacy on our behalf is ever appreciated.

Support & Revenue

Gov't Funding	\$962,453
Donations	\$110,328
United Way	\$19,529
Grants, Fundraisers	\$119,390
Farm & Gardens Sales	\$39,874
Miscellaneous Income	\$40,672
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,292,246



Government Funding
74%



Expenses

Personnel	\$748,237
Room & Board	\$194,519
Program	\$170,552
Administration	\$178,255
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,291,563

Rodney & Rebecca Hauth
Hawthorne Tea Room
Elizabeth Hayes
Judge & Mrs. Frederick Hayes
The Health Connection
Hello, Cupcake
Sergio Hernandez & Cheryl Jordan
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 available to us as our direct
 donors, your support means
 just as much to us.

Thank You!

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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.

John Boyle	Fr. Paul Dalton
Martin Boyle	Molly McNerthney-Ross
Patricia Boyle	Lee Murray
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We are also thankful for the donations we received in honor of :

Nathan Barlow	Marissa Manza
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Anawim

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Sarah Ronald

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Shannon Dell
Sharilynn Heinzman
Pat Kernells
Teresa Hershberger
Katie Lodge
Salomi Pothén

Ananda

Bobby Buchanan
Robbie Habermann
Les Leise
Stacie Swanson
Vicky Knoke
Sonja Perez
Zach Zaubi

Work/Day Programs

Noah's Workshop

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Shann Dell
Ricky Durham
Robbie Habermann
Carie Halle
Sharilynn Heinzman
Stacie Swanson
Nancy Tyson
Sue Hudacek
Jeannie Jones
Abby Visser
Allison White

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Tawna Billesbach
Charles Clark II
Robbie Habermann
Zach Hovland
Greg Kingery
Les Leise
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The L'Honey Project

by Rick Samyn, St. Leo's Pastoral Assistant, Social Ministry



If you've ever visited L'Arche Farm & Gardens, you will discover that it is more than the sum of its parts: greenhouses, chickens, planting rows, wheelbarrow-workers. L'Arche Farm and Gardens is a community of people embracing the natural world, striving to live healthy and integrated lives through which mutual benefits are realized. Members of the L'Arche community find meaningful work and sense of purpose through the cultivation of plants, caring for the soil and creating farm products that express human creativity. For me, L'Arche farm is fertile ground for creativity and the promise of a better tomorrow for all!

Out of this fertile place is born the *L'Honey Project*. L'Honey is a collaborative honey bee project that promotes youth education in sustainable apiculture, social business and care for the vulnerable. L'Honey is a natural extension of the Farm and currently collaborates with St. Leo Youth and the University of Washington/Tacoma. L'Honey is an opportunity for youth to experiment with a social business model that meets human needs and at the same time protects and enhances the natural environment. It is my hope that L'Honey becomes an incubator for a new vision of economics and the promotion of sustainable living. As a hive nurtures young honey bees, L'Honey nurtures the aspirations of our youth for a healthy and harmonious world.

The L'Honey Project is entering its second full season of bee keeping. The apiary consists of only a few hives, but we plan to expand this season. We practice natural methods of honey bee management.



Misha and Les with the L'Honey hives

We do not use any harsh chemicals/insecticides in our hives. Our current small product line includes bottled honey and hand balm packaged and made by St. Leo youth group members. We plan to expand our line of hive products to include soap and creamed honey. Other market ideas are to promote the Farm with our products as well as work to include L'Arche members in product production. L'Honey also promotes the Youth Migrant Project of the Archdiocese of Seattle and the application of the Social Business Model: People/Planet and Profit the triple bottom line.

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Volunteers Abound on the Farm

by Molly Ehling, Lutheran Volunteer on the Farm

"A community is like a garden full of flowers, shrubs and trees. Each helps to give life to the other. Together they bear witness to the beauty of God, creator and gardener-extraordinary." - Jean Vanier

Spring has come, and we at L'Arche Farm & Gardens are just beginning to see the new fruit and growth in the earth around us. As we cultivate new life, we recognize that the Farm wouldn't be as beautiful and complete of an experience without our faithful volunteers. As the weather warms and winter ends, we find ourselves increasingly in the presence of abundant volunteers and we are incredibly grateful for all of the support and energy they bring to our days.

At the Farm we have grown accustomed to our faithful individual volunteers who make a regular commitment, rain or shine. Whether they work one day, a week, or several, each is an integral part of building relationships and increasing our mission to the greater community. Margaret, who has been volunteering with us every Tuesday for more than 13 years, is a true blessing. Her gardening expertise, flexibility, and compassion is invaluable and she has grown to become a great friend to many on the Farm. Tom is another Tuesday volunteer and a good friend to many of the core members. His calming presence and dedication to L'Arche is a gift to the Farm. We are also so happy when Nathan graces us with his presence and talents on Wednesdays and Fridays. And where would we be without the many skills and gifts Teresa and Misha offer the Farm on Thursdays and Fridays. Teresa and Margaret pruned all of our fruit trees in a matter of days, and Misha brings the gift of signing to our morning meetings engaging us all in new ways.

The Farm also has a special relationship with Franklin Pierce High School. Some students, like Brandon, Nick, and Patrick visit and gain work skills for their pathway to employment. Our newest intern, Greg can be seen mowing, landscaping and helping move dirt. Nick has been a faithful sweeper when he visits and Patrick, although he has gone onto other opportunities, was a great help at moving chips and organizing pots. Brandon actually helped us secure a grant to sponsor several chickens. Every day, as a part of his educational plan, Brandon feeds those chickens. We cherish these diverse and faithful individuals, and see them as an integral part of our community.

Sometimes those individual volunteers call in a few favors, and we end up with some amazing results. At Farm volunteer Kathy Sessler's suggestion to her husband Jay, the folks at Sessler Inc.,

Fife Sand & Gravel, Janke Enterprises and Randles Sand & Gravel collectively donated a road's worth of gravel and completely revamped our rapidly deteriorating drive on the Farm. For their gifts of materials, time, talents, and hearts, we will be forever grateful.

Because work on the Farm is never done, we have the ability to welcome volunteer groups as well. This year we have enjoyed the fruits of visits from staff from Russel Investments and Charles Wright Academy, and the Davita Dietitians. It's our hope that these day-of-service groups value their time with us not only as a chance to strengthen relationships within their organizations but are also positively affected by seeing the abilities, rather than the disabilities, of our farm team. Similarly, we welcome students from nearby universities like PLU and University of Puget Sound, who are

looking to meet community service requirements. These volunteers come on a consistent basis, generally over the course of a couple of months and end up forming lasting relationships with our Farm crew.



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Nola V Tresslar
Betty Troup
Judy Trummert
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Tom & Diane Tucci
Tully's Coffee
Nancy Tyson
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University of Puget Sound
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We've also welcomed groups that have come consistently once each year. One such group is made up of folks from JC Penney who have been staging our farm for Spring Fling for several years now. Also among these once-a-year groups are faith-based groups like the Bellarmine Faith in Formation group as well as the students from McKenna Elementary and the Bryant Montessori 7th and 8th graders. Though we do work together, their visits focus more on relationships, which allow us to be intentional with our morning prayer and give us the opportunity to get to know each other as individuals.

Bearing in mind our "people-first" mentality, it is always our hope that relationships are in the forefront of every group's experience with us, but some are more labor intensive than others. Comcast will be blessing us with 150 volunteers at our Spring Fling on April 30. We've also welcomed many hard-working college students throughout the year. First-year students from the University of Puget Sound joined us as a part of their Fall orientation, and students from Gonzaga University, University of Texas, University of Portland, and University of Montana, have chosen to be a part of an alternative spring break program through their school. We had the joy of sharing our "Potatoes on Saint Patrick's Day" planting tradition with the U of T students who worked whole-heartedly with us for an entire week embracing Washington rain and shine. And, we can't forget to recognize the continued monthly presence of the middle school students from Firgrove and fourth graders from Charles Wright. These young, energetic people come for an educational experience and aren't afraid to get in the dirt or even shovel chicken manure, to do so.

Some groups visit the farm just to find out what we're about and how we operate. Individual classes from the University of Washington Tacoma, Tacoma Community College (TCC), and Highline Community College have visited the farm to learn about sustainability, local food, and environmental education. With these types of groups we take a long, intentional tour and sneak in a bit of work while we're at it. These education-based group visits provide excellent networking opportunities as well as space to build relationships. Many of these students decide to contact us later on for more information about what we do or to set up individual volunteer times of their own. Though they might be short-term relationships, we truly value every one.

We are fortunate to welcome so many volunteer groups and individuals to the farm, and though this list might seem long already, it is by no means comprehensive. We love our volunteers because they do projects we are unable to do; they keep us on track for the season so we can concentrate on the little things. And while we so appreciate the work they do *for* us, the most important work is the stuff they do *with* us. Volunteers are able to build relationships and see that individuals with disabilities are people with varying abilities and are able to find the gifts that each person has.

Regardless of the initial intent of the volunteering group, whether they come to us simply for a service experience, environmental education experience, or specifically to work with folks with developmental disabilities, our intent in welcoming them is the same: to offer each individual the chance to experience the transformative power of seeing and working with people who are rarely credited for their abilities. It is our hope that volunteers are transformed, in some way, by their experience working with us.



Don't Miss...

Spring Fling

APRIL 30TH, 2011

10AM - 4PM

- Veggie starts and edibles for your garden
- Perennials for your yard
- Farm & Gardens' handmade crafts for sale
- Outside vendors and hands-on activities



Check out the Spring Fling Coupon on the next page!

For directions to the Farm, visit our website at:

www.larchetahomahope.org. Questions?
e-mail us at farm@larchetahomahope.org,
or call (253) 537-7871.

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

