



## COMMUNITY REVIEW & SOUNDINGS

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### Another Full Year in Review

by Stacy Cates-Carney, Executive Director/Community Leader

As we look back on 2011 and our 34<sup>th</sup> year as a community we are ever grateful for the many who supported and encouraged our life together. We also recognize and celebrate the commitment of community members who have lived through the many seasons in our community life. Three core members celebrated 25 years in community (Les, Nancy and Ricky) and board member/former assistant Paul Borne celebrated his 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with L'Arche. As we look ahead to the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of L'Arche Tahoma Hope this Fall, we also look back on how the mission of L'Arche has come alive this past year:



**Make known the gifts of people with developmental disabilities,**

**revealed through mutually transforming relationships** Siri Carlson returned to us in late January and began giving shape to more meaningful daytime (and some evening) activities for core members – a mandate goal and a dream of the community for a number of years. Wellness and physical activity have been areas of focus with swimming, walking, aerobics, and community 'field days'. We've welcomed more volunteers to share in our activities and daily life. We've also gotten out into the larger community in new ways and are delighted with our growing relationship with the Bellarmine Prep L'Arche Club.

Core members and assistants experienced time of renewal and play throughout the year at retreats (Ignatian Retreat, Exploratory Retreat, Assistant Enrichment, Abbey Retreats, Core Member Retreat, Long Term Assistant Retreat), Community Vacations in July and Community Weekend in September.

**Foster an environment in community that responds to the changing needs of our members, while being faithful to the core values of our founding story** Sharing a meal and conversation continues to be the cornerstone of many of our community gatherings. 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. In June, the board met with the Community Council and the Leadership Team and a few other community members to review our Mandate. In the fall, the Board hosted an evening of conversation with newer assistants.



We had three meetings with guardians/family members in 2011. These were opportunities to give updates on community life, as well as hold informational sessions on advanced directives, responsibilities of representative payees, and changes in state funding.

Through the generosity of supporters and efforts of Dave Ronald and volunteers, some much needed physical improvements were made. We had carpets replaced at Hopespring and the office. United Way volunteers put a fresh coat of paint on the dining room and living room of Anawim and spruced up the yard. Kathy Sessler led efforts for the resurfacing of

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the road on the Farm. There was also major work done on the Hopespring septic system. We continued to update our fleet of vehicles – the most notable being a new accessible vehicle for Farmhouse thanks to a \$40,000 grant from the Boeing Employees Community Fund.

### **Engage in our diverse cultures, working together toward a more human society**

We connected with our brothers and sisters in L'Arche as community members participated in the National General Assembly in Dallas, trekked to Portland for Regional Gathering, gathered with other leaders at Team Leader's Circle and Regional Council. We hosted the National Solidarity Commission meeting and had Mireille Khairallah, board member from El Arca Queretaro (Mexico), as our guest for several days after the commission meeting.

From mid-spring into early winter the Farm participated in several Farmers Markets in as well as craft fairs and special events. Amidst its daily work, the Farm hosted immersion groups who came to work on the Farm and learn about the mission of L'Arche. Groups included: St. Ignatius High School (San Francisco), Gonzaga University, University of Montana, La Salle High School (Portland), University of Texas and Tacoma's School of the Arts. The Farm hosted its first Friends of the Farm Feast in June...sure to become an annual event.



Leana and a volunteer at work outside

As we continue to face State and County funding reductions, development efforts are critical in sustaining our mission. We are grateful for the generosity of our many individual supporters as well as foundations and local businesses.

We marked the end of 2011 with sadness at the passing of Fr. Jimmy Boyle– a dear friend and faithful companion to our community and to many in L'Arche. 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.

## The Board Helps Tahoma Hope Look to the Future...

by Laura Giddings, L'Arche Tahoma Hope Board Vice-President

Over the past 35 years, L'Arche Tahoma Hope has seen its share of change: core members, leadership, assistants (many!), Board members, houses, property – it is the nature of our lives together that things don't stay the same. And yet, when we look back through the years, we can clearly see that our core vision, mission and values have not changed. We are still people, with and without developmental disabilities, sharing life in communities belonging to an international federation. Mutual relationships and trust in God remain at the heart of our journey together. We continue to celebrate the unique value of every person and recognize our need for one another.

Part of the job of the L'Arche Board of Directors is to help the community's leaders continue to hold fast to our vision while navigating the inevitable changes that time will bring. To that end, the Board has entered into an agreement with a consultant to help us look into the future. The consultant's name is Helen Jones, and she has worked with many companies and non-profit organizations on visioning and organizational development. Her role is to listen on our behalf, and then to give us her ideas and recommendations regarding the big picture direction for L'Arche Tahoma Hope over the next 10 years. Helen will talk with many people connected with L'Arche in ways big and small, including our core members, leaders, assistants, parents and guardians, government regulators, individual and foundation donors, and community partners. In the end, the Board will have a broader and deeper perspective on L'Arche's role in people's lives, where we might share our mission more widely, and how we can remain true to the vision established nearly four decades ago. If you have questions or would like to share your perspective with Helen or with a member of the Board, please contact the L'Arche office.

# Auction Report...

## Yee Haw!

by Rachel Knoke, Development Coordinator

A very gracious "Thanks You!" to all of our friends and supporters who made this year's auction a night to remember! With your help, we were able to once again raise over \$100,000 to support the life and mission of L'Arche Tahoma Hope, including just over \$29,000 for our Fund-an-Item!

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 Irena, Christiane, Mary, Danelle, Jana, Colleen, Meredith, Jen, Donna, and Athena, 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 Allegría Auctions, and Paul, our cowboy 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, it just wouldn't have been the same! Thank you so much to everyone for your generosity!

Much gratitude to all who sponsored core members to attend and to all who helped underwrite the auction. A special thank you to our Event Sponsors, Rebecca Cates and Tucci and Sons, Inc., our Table Sponsor, Multicare, our Patron Sponsors, Arlene Joe and Richard Woo, as well as Financial Design Group, Inc., Joanne Schott, James and Mary Mason, Michael and Amy Loughren, and John and Marjorie Hudacek.

And finally, a very special thank-you to everyone who showed up to support L'Arche Tahoma Hope! Your generosity keeps us going! We sincerely hope that everyone enjoyed the night as much as we did and we look forward to seeing you next year!

Mark your calendars for: **Saturday, March 2nd, 2013**  
for the 2013 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](mailto:auction@larchetahomahope.org) to find out how you can get involved.



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

### Special Thanks to:

#### Event Sponsor

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Our Bill Downey Award this year went to Irena Trapnell. Irena came to the community in 2002 as a live in assistant, and she has served many roles since then. She is currently a supporting life member and most notably, a very beloved and cherished friend to many of our core members.

Irena is someone who always celebrates the good news of others, as she is a great encourager. She ensures we are looking and feeling our best from head to toe, and she always makes sure the core members get to what they love and what's important to them. Irena is someone who has been so faithful in relationship, and she's one of the first people we call when we're in a pinch.

Our many thanks go out to Irena for her years of faithfulness and friendship to L'Arche Tahoma Hope.



## In Memory of Fr. Jimmy by Sue Hudacek, Noah's Workshop Coordinator and Long Term Asst.

Words cannot express the depth of our loss of our beloved Fr. Jimmy Boyle on December 30, 2011. Every two weeks, Noah's Workshop and friends welcomed Fr. Jimmy at our Hopespring Chapel where he made sure each and everyone had a place—that they belonged. Stacie sashayed to the altar bringing the gifts and setting the altar as only she could do...bowing and miming a few words before sashaying back to her place, pointing at Fr. Jimmy and announcing "Next!" Ricky never missed the opportunity to stand at his friend's side assisting Fr. Jimmy as he celebrated mass. Carie would stop her rocking and look up in order to drink in every word of his homilies. Shann would sit in the middle of the floor, holding court, watching and looking around during mass. Pat would forgo lunch as he arrived on the shuttle in order to join us. Life for us at Noah's Workshop and at L'Arche Tahoma Hope is certainly not the same. We miss Fr. Jimmy's homilies, his hugs and always, his laughter.



With Sue Hudacek, Sr. Ann Marie Buss and Greg Hanon

Fr. Jimmy's life was radically transformed during a retreat given by Jean Vanier in 1974. Up until then, he understood that his ministry was about being good to the poor...showing love and compassion. However, it was during this retreat that he discovered he must listen to the poor...the poor were actually his teachers. They were the ones that would lead him to the heart of Jesus and the Gospel. From this time on Fr. Jim's ministry became one of discovering God in the suffering of all humanity.

L'Arche became a key part of Fr. Jim's life. In October, 1977, two months after L'Arche Tahoma Hope began; Fr. Jimmy received permission from Archbishop Hunthausen to move into Hilltop House, our first L'Arche home. Fr. Jimmy continued to live there for 10 years while commuting to Rainier School and Fircrest, two state institutions for people with developmental disabilities. His journey with L'Arche continued throughout his life. Fr. Jim served as pastoral minister for the L'Arche Noah Sealth Community, was National Chaplain for Faith and Light, gave the word at Faith and Sharing retreats as well as L'Arche Covenant retreats, and recently served on a national reflection team for the anthropology of L'Arche, just to name a few of his roles in L'Arche.



With Ricky Durham



With Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche

Last year at his Jubilee, celebrating his 50 years as a priest, Fr. Jimmy spoke of his absolute, profound gratitude and thanksgiving to a most loving and caring God who had blessed him over his whole life. He spoke of his gratitude and wonder for Jesus, of Nazareth, now risen, our brother in humanity, our God revealed. And finally, he offered humble gratitude to all who had journeyed and walked with him, shared and given life, but mostly to all who had cared and loved him. We so miss you, dear brother, friend, companion, our priest and our champion. You had a heart that loved and embraced us all. We thank you, Fr. Jimmy, for we are richer, we are blessed for having known you and been loved by you.

# A Special Thanks to Our Donors....

**"If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, "thank you," that would suffice." -Meister Eckhart**

Following is a list of those who have supported us financially from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

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.

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# 2011 Financial Report, by Chris Colleran, Treasurer

Although L'Arche Tahoma Hope completed 2011 in a deficit position, our approved budget was a deficit budget so this was not unexpected. The good news is that the actual deficit was \$50,000 less than the approved budgeted deficit.

The 2011 auction brought in the most income of any auction in the past. L'Arche Tahoma Hope relies upon these funds over the course of the year so thanks to the hardworking auction committee. Other donations for the year were on par with the prior year, but lower than years prior to that. The economic environment is likely a factor, but the board will take some time to focus on ideas for increasing donations.

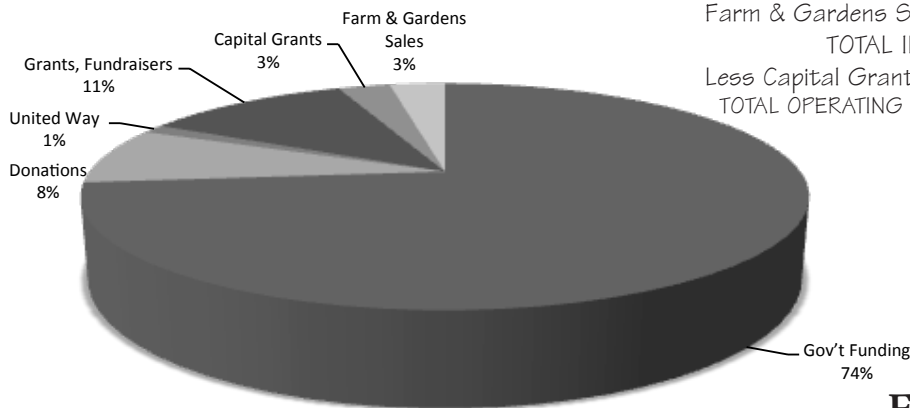
Several grants were received over the course of the year, with about \$20K more in 2011 than 2010 and significantly more than 2009. The capital grant for the new van was a big boost!

A review was done by the Finance committee of the salary data from the L'Arche USA Compensation task force. L'Arche Tahoma Hope is in line with many of the recommendations of the task force but further work in a couple of areas is needed.

The whole community continues to be very frugal in expenditures. This has kept the financial situation manageable in these trying economic times. The budget for 2012 is a very even budget, further evidence of the continued management of the finances by the whole community.

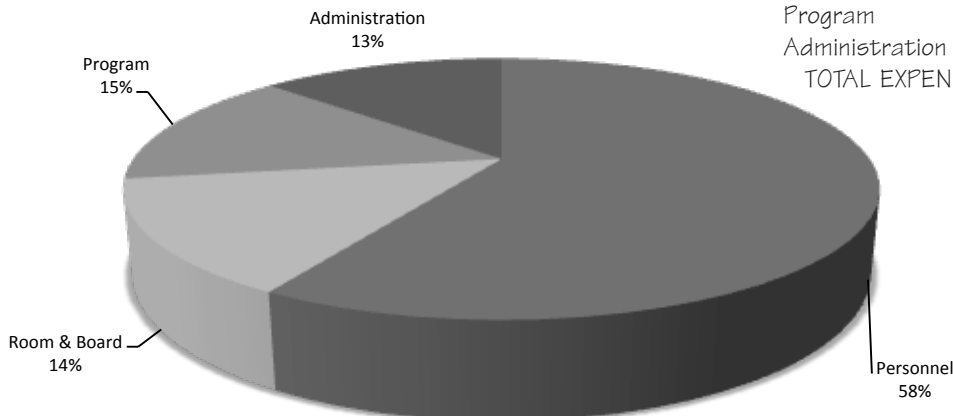
## Support & Revenue

Gov't Funding	\$1,024,899
Donations	\$113,207
United Way	\$16,820
Grants, Fundraisers	\$158,296
Capital Grants	\$40,000
Farm & Gardens Sales	\$42,409
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,395,631</b>
Less Capital Grant	<\$40,000>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,355,631</b>



## Expenses

Personnel	\$813,023
Room & Board	\$196,126
Program	\$201,237
Administration	\$180,519
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,390,905</b>



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 Lance Kagey  
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 program and other similar  
 programs. Although 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.

Regina Marie Belyea  
 Fr. Jimmy Boyle  
 Patricia Boyle  
 Zenta V. Grobins

Cindy Horner  
 Nancy Joe  
 Regina May Petrich  
 Don Thompson

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

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We are grateful to the following Foundations that supported us financially in 2011.  
 We also appreciate the following Companies' commitment to encouraging their  
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# Who's Where in Our Community

## Homes

### Farmhouse

Doug Creek  
James Taylor  
Nancy Tyson  
Michelle Boverman  
Katie Lodge  
Stacey Hirst  
Vicky Knoke  
JeanNette Nelson  
Natalie White

### Anawim

Nathan Barlow  
Mark Drangstveit  
Ricky Durham  
Carie Halle  
Leana Shiu  
Kate Goodsel  
Teresa Hershberger  
Jane MacNeil  
Allison White

### Hopespring

Shannon Dell  
Sharilynn Heinzman  
Pat Kernells  
Candace Attwood  
JC  
Kaitlyn Kiger

### Ananda

Bobby Buchanan  
Robbie Habermann  
Les Leise  
Stacie Swanson  
Sonja Perez  
Salomi Pothén  
Amanda Schappler

### Community-Wide

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Luciano Garofalo

## Work/Day Programs

### Noah's Workshop

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Ricky Durham  
Carie Halle  
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Nancy Tyson  
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Lauren McKenna  
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The Renaissance Cafe  
The Spar  
Jane Thomas

Joan Thompson  
 Susan Thompson  
 Agnes Thomsen  
 Sarah Thomson  
 Francis and Margaret Tolman  
 Kevin Toohey  
 Patrick Toohey and Cheri Paillet  
 Ervin and Nancy Trapa  
 Irena Trapnell  
 Jerry and Nancy Traversie  
 Nola Tresslar  
 John B. and Betty Troup  
 John Troupe  
 Michael A. and Mary Jo Tucci  
 Tom and Diane Tucci  
 United Church in University Place  
 United Way of King County  
 United Way of Pierce County  
 United Way of Snohomish County  
 Canvas Church - Stetson University  
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 John Van Buskirk and  
 Kitty-Ann Van Dorninck  
 Nancy Van Pevenage  
 Ann Marie Vandeman and  
 Christopher Jennings  
 Thomas Vandenberg  
 Lee and Nancy VanPevenage  
 Richard and Ellen Vargo  
 Vito Aquino  
 Elaine Wagner  
 Arnljot and Dorothy Wagsholm  
 Washington State Historical Society  
 Kerry and Terrie Watrin  
 Watson's Greenhouse and Nursery  
 Allison White  
 Clyde and Elsa Whitney  
 Laura Willhoite and Malcolm White  
 Judy Williams  
 David and Anita Willson  
 Clyde Wilson  
 Robert H. and Karen Wilson  
 Wynne Brown and Peter Wimberger  
 Jean Witte  
 Charles and Carola Wittmann  
 C. B. and E. J. Wolfer  
 Cameron J. Woo  
 Richard Woo and Arlene Joe  
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 Pauline N. Yamashita  
 YMCA of Pierce & Kitsap Counties  
 Vince Young  
 Zestful Gardens



## Supporting Life Members at Tahoma Hope

by Erin Hahl, Community Coordinator

On March 6, the supporting life members got together for an evening of food and fellowship. The group currently consists of 16 members. A supporting life member commits annually to staying in relationship with the community, which can happen in various ways. They are a bit of a "lifeline" for the community, providing another layer of support in the good times and in the slim times, and they often are the ones that the core members lean into amidst the transitions in the daily life of the community.

The supporting life member group gathers two to four times a year for a meal and conversation. This gathering was full of great socializing, appetizers, and wine, and it took Stacy's facilitation to bring the conversation back to a place of a little more focus. The evening ended with some updates on community life, looking at some of the work of the board and the community council. It was a great gathering, full of energy and lively conversation. Our many thanks go out to the supporting life members for their ongoing commitment to L'Arche Tahoma Hope. We appreciate you!

## Fun Fitness at L'Arche Tahoma Hope

by Siri Carlson, Recreation and Day Support Assistant

Tahoma Hope kick-started 2012 with our first February Fitness Challenge. Competing both as houses and as individuals, core members and assistants each set an individual goal for the month and tracked their progress for each of the four weeks. Whether it was daily stretching, participating in a yoga classes, personal physical therapy, or even just getting in a walk most days of the week, the goals were a challenging yet attainable way to focus on what is, for most Americans, a real challenge in our lives—getting the appropriate amount of physical activity on a regular basis.

Our kick-off community night was a fitness fair, where we played active games on our community Wii (a generous gift from Manke Lumber), competed against each other in small fitness challenges, and completed activities on our circuit training course. We also practiced our dance moves along with a dance video created by Sarah Klemme, an occupational therapy graduate student at UPS who assisted with planning the challenge. Guest-starring in the video was our own aerobics enthusiast, Sharilynn Heinzman!

In the third week of the challenge, we participated in a community day centered on having active fun together. Community members bowled, did in-house dancing, went hiking at Point Defiance Park, and played at the new Children's Museum in downtown Tacoma. To complete the day, the Farm crew joined the rest of the community for a Valentine's themed dance—nothing like top hits to get our bodies moving!

At our annual Mardi Gras community night, our overall winners were revealed: Pat Kernells and Kaitlyn Kiger took home top awards for individuals, and Farmhouse won the overall house prize. All in all, we worked diligently all month to meet our goals, and managed to have quite a bit of fun along the way.



**Fitness Challenge  
 Awards Ceremony  
 at Anawim**

# News From the Farm

by Patrick Toohey, Farm & Gardens Coordinator

First a howling blizzard woke us,  
Then the rain came down to soak us,  
And now before the eye can focus -  
Crocus.                      ~Lilla Rogers

This poem sums up our experience thus far, alluding to our ability to adapt and overcome at any time: Mother Nature has proven to be mysterious in her intentions for the coming spring once again. We have remained encouraged, finding flowers of the forsythia poking their heads, hopeful buds of lilac and currants popping out to say hello along with the familiar sounds of our migratory Killdeer, we know Spring is in the wings, we also know it has many faces. Stepping from a blustering snow filled March day and entering into the green house we are filled with hope, the heat greeting us warmly along with the forced hyacinth breath of freshness, spring has sprung in the greenhouses and we know it will soon be in full swing out in the fields as well.

We invite you to come check us out, walk the fields, venture through the green houses, the orchard, see the work that hundreds of hands have helped produce since January on the farm. It has been an amazing 4 months, scheduling, planning, waiting, doing and repeating, and we are all excited to showcase the plants and the people that have all helped put it together. Come by or check out our website for more information on our plants and what we have been up to out at L'Arche Farm & Gardens .



Les building bee boxes

## A Year of Loss on the Farm

This past year the Farm felt the loss of two faithful volunteers, each sharing their gifts with us in different ways yet similarly loving us for who we were and what we do. We honor the dedication, commitment and the lives of Martha Boone and Cindy Horner.

Martha Boone could be heard before she was seen, often announcing herself or a terrible pest she had seen on her morning walk in her delightful German way, "Pat Toohey, we have aphids, we have slugs... what are you going to do?" "Pat Toohey, its too hot, we're on strike and were going to eat popsicles!" Martha came weekly sometimes spending the day, sometimes just shopping with her friends she had coaxed into coming to spend their money. She was an advocate for our people and made sure everyone at the markets knew who we were and how blessed she was to be working with us.

Cindy Horner's gifts could be seen with an artful grace wherever she worked. She embraced our craft room. Painting cards, drying flowers and helping us step up our level of crafts beyond our vision. She engaged the gifts of our folks beyond our imagination helping many of our core members and assistants see the beauty in the small things. She bought us supplies, brought us sweet treats and gave of herself beyond measure. Cindy was not one for the lime light, but was the first to give credit to others and pass along the compliments people would give of her work. Her annual Christmas party was a fond tradition of Spaghetti, cocoa in fancy mugs, movies and warm toes on her wood stove.

## Hello and Goodbye

Transition being a familiar friend to us all, this year we bless the journey of Elisa Carrothers, our grower, as she journeys to Idaho where she will join her husband Ken. We welcome a familiar face, a JV in 2009 and a house Assistant, Zach Zaubi, putting his skills to the test in taking on the role of grower at the Farm.



Elisa with Greg and Linda



Zach and Nancy harvesting beans







Don't Miss...

## Spring Fling

APRIL 28TH, 2012

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

**Directions to the Farm:** visit our website at:  
[www.larchetahomahope.org](http://www.larchetahomahope.org) and click on the  
"Get Directions" link in the left column.

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## MARKETS

**Proctor Farmers Market**, 9am - 2pm  
Saturdays, March 31st - December 15th

**Broadway Farmers Market**, 10am - 3pm  
Thursdays, May 3rd - October 25th

**6th Avenue Market**, 3pm- 7pm  
Tuesdays, May 1st - September 25th

## GREENHOUSE HOURS

**Monday - Friday, 8am-4pm**

**Saturdays, April 28th - July 7th, 9am - 3pm**

Call or email for later hours during the week  
and select Saturdays after July 7th.

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## WHERE TO FIND US...

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

### EVENTS

#### **Spring Fling**

April 28th, 10am - 4pm.

#### **Mother's Day Sale at the Farm**

Saturday, May 12th, 10am - 4pm

#### **Pacific Ave. Business District Street Fair**

Sunday, June 10th, 11am - 6pm

#### **Friends of the Farm Feast**

Saturday, June 30th, 11am - 10pm (potluck @ 6pm)

#### **Art on the Ave**

Sunday, July 15th, 11am - 5pm

#### **Mother's Day Sale at the Farm**

Saturday, May 12th, 10am - 4pm

#### **Harvest Festival at the Farm**

October 6th, 10am - 4pm.

*Hoedown at 5pm (see ad on pg 10).*

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.

