



Signs of Hope

Spring 2025

Building Belonging

As the weather begins to heat up in Calgary, the same thing is happening at L'Arche Calgary! It has been a fantastic start to the year, from the success of the Acera Insurance Run for L'Arche to welcoming new faces into our community and launching exciting new projects.

We are so deeply grateful to our donors, whose generosity has breathed life into L'Arche Calgary not only this year, but over the many decades since our founding in 1973. Our homes have long been at the heart of our community, but they have been aging alongside our Core Members.

Our priority is to have spacious, comfortable, accessible homes for Core Members and Assistants, and unfortunately, some of our homes don't currently fit this bill. That's why we're embarking on a project over the next few years to upgrade our homes to be barrier free, include essential common areas, and increase the number of living spaces.

We're starting with one home at a time, and first up is Kichiyak! Thanks to the generous support of the Calgary Foundation and CREB, renovations are already underway to make it into a more liveable space. Stay tuned for a full reveal of Kichiyak's transformation and for exciting updates as we continue this journey.

These milestones and moments of joy are the fruit of your kindness. Thank you for walking alongside us all these years, lighting the way and helping make L'Arche Calgary a place of belonging and hope.

We couldn't do it without you and your continued support.

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Kichiyak Renovations

Thanks to generous support from the Calgary Foundation and CREB, we've begun renovations at Kichiyak House.

Starting in February, these updates aim to make the space more accessible and comfortable for our core members. As our smallest home, Kichiyak's narrow hallways and aging structure were long overdue for improvement. While the work is underway, our Kichiyak residents have been warmly welcomed at Cenacle House. We're thrilled with the progress so far and can't wait to see the final results!



New Washing Machine at Marymount

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Heritage Park for your generous donation toward a new washer and dryer at Marymount! Your ongoing support means so much to us, and we're truly grateful to have you as part of our community.



Polar Express Movie Matinee

A heartfelt thank you to St. Isidore of Seville Online School for your incredible fundraising efforts this past December! Your Polar Express movie matinee raised \$680.75 for L'Arche Calgary, helping us continue our mission. A special shout-out to Principal Kevin for going the extra mile by participating and fundraising \$669.66 in this year's Acera Insurance Run for L'Arche. We're so grateful for your support and enthusiasm!



Garden at Marymount



Thank you, Annice, for helping our garden grow! Your continued care for the garden beds at Marymount means so much. After your hard work redoing them last year, your generous donation of soil this season is truly appreciated.



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Acera Insurance Run for L'Arche

This year's Acera Insurance Run for L'Arche marked the incredible milestone of 15 years! What started as a small initiative by Roger's Insurance has grown into our largest fundraiser, helping us enhance the lives of our core members. The event was a joyful success, with participants of all ages coming together for fitness, fun, and a shared purpose. We are so grateful to everyone who helped make it possible including our sponsors, volunteers, and every person who showed up to walk, run, or cheer. You are the heart behind the impact we make, and your involvement helps us build an inclusive, compassionate community.



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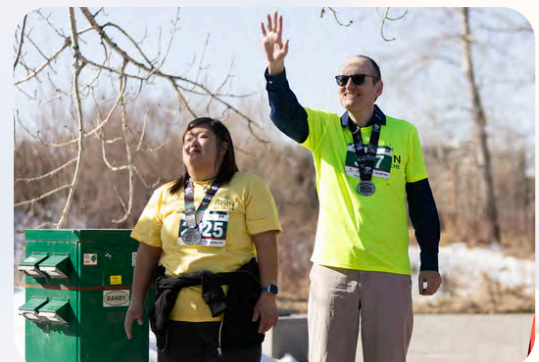
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A Word from Community Leader Ani Hynes

This past year has been one of vision, resilience, and meaningful steps forward for L'Arche Calgary. Grounded in our mission to create a community where each person belongs and is celebrated, we have continued to grow, adapt, and live the spirit of L'Arche, together.

We are grateful to share that the Acera Insurance Run for L'Arche was once again a success. This event not only raises essential funds, it brings people together across Calgary and beyond in a spirit of joy, inclusion, and solidarity. We are deeply thankful to our runners, donors, and volunteers, and especially to Acera Insurance, who marked their 15th year of generous support. Their long-standing partnership has made a lasting impact on our community.

Another milestone this year was the successful application for Affordable Housing funding, allowing us to secure operational support for four of our homes. This recognition strengthens our ability to provide safe, stable, and welcoming homes where our core members can thrive. It is a powerful affirmation of our model of care and our commitment to building inclusive community.

L'Arche Calgary is quietly embarking on one of the most meaningful and ambitious projects in our community's journey. At the heart of this vision is the urgent need to rebuild three of our oldest homes, which are no longer able to meet the accessibility and care needs of our aging members. This project is about more than replacing buildings, it is about creating safe, barrier-free homes where people with developmental disabilities can age in place with dignity, comfort, and belonging. Many of our core members have no other family or place to return to, and for them, L'Arche is not just a residence but a true home. With courage and deep trust, we are stepping forward to ensure that this home, a place of love, friendship, and shared life, can support them for the rest of their lives. We undertake this work with humility, knowing that it will take the support and generosity of many to make it possible. Together, we can build homes where everyone truly belongs.



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This year has also called us to reflect more deeply on how we live our mission in daily life. With new assistants, evolving team structures, and changes in government referral systems, we are seeing the need to recommit to formation, leadership, and the core values that have shaped L'Arche Calgary for over 52 years. At our fall retreat, we will focus on the roots of community and the heart of L'Arche, what it means to live in community. Rather than asking, "What can I get from others?" we will reflect on the deeper question: What can I give of myself? Community grows through shared time, purpose, and care. Even small, loving choices can have a lasting impact. This retreat is a chance to reconnect with our mission and renew the spirit that brings us together.

Amidst the practical challenges, we continue to find strength in the relationships at the heart of L'Arche. In quiet acts of care, in daily routines shared with love, and in the commitment of our team and Board of Directors, the mission of L'Arche remains alive and strong.

Together, we are not just meeting needs, we are building a future grounded in welcome, dignity, and hope. Thank you for all your support, your kindness makes our mission possible.

Thank you,
Ani



Ani Hynes

Have a wonderful
summer!



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