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L'Arche Solidarity: Chicago visits London and Daybreak

The last week of July was bustling with activity and lots of driving. After months of planning and passport applications, we drove the seven hour trip and visited the Canadians. Bethany house welcomed us with supper, we then had a home prayer service/mass led by a community friend and priest, at Cana House. We scattered about to sleep on mattresses and futons and enjoyed a relaxing few days as the core members and assistants showed us their approach to living the l'Arche vision and mission. We went bowling (most of us) with only 5 pins and a 2-3lb weighted ball! A major highlight was Peter Pan in Stratford. We created phrases of the day that are not appropriate for this space, but ask us at community night, it was a blast! We spent our last night visiting Daybreak, and bought lots of candles and had supper in three different houses. It is too wonderful to drive to different towns and have friends who can feed you. On our way back, Jean asked if we could eat at the "rocking chair restaurant" (Cracker Barrel). Who could turn down such a charming request? It is a precious gift to build relationships with our fellow L'Arche communities

Coming Up!

August 12: Community Night: Mike, a core member and Rebekah and Steve our long-term assistants, are all starting a new year! Come celebrate their anniversaries at 7 pm at 1049 S. Austin Blvd., Chicago.

September 6: The Ice Cream Social is back! Come join us for complementary ice-cream and a lot of fun in the 500 N. block of Elmwood, Oak Park from noon to 3 pm. Bring a friend!!

September 9: Community Night: Potuluck, starting at 7 pm at 1049 S. Austin, Chicago. Bring a friends and a dish to share.

We are grateful for:

Our friends at all levels and in all divisions of the Illinois Department of Human Services who are helping L'Arche Chicago transition to full administrative independence as a service provider.

Our friends across the border in l'Arche Canada, who hosted out community with generosity.

Tim Andriano and the board development committee.

Participate:

Your employer can double your contribution to L'Arche Chicago. Submit a donation match request form to your human resources department.

Are you a music teacher, interior decorator or landscaper? Do you know about building inspection and equipment maintenance? E-mail Community Coordinator Steve Nazaran at snazaran@gmail.com to volunteer your skills.

Please remember in your prayers...

Our peer provider agencies in Illinois which are be facing budget cuts and reimbursement delays.
All those who participate in our mission by providing essential financial and in-kind resources.

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