

November, 2010



Speaking Up and Speaking Out

Christianne, Elbert, Chris, Mike and Tim, accompanied by Rebekah joined hundreds of other self-advocates and their parents friends and agency supporters at the annual **Speak Up, Speak Out** conference in Springfield, November 4 and 5. L'Arche members took every opportunity to share about their experience living in a diverse community built on mutual relationships. They had a chance to attend workshops and discuss with their peers the challenges people with disabilities face and how they are facing them in constructive and pro-active ways. Topics included self-direction, microboards, community living, assistive technology, work, relationships and many aspects of advocacy and education.

Coming Up!

December 4: Benefit in support of the Coopers. Please join L'Arche Chicago at Reba Place Meetinghouse at the SE corner of Custer and Madison Avenues in Evanston at 7:30 pm. Free will offering from the event will go to ease the Coopers, members of L'Arche Chicago's founding board. Martha Cooper faces ongoing serious health challenges. Please www.RoughStonesMusic.com for further details.

December 4-6: CHICO's sale to benefit L'Arche Chicago. Come shop at CHICO's on Saturday and Sunday. Reserve your items to purchase by phone or come to the store in River Forest near the intersection of Harlem and Lake for the sales party from 10-12 on December 6. Ten percent of the proceeds will go to L'Arche Chicago.

December 9, 2010: Community Night. Come kick off your holiday celebration with us at 10449 S. Austin Blvd., Chicago, 60644 beginning at 7 pm.

Save the Date: The annual Feel the Love Valentine's Day brunch to benefit L'Arche Chicago will be held at Concordia University Chicago on Sunday, February 13, 2011. Please stay tuned for details.

We are grateful for:

The Acts of Kindness Cabaret who provided an excellent and amusing program, all the board and family members who brought food for the event and all of our friends who attended and helped us to enjoy it.

Participate:

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

Please remember in your prayers...

Margaret von Ebers, Jean's teacher, who has entered hospice care

The Cooper family as they support Martha who is back home, but still faces serious health problems.

The father of board member Scott Filer, who is on the lung transplant list.

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