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We do DRAMA...

This past month, L'Arche Chicago was thrilled to host the first ever L'Arche Drama retreat. Lisa Wagner-Carrollo, an actress and founder of Stillpoint Theatre Collective lead us through exercises designed to introduce us to some basics of acting and help us get comfortable on stage. As L'Archians, we are already familiar with telling our stories, but Lisa's guidance and creativity helped us take our story-telling to the next level. Lisa and her colleagues offered animated short out-takes of some of their own performances to give us a visceral understanding of how to act. We then spent time in small groups writing, casting and rehearsing our own scenes taken from our own life stories. The rhythm of learning and practice was interspersed and animated by times of prayer, sharing

and, of course, food, fellowship and FUN. We attended a professional performance of *The Emperor's New Clothes* for additional inspiration. We relaxed in the hospitality of our friends at the women's Focolare home in Hyde Park just down the street from the Obama family Chicago residence.

Coming Up!

October 14: Community Night: Come and join us for a reflection and celebration of the interfaith call of L'Arche at 1049 S. Austin Blvd. starting at 7 pm

Save the Date: Saturday, November 6, at 7 pm at the Old Town School of Folk Music, 909 W. Armitage Avenue, Chicago. Delicious hors d'oeuvres and drinks followed by a fantastic performance by the Acts of Kindness Cabaret. \$50 donation benefit L'Arche Chicago. Call 312-226-1273 or email larchechicago@sbcglobal.net for more tickets.

November 11: Community Night, 7 pm, 1049 S. Austin Blvd.

We are grateful for:

Jean Vanier, our founder who just turned 82. Happy Birthday, Jean!

Theresa Atchley and family and all who came to the Ice Cream Social and block party. A special thanks to L'Arche core members Jean and Elbert, our super scoopers who kept everyone well-supplied

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? E-mail Community Coordinator Steve Nazaran at snazaran@gmail.com to volunteer your skills.

Please remember in your prayers...

All those who participate in our mission by providing essential financial and in-kind resources.

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