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Without our many donors and benefactors, the goal of establishing a L'Arche community in Southern California would not have been possible. Through the contributions of individuals, churches, and foundations, the dream of Abraham House is a reality.

Your tax-deductible contribution to L'Arche Wavecrest, in support of Abraham House, will make a difference in the lives of persons with developmental disabilities, and those who assist them.

You can donate by mail by sending a personal check to L'Arche Wavecrest at P.O. Box 4789, Orange, CA 92863-4789.

OR online at:

www.larchewavecrest.org.

Take Action and Volunteer

At L'Arche, we believe that all people have gifts. This is one of the reasons that we call upon you to share your time and talents with us.

Whether you have a background in fundraising, administration, computers, or are simply willing to "roll up your sleeves," your efforts are a tremendous help.

Please take a look at the brief descriptions of the current L'Arche Wavecrest committees, and volunteer opportunities on our website, or call our office, and share your gifts with us!

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What is L'Arche?

L'Arche, French for “the ark,” communities are homes where men and women with developmental disabilities live with assistants, and share life together, living as family, and friends, not as clients and staff. From the original community, which was founded by Jean Vanier in 1964 there have been 130 other communities established throughout the world, 16 of which are in the United States.

L'Arche focuses on the importance of relationships, respect for each individual and celebration of each person's gifts.

L'Arche is ecumenical, shaped, and guided by the major Christian denominations. Internationally it is multi-faith.

L'Arche welcomes each community member with respect for his, or her personal beliefs, and religious traditions.

L'Arche responds to the needs of persons with developmental disabilities, recognizing that they have a valid place in society.

L'Arche believes that to be truly human, society must offer welcome and respect for all those who are marginalized.

L'Arche strives to be a sign of hope and unity to the world.



L'Arche Wavecrest is a home for adults with developmental disabilities, located in Southern California; we work to establish homes that vividly demonstrate a new community care model based upon gifts of individuals with developmental disabilities, rather than just their needs.

Our Mission

Make known the gifts of people with intellectual disabilities, revealed through mutually transforming relationships.

Foster an environment in communities that responds to the changing needs of members, while being faithful to the core values of our founding story.

Engage in diverse cultures, working together toward a more human society.



Our Story

Following five years of living in Compiègne, France, Karen Carr brought home the vision of a L'Arche community in Southern California. A planning team was established in 1997 that began praying for a L'Arche community in Orange County, three years later L'Arche Wavecrest was founded.

In 2004, Karen's vision came to life when Abraham House opened its doors in Fullerton, CA to three Core Members, and two Assistants. Today we are located in Orange, CA, and five Core Members call L'Arche Wavecrest home.

We continue to reach out to our neighbors through monthly community nights held at Abraham House.

“We are simply human beings, enfolded in weakness and in hope, called together to change our world one heart at a time.”

- Jean Vanier
Founder of L'Arche

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