

Welcome to the school of love!

What is L'Arche?

Founded by Jean Vanier in France in 1964, L'Arche communities bear witness to the reality that persons with intellectual disabilities possess inherent qualities of welcome, wonderment, spirituality, and friendship. We make explicit the dignity of every human being by building inclusive communities of faith and friendship where people with and without intellectual **disabilities share life together.** L'Arche USA exists to strengthen our local communities, welcome more people into our life and work, engage in advocacy on behalf of those often on the margins of society, and to raise awareness of the gifts of persons with intellectual disabilities.



In 38 countries on 5 continents

Being a sign of hope in a divided world.

156 communities, 28 community projects

Listening & responding to a local need.

10,000 members with and without disabilities

Working together for a more human society.





What is L'Arche Wavecrest?

L'Arche Wavecrest is an intentional and inclusive community grounded in spirituality that celebrates, respects, and welcomes the diversity of everyone's gifts: joy, dignity, love, compassion, and hope.

- Wavecrest is part of L'Arche USA & The Western Region
- Wavecrest is currently the only L'Arche Community in California
- Wavecrest has 2 homes: *Abraham House* in Orange & *Jean's House* in Tustin





L'Arche Wavecrest Team

- Melissa (Executive Director)
- Marina (Finance Director)
- Gilbert (House Manager)
- Koki (Live-in Abraham House)
- Kasey (Live-in Abraham House)
- Lexi (Live-in Jean's House)
- Lauren (Live-in Jean's House)
- Jordan
- Michael
- Susanna
- Jacob
- Our amazing volunteers



The community life we live at L'Arche...is rooted in simple, material things: cooking meals, spending time together at table, washing the dishes, doing the laundry and the housework, helping meetings go smoothly, organizing the house so that it is a happy, welcoming place: thousands of little things that all take time...However, all these small gestures can become gestures of love that help create a warm atmosphere in which the communion of hearts can grow.

In this way, community life can become a school of love.



Become a L'Arche Wavecrest Volunteer!

Go to <u>larchewavecrest.org</u> and click "get involved" *Or* email our volunteer coordinator at <u>susan@larchewavecrest.org</u>