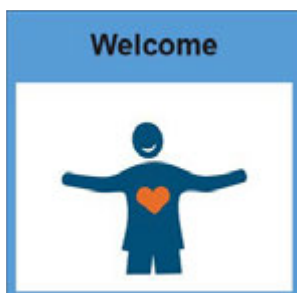




### WAITING AND WELCOME KELLY GEDDES—COMMUNITY LEADER

Dear Friends,

Advent is a season of waiting and preparing to welcome. We have lived a year with many changes. These changes gave us opportunities to live times of waiting, of trusting in what was to come, and to welcome new people into our homes, our lives and our hearts. It is scary to welcome the stranger. It is hard to choose to trust and open our fragile hearts to the possibility of friendship, of acceptance, of love. We need help to live this life of welcome. We invite you to pray with us so that all of our homes and communities will be places of welcome.



“Jesus, you ask us to welcome you into our homes this coming Christmas and always. We are your people. Give us the desire to welcome you into our hearts and homes so that we may learn from you how to love ourselves, our neighbours and our God. Thank you. Help us so that we make our homes, homes of welcome for those you send us, And welcome us into your home of Love, this Christmas and always. Amen”

~ Prayer for Advent from L’Arche International



**Merry Christmas and  
Happy Holidays**



## DANNY FOREN—July 9, 1960 - November 1, 2015

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news that Danny Foren, one of the founders of L'Arche Halifax and a proud member of Cana House, has passed away.



Please join us in prayer for Danny's family and his community as we mourn the loss of a man who truly lived in joy. His smile, his laugh, his sense of humour – Danny brought the fun to any gathering. He loved to laugh at his own jokes - no matter how many times he told them they were just as funny to him as the first time!

Danny drew people to him – often quite literally as he reached out his long arm to catch your hand, introduce himself proudly, and pull you in for a hug. There was no escaping Danny's hugs! This power Danny had to bring people together has sustained the community of L'Arche Halifax and its members through many difficult days. We now look to Danny's memory and his example to get us through the lonely days ahead as we mourn his loss.



Danny was blessed with a loving and supportive family. Please hold his mother Mary, brother David and his wife Joan and their two children, Jenna and Mitchell in your prayers.

We are thankful for our life with Danny, for his generous spirit of welcome and for the ways he has inspired each one of us to discover joy in the midst of the fragility of community life.

Jenn Power  
L'Arche Atlantic Regional Leader



"I had Danny for 55 wonderful years plus the fellowship of L'Arche Halifax where he had lived for the past 5 years."

Mary Foren  
Danny's Mom



## 7th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

### David Banks—Chair of Golf Tournament Committee

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual L'Arche Golf Tournament was a great success with \$39,000 being raised. The golf committee would like to thank **Sean O'Regan, our Honourary Chair**, for his ongoing support. **Scotiabank** joined us again this year as a gold sponsor and their employees were invaluable as committee members and volunteers. **Andrew Isenor** and his staff at Sherwood Golf & Country Club went out of their way to make sure the event ran smoothly.

Thank you also to all our golfers, sponsors and donors, we couldn't have done it without you. Our volunteers worked tirelessly the day of the tournament, hats off to you for pitching in to help.

**Ian Banfield**, our long drive hitter, is always a crowd favorite. Ian is a firefighter with DND and his volunteer work is well known throughout the community. For the past two few years he has spearheaded the DND firefighter's food bank challenge in support of Feed NS. Ian was one of three firemen in NS chosen to go to a presentation in Ottawa in recognition of his volunteer work and his exemplary civic duties.



The money raised this year will go toward the purchase of a second wheelchair van for our home. We have three core members who use a wheelchair and our current van can only transport one person at a time. The new van we are hoping to purchase will be able to accommodate two persons, one riding up **front** in a wheelchair, a first for many people who use a wheelchair. The van was on display at the tournament and core member Shawn Moulton was proud to show the golfers how it operated. We have raised 43% of the \$70,000 needed. Check out our website [www.larchehalifax.org](http://www.larchehalifax.org) to follow our progress and to donate to this exciting project.

**Save the date for our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament—SEPTEMBER 1, 2016**



**PRESENTATION OF CHEQUE BY SCOTIABANK**



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the 2016 ART SHOW

L'Arche Halifax will be hosting its **Annual Art Show and Sale** again this Spring:

**When: Saturday, April 16th and Sunday, April 17th, 2016**

**Where: Msgr. Leo Day Auditorium at St. Agnes Church on Mumford Road in Halifax**

Local artists join together to sell their work, donating a percentage of their sales to support L'Arche Halifax.

If you are an artist and interested in participating, please contact Kelly at the office for more information.

Please come and bring a friend!

## BOARD MEMBER, JOHN YOGIS, MEETS QUEEN

John Yogis of L'Arche Halifax's Board of Directors was honoured to be presented to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, at St. James's Palace in London on October 27th. The occasion was a reception for representatives of Commonwealth organizations. John attended in his capacity as a director of the *Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute (CJIEI)* of which he was a founding member.

In May 2014 John was instrumental in arranging a meeting for members of the L'Arche Halifax community with Prince Charles during a royal visit to Halifax.

John also assisted in organizing a reception at Government House in Halifax as part of L'Arche International's 50th anniversary. It was here in 1959 that The Queen appointed Jean Vanier's father, George P. Vanier, the 19th Governor General of Canada.



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### SUNDAY GATHERINGS:

The **Friends of L'Arche Halifax** invite you to join them for fellowship and fun.

Where: St. Agnes Church Hall

Time: 1:30 pm

Dates: January 10th, February 14th, March 13th and April 19, 2016

### You may donate financially to L'Arche Halifax by:

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- Credit card - Phone (902) 407-5512 and provide the following Information: Type of Card, Card Number, Expiry Date, name on Card and amount of Donation or by completing the following and return it to the above address:

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- Website: [www.larchehalifax.org](http://www.larchehalifax.org) and click on the "Donate" button
- United Way – Pledge through United Way and request it be allocated to L'Arche Halifax
- Monthly Giving – call Office at (902) 407-5512
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