



The David W. Banks Memorial Golf Tournament

in Support of L'Arche Halifax

Dear Friends,

We are excited to announce the 2023 edition of **The David W. Banks Memorial Golf Tournament in Support of L'Arche Halifax** – the fourteenth annual event that began one year before L'Arche Halifax first opened its doors in 2010. L'Arche Halifax is part of an international charitable organization created to support people with intellectual disabilities. David Banks was the man with vision for an annual golf tournament to raise funds to further support the health and well-being of our members, helping them live more full and active lives of belonging. Sadly, David passed away in 2019, and the tournament was re-named in his honour. He would be very pleased with last years results - we netted over \$25,000 that was very gratefully received by the L'Arche Halifax Community. We are all so humbled and inspired by your awesome support and are hopeful for your continued patronage!

Building on the success of last year we are excited to announce that the tournament will return to the beautiful Hartlen Point Golf Club in Eastern Passage for the third year in a row. **The 14th Annual tournament will take place on Monday, September 18, 2023, Rain or Shine, with a Shotgun Start beginning at 1:30pm.** For the past 2 years, we have had exceedingly positive feedback on the golf course condition, the challenging layout and the beautiful views from almost every hole – even the weather has been unbelievably perfect! The magic at Hartlen Point will continue.

We also had positive feedback on the 1:30pm start-time and the lunch meal and streamlined after golf wrap-up, so we will follow that schedule again this year. **That means there will be a relaxing hamburger/hot dog BBQ in conjunction with Registration between noon and 1:15pm so you can hit the course bellies full!** There will also be snacks on the course as well as a post-round meet-and-greet, where you can enjoy some hors d'oeuvres and a cold drink on us rather than the traditional sit-down meal. The prizes, raffles, silent auction and loads of fun will all be the same, but this schedule will get you home earlier. As per tradition, members from Special Olympics Golf will be joining us and hosting their own mini fund raiser putting competition on the course, adding to the fun of the day.

We are looking for golf teams, sponsors, donations and auction items. We are hoping we can count on your support this year. Together, we can build a world where everyone belongs. Please see the attached brochure for more information and note that L'Arche Halifax is a Registered Charity with Registration Number 864759659RR0001.

Living with difference and vulnerability is challenging, yet L'Arche demonstrates that when all people take their place, society becomes more human – more colourful, welcoming, creative, compassionate, and joyful. Come and see for yourself!

Sincerely,

Dan Gallina
Chair, Golf Committee

Kelly Geddes
Community Leader

Building a world where everyone belongs.