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L'ARCHE CHICAGO TO GATHER FOR 2025 SOLIDARITY BRUNCH

All are invited to join in making an impact at international L'Arche communities.

Forest Park – L'Arche Chicago is set to host the 2025 Solidarity Brunch. The brunch will occur on Saturday, March 8, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Riverside Golf Club 2520 S. Des Plaines Ave., North Riverside. All are welcome to purchase tickets through the [event website](#). The event costs \$75 for adults and \$10 for children.

L'Arche Chicago began this annual event several years ago to raise funds for its sister L'Arche communities around the globe who are in need of basic necessities such as housing, food, medicine and Assistant stipends.

"We're so grateful to our donors who help bring L'Arche to life in some of the world's most challenging contexts," said Mic Altena, L'Arche Chicago executive director and community leader. "Annually, we aim to raise as much support as we can for these communities that often struggle against the tides of conflict, colonialism and unjust economies."

The brunch will host presentations from Assistants and Core Members who have travelled to international communities. Presenters include:

- **Paul Kuczynski**, Director of Residential Services
- **Jay De Man**, House Coordinator
- **Anders G.**, Core Member

The event is family friendly and will feature a full buffet which will include vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options. Guests will be welcome to join a Choice Raffle,

participate in Davey's Puzzle and experience our International Communities Presentation.

According to L'Arche International, the organization works in some of the world's most fragile contexts, where crises further complicate the already challenging effort to promote inclusion and provide accompanying services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Some of the L'Arche communities receiving aid from the brunch include the Philippines, Kenya, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Bethlehem and Ukraine.

"The light and life of L'Arche spans the globe," said Altena. "Our connectedness as a movement extends to even the most fragile of contexts, where L'Arche communities depend on the generosity of others most of all. Annual solidarity gifts are the primary source of funding for many of these fragile communities, which aim to bring L'Arche to life against significant challenges."

For more information about the event, visit our [2025 Solidarity Brunch webpage](#). For more information about L'Arche International, visit their [website](#).

About L'Arche Chicago

Founded in 2000, L'Arche (pronounced "Larsh") Chicago is an inclusive community where people with and without intellectual disabilities share life together. We are joined with the international movement of L'Arche which was founded in 1964. The mission of L'Arche Chicago is to celebrate the unique gifts of each individual and create lifelong places of belonging. Through small, residential homes, residents are empowered to share their gifts with their neighborhood, city, country, and world.

Currently, L'Arche Chicago serves a total of 15 core members (adults with intellectual disabilities) across four homes located in Forest Park and Chicago's Austin neighborhood. We are L'Arche Chicago's holistic approach to care fosters deep, mutual relationships that create a strong sense of community and enhance the quality of life for everyone involved. For more information about L'Arche Chicago, visit our [website](#).