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L'Arche Boston North Newsletter

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Community in an age of social distancing

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*L'Arche Boston North is a community where people with developmental disabilities and those who assist them live together as family and as a sign of hope to the greater community. Our mission is to create homes where the gifts of people with developmental disabilities are revealed through mutually transforming relationships; to embrace diverse cultures working together to build a more human society; and to respond to the changing needs of our members throughout a lifetime of adult care.*

## 2nd Annual Juneteenth Celebration

### *Our Newest Community Holiday Tradition*

Last year, the L'Arche Boston North Board of Directors voted to name Juneteenth an official holiday for our community. We worked with community education consultant Katrina Hobbs-Everett to develop Juneteenth resources to celebrate this holiday.

This year, we celebrated throughout the month of June, starting with our Community Prayer Night, when we learned prayers and songs associated with Juneteenth and made Juneteenth flags.

We held a barbecue celebration at Pat House on the holiday Monday, where we decorated with our Juneteenth flags, prayed for social justice, sang "Lift Every Voice and Sing," and enjoyed good food together.



A group from Peace House enjoys a backyard cookout

## A Culinary Field Trip

This month, our Homemade Hummus culinary team prepared to transition from the winter Lawrence Farmer's Market to the summer Haverhill Farmer's Market. They kept busy with culinary training and catering, and also went to Haverhill's CiderFeast to hand out hummus samples and share their work with the greater community.

The culinary team took a well-earned break with their Friday field trip to Janice Anton's farm,



where they planted a vegetable and herb garden to supply their culinary endeavors with fresh produce for the summer. Thanks to a gift from the Fenwick Foundation, the crew was able to purchase plants and seeds for farm-to-table Homemade Hummus!



The culinary team enjoyed spending time together outside and their delicious picnic lunch. They look forward to harvesting and enjoying the fruits (and vegetables!) of their labor as the summer goes on. Find them at the market or order online to enjoy!

## The Longest Table—A Word of Gratitude

L'Arche Boston North is looking forward to hosting The Longest Table again this August, and we're excited to be trying out a new location on the Merrimac River! The event will take place on Thursday, August 18th from 6-10pm.

We are grateful to Circle of Hope members who participated in early ticket sales for this special event. With your help, The Longest Table was again sold out by noon on June 20th, the first day of official ticket sales. Your loyal support helps us to attract top-tier sponsors and raise the funds that keep our community going throughout the year.

In this and so many ways, we at L'Arche Boston North are so thankful for the Circle of Hope and the steadfast friendship and love it represents.



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