



L'ARCHE®
STRATFORD

Changing the world one heart at a time



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Become Light! The Gospel of John speaks to the call for each one of us to become light. Jesus the true light enters in to the world so that we can live out the promise that the darkness will not overcome the light. So often images of light are a single flame on a candle; being part of L'Arche community makes me reflect on the fact that there is beauty when we are placed together on a string.

We want to invite you to become part of our string, to participate in our mission; for in a world of brokenness, we need signs of hope and places of transformation. When we are strung together our light becomes brighter.

Our community continues to be blessed by the rich relationships that we experience through prayer, financial resources, donations and friendship. Our desire as a community is to diversify our sources of funding and income so that we together can illuminate more of the world.

In the past year financial donations have enabled us to build relationships in very tangible ways such as purchasing linens, stoves, dishwashers, BBQ's, couches and new carpeting at Agape House.

Over the next year we have a desire as a community to reduce our dependency on Government structures for financial support, which restrict how we live our mission. Your financial support enables us to continue to purchase items for our homes so that they can be welcoming spaces. As we continue to welcome new Core Members and our community needs change, we anticipate we will require more specialized equipment such as wheelchair vans, ceiling tracking etc.

This requires financial support and partnership from you. We appreciate your continued support and ask that you consider L'Arche Stratford as part of your financial giving.

May you find transformation in your relationships this holiday season. Wishing you and those you are close to a very happy and safe holiday season.

In Light,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Calma".

Stephanie Calma
Community Leader