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**L'Arche Portland is a 100 Best Nonprofit Organization!**

Portland, OR, –[L'Arche Portland](#) named as one of the 100 Best Nonprofits in Oregon.

We are pleased to announce that L'Arche Portland has been ranked a 100 Best Nonprofit by Oregon Business Magazine in partnership with the Nonprofit Association of Oregon. Rankings were based on the confidential input of employees who answered questions about workplace satisfaction such as benefits, management, trust, work environment and career development. The survey is voluntary and free of charge, and the findings are independently calculated by research partner Checkpoint Surveys. A dinner to celebrate this year's nonprofits is planned for Thursday, September 29 at the Sentinel Hotel, and tickets can be purchased [here](#).



**About L'Arche Portland:**

L'Arche Portland transforms the lives of people with and without intellectual disabilities by working together to create home, build community, and share life. Those with intellectual disabilities form the heart of our shared life and invite others into mutual relationships. We welcome each person's unique gifts and challenges, and offer opportunities for personal transformation. We trust in God and live as a sign that love, respect and inter-dependence are the path to a peaceful and just world. Our model of sharing daily life creates a culture of equality, founded on a belief in our need for one another and the importance of belonging. The L'Arche Portland community is part of an international L'Arche federation, with 149 communities and 20 projects in 35 countries.



Some of our L'Arche Portland daily life team with core members of Neahkahnne House.

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*"Being in L'Arche has shown me that relationships are not formulaic, and we should just accept people as they are. I had to learn that we are not here to teach core members to "be normal" or make them more like us. It is to accept them as they are and open ourselves to them."* -- Aaron Flores, former assistant

*"L'Arche (Portland) is a place where they want you."* -- Marilyn Pettruzelli, core member

For more information about L'Arche Portland, please visit [www.larche-portland.org](http://www.larche-portland.org). Get involved with L'Arche Portland today! Our upcoming Benefit Celebration is October 15, 2016 and [tickets are on sale now!](#)

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