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Scotiabank's Gift Will Keep on Giving

Burnaby B.C. On December 4, 2009 Scotiabank will be giving a gift that keeps giving. Scotiabank's Brentwood Centre's Branch Manager Terry Kocurek was looking for a way to celebrate the grand re-opening of their newly renovated offices and found the answer when she called L'Arche Greater Vancouver, a local non-profit organization that provides residential care and day programs for adults with developmental disabilities. When she asked how a donation of \$1500 might be used by L'Arche she learned that their Emmaus Day Program was also renovating and they could use a new stove.

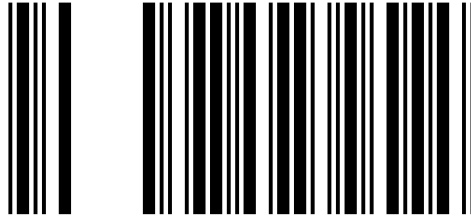
Currently the stove in the Emmaus program is put to use almost every day as program participants bake and make meals together. This program is also an expression of L'Arche's mission of outreach, where people with developmental disabilities have an opportunity to share their gifts and contribute to the larger community.

Every week, except for the occasional holiday, the people in the Emmaus Day Program bake cookies and take them to the Hospitality Program at Shiloh – Sixth Ave. United Church in New Westminster. They serve the cookies and visit with those who are homeless and other people who are waiting for the food bank to open.

The funds from the Scotiabank gift will be used to buy a larger stove that will have the capacity to do more – for L'Arche and the wider community.

L'Arche Greater Vancouver's Executive Director Denise Haskett is delighted with the timing of the donation. "It is wonderful how this gift has come about. With this donation, Scotiabank is helping us live out our mission of outreach. Everyone in our community, regardless of ability has a gift to share. When everyone has the opportunity to contribute - we all benefit."

Event:	Cheque presentation and ribbon cutting
Event Time/Date:	10:00 a.m. December 4, 2009
Location:	Scotiabank, Brentwood Shopping Centre #26 – 4567 Lougheed Hwy. Burnaby BC V5C 3Z6
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L'Arche Greater Vancouver is a registered nonprofit organization that provides residential care and day programs for adults with developmental disabilities. At L'Arche people with and without developmental disabilities share life and live together in family like settings. Founded in 1974, L'Arche is accredited with CARF (The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) and was awarded Not for Profit Organization of the Year by the City of Burnaby and the Burnaby Board of Trade.

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