

## **Capital Campaign Chair Message**

### **THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL JOURNEY**

Garry Dodman – Campaign Chair

As we celebrated the anniversary of the opening and the welcoming of Arthur & Sonia Labatt to the Gathering Place in October; we announced an important milestone for the capital campaign reaching our fundraising objective of \$2.5 million. I only have deep gratitude for the generosity that you have demonstrated. Your faith and commitment to seeing the Gathering Place become a reality touches me deeply. Thank You!

As we expected, the opening of the Gathering Place has given us new opportunities to serve and welcome people, people with and without intellectual disabilities. The building is alive with activities! There are still a few items we need to complete, but we are doing the work that we intended, and we know that there are future opportunities because of our Gathering Place. Our presence in the community has been a blessing as we have been welcomed and encouraged by all.

The Capital campaign target set in 2013 was \$2.5 million and the building and associated costs was just over \$3.1 million (does not include the land which was purchased in 2011). The balance is covered by a mortgage and is serviced through operations. This was as planned in 2013.

In addition, I extend my personal thanks to the many volunteers who came forth throughout the campaign journey and demonstrated their support in many ways. Again I can only express my gratitude for your support and encourage you to continue to be engaged with L'Arche London as we enter a new and exciting chapter. There are a number of new initiatives that the community is working on to meet the growing need for support for so many individuals and their families. Your on-going and generous support is appreciated by each and every one of them.