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### The Arc Promotes New Vehicle Donation Program Donate A Car, Change A Life

[ABERDEEN, MD] – To kick off Developmental Disability Awareness Month, The Arc is highlighting their participation in a nationwide vehicle donation program. With demand for the services they provide unlikely to slow in a faltering economy, The Arc hopes that donations of used cars, trucks and recreational vehicles will yield some much-needed revenue.

Used cars, trucks, vans and recreational vehicles and trailers can be submitted as tax-deductible donations with a quick call to a 24-hour hotline. Pickup and towing is provided free. In years past, The Arc accepted vehicle donations for the sake of raising funds, but the process was cumbersome and time-consuming, requiring vehicle knowledge, repairs and insurance costs. With the nationwide program, the local chapter will not have to deal with vehicle collection or resale and will receive 90 percent of sale proceeds. Used vehicle donations are coordinated through a national call center operated by Melwood, a Maryland organization serving people with developmental disabilities. Operating one of the country's largest vehicle donation programs, the company opted recently to extend its call center and processing system to other nonprofits.

For donation or program information, call 1-877-272-2270 and specify The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region as the recipient or visit online at [www.arcncr.org](http://www.arcncr.org) or contact Torri Dietrich at The Arc at 410-879-6785.

*The Arc offers a wide variety of services to individuals with developmental disabilities in Harford, Cecil, and Kent counties, both children and adults, to make informed choices with their lifestyles, vocations, education and recreational pursuits, and to assure stable and nurturing lives among their families and friends.*