

The Arc hosts 8th annual After dArc Gala Saturday

Maryland Golf & Country Clubs was transformed Saturday into a "Night with the Stars" for the 8th Annual After dArc Gala to benefit The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region.

More than 400 guests were treated to star treatment, surprises, spectacular auction packages and live entertainment provided by the Klassix. Proceeds from the event benefit individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in Harford, Cecil and Kent counties. During March, declared Disabilities Awareness Month, The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region joins chapters throughout the country to promote awareness.

Local business and community support plays a key role in the event, with Smyth Jewelers returning as the headline sponsor and major community raffle sponsor for a \$5,000 shopping spree at Smyth Jewelers. Scott and Georgeanna Garceau returned as honorary co-chairs as well as event co-chairs Jennifer McCullough and Rhoula Monios, Smyth Jewelers. Scott Garceau, of The Scott Garceau Show, and Kristy Breslin, of WJZ-TV, emceed the event that recognizes sponsors and friends of The Arc that have helped to make this event possible as well as an evening that highlights success stories of people with disabilities.

The "Hollywood-Style" menu included American and international cuisine stations such as Al Levy's Tavern; Spago; The Oysterville; Chasin's; The Sunset Inn; Sardi's; Café Montmartre; The Brown Derby and cupcakes are provided by Flavor Cupcakery in Bel Air.

Guests followed a "Rodeo Drive" sign that will direct them to a silent auction room featuring more than 80 items including ski packages, Ravens tickets, sports memorabilia, jewelry, framed artwork, Ketron keyboard, giftware from Smyth Jewelers including a Pandora bracelet, restaurant packages, skin care packages and event packages.

The live auction included: four grandstand tickets to the 2012 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City, including transportation and hotel stay; the "Escape To Italy" package with a one-week stay in a condo in Vasto, Italy; an unrivaled dining experience at Bonefish Grille, which includes dinner for 10; a "Fish With the Pros" Ocean City fishing charter package for six people; and a "Body Language" painting package which includes the first 24-by-30 limited edition canvas print of a one-of-a-kind portrait of a painted woman by master makeup artist and body painter Jen Seidel and a signed copy of her book.



Claire McGann, right, and her mom, Lisa, get ready for the recent "A Night with The Stars' 8th annual After dArc Gala."