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***The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region Welcomes Neill Christopher***



**[Aberdeen, MD]** August 26, 2014 - The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region (The Arc NCR) welcomes Neill Christopher, Vice President of Manufacturing at Acadia Windows and Doors in Rosedale, as a new elected director on their 2014-2015 Governance Board of Directors.

“Acadia Windows and Doors and The Arc NCR have a long-standing supported employment relationship,” says Shawn Kros, Executive Director at The Arc NCR. “We are excited to now not only have our individuals working at Acadia – we have Neill’s passion among our team of Board members.”

Neill Christopher became an employer of people with developmental disabilities in 2006, and has become an ardent advocate for workers with disabilities. He participated in an employers’ round-table at The Alliance for Full Participation in November 2011. He has also participated in several National Governors’ Association symposiums discussing the importance of hiring of people with disabilities, and has worked with the Social Security Administration’s Ticket to Work director to uncover and alleviate benefits-related barriers to employment.

Acadia Windows and Doors became the fourth recipient of the state-wide SHARPS award for safety in 2009 and again in 2011 as the direct result of employing people who receive services at The Arc NCR. Acadia was selected as The Arc Maryland “Employer of the Year” in 2007, and Christopher was personally chosen as the Maryland Works “Volunteer of the Year” in 2013. He is also featured in the Maryland Department of Disabilities video, “Meet Jessica.”

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About [The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region](http://www.arcncr.org): For sixty-one years, The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region has helped people with intellectual and developmental disabilities build better lives by providing support services and advocacy to adults and children and their families in Harford and Cecil Counties. For more information, call 410-836-7177 or visit [www.arcncr.org](http://www.arcncr.org).

Photo Caption: Neill Christopher, VP of Manufacturing at Acadia Windows and Doors

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