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Plaza Ford Receives Award of Excellence

Local dealership recognized for long-term support of The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region



[Aberdeen, MD] August 3, 2015 – Each year, The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region (The Arc NCR) honors a local Harford or Cecil County business for providing outstanding and heartfelt support to the organization and its mission. The Award of Excellence recipient is a business or person who has a long-term commitment to The Arc NCR. Past winners include former Harford County Executive, David Craig, and Harford Mutual Insurance Company. This year’s Award of Excellence winner is Plaza Ford in Bel Air, Maryland.

Plaza Ford has partnered with The Arc NCR for more than 20 years. President Tom Walls himself has helped in various volunteer positions along with his wife, Sharon Walls, and daughter, Katie Hargrove. Mr. Walls has served as a Foundation Board member, advocate in the community and generous donor. He goes above and beyond to make a difference, and exemplifies The Arc NCR’s mission of empowering people with differing abilities to live, work and play in the community. Plaza Ford was also the Event Chair at the 10th Annual After d’Arc Gala in 2014, and co-chaired the 2015 event.

“We would not be able to do such meaningful work without Plaza Ford,” says Executive Director of The Arc NCR, Shawn Kros. “They help us in so many ways...from financially to making connections for us in the community.”

To learn more about volunteering and ways you can support The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region, contact the Development office at 410-836-7177, email development@arcncr.org or visit www.arcncr.org.

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About [The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region](http://www.arcncr.org): For sixty-two 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.

Photo Caption: *(from left to right) Director of Development, Julie Chmura; Sharon Walls and daughter, Katie Hargrove; Executive Director of The Arc NCR, Shawn Kros.*