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Kicking Off for a Cause: UMBC VS Villanova at “Kicks for Chase”
Final Four UMBC Team Raises Money for The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region



[Aberdeen, MD] February 9, 2015 - The University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) will host Villanova in a very special soccer match at Retriever Soccer Park on Friday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. for the 3rd annual “Kicks for Chase” game. The game features the UMBC Retrievers men’s soccer team, who made the final four in the 2014 season, against the Villanova Wildcats. This one of a kind off-season event is quickly becoming a must-attend tradition in Maryland, and is a fundraiser for The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region (The Arc NCR).

Kicks for Chase began in 2013 in memory of Chase Bugarin. Chase, son of UMBC soccer standout Bryan Bugarin and his wife Amy, was born with Down Syndrome and severe complications. In his honor, UMBC began Kicks for Chase to raise money for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

“We had over 1,000 attendees at last year’s game,” says Pete Caringi, head men’s soccer coach at UMBC. “The community loves to come together to support a great cause, and our team is really looking forward to this year’s event.”

Admission to the “Kicks for Chase” game is free, with donations being accepted for The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region. The Arc NCR supports children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Harford and Cecil Counties. You can donate online and pre-order a commemorative game t-shirt at www.arcncr.org or mail a check to “The Arc NCR, 4513 Philadelphia Road, Aberdeen, MD 21001.” Be sure to note “Kicks for Chase” with your donation. T-shirts and refreshments will be available for sale at the game. All money raised will go to The Arc NCR’s programs to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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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.

About [UMBC Athletics](http://www.umbcretrievers.com): More than 400 student-athletes compete in 19 NCAA Division I sports. The UMBC Retrievers participate in the America East Conference. Facilities include a 4,500-seat stadium and track and field complex, the 4,000-seat Retriever Activities Center (RAC) Arena, an indoor and outdoor aquatics complex, tennis courts, a soccer stadium, baseball and softball fields and practice fields. UMBC’s mascot is the Chesapeake Bay Retriever and their spirit colors are black and gold. For more information, call 410-455-2197 or visit www.umbcretrievers.com.