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3rd Annual “Kicks for Chase” Soccer Game Scored Big for Charity
Over \$2,500 Raised for The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region



[Aberdeen, MD] May 5, 2015 – On April 17, 2015 UMBC hosted its 3rd Annual “Kicks for Chase” soccer game at Retriever Soccer Park. The game featured the UMBC Retrievers men’s soccer team, who reached the College Cup in the 2014 season, against the Villanova Wildcats. This successful event raised over \$2,500 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. This year, attendees had the opportunity to win a UMBC Final Four season t-shirt, purchase a commemorative Under Armour game t-shirt, and enjoyed discounted concessions. All money raised went to The Arc NCR’s programs to support individuals with differing abilities.

“I was extremely impressed by the high level of engagement between the soccer players and the individuals we support,” says The Arc NCR’s Chief Operating Officer, Kevin Drumheller. “We brought a big crowd to watch the game, and it meant the world to them to receive this kind of community interaction. You can tell UMBC truly cares.”

A special thank you to UMBC’s Women’s Soccer Team; the UMBC Marketing Department; the UMBC Office of Athletic Communications; Director of Athletics, Tim Hall; and the UMBC Athletic Department for giving their time and talents to make the game a possibility. “Kicks for Chase” was generously sponsored by Chartwells, Enterprise, MACS and Under Armour.

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About [The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region](#): 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](#): 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 (Retriever Soccer Park), 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.umbcretreivers.com.