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## **Individuals Receiving Services At The Arc Launch New Business** *If you can think it and see it...you can say it with Communi-Symbols.*



On February 1, 2011 Monique Morrison and Mike Raidt with the support of The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region and professional support staff, launched the new business, Communi-Symbols.

Communi-Symbols is a service oriented business that was born out of a desire to help people communicate with customized symbols that help people say what they are *thinking*. Communi-Symbols service promotes communication, relationship building, independence, participation, literacy, learning, and access to information.

The service offers direct support to any person challenged in communication because of a language barrier, a physical or intellectual disability, a medical condition, such as a stroke, placement of medical devices- hindering speech, or impairment. It also benefits young children learning to read, spell and construct sentences and stories.

Picture symbols can remind parents or care providers to use labels, teach everyday vocabulary, offering language learning opportunities to those they care for. Teachers use picture symbols as flash cards for new vocabulary, memory games, sentence structure and sequential learning. Laminated color picture symbols in a variety of sizes and symbol sets can be created and custom ordered.

For more information or to place an online order visit [www.communisymbols.com](http://www.communisymbols.com) or contact Communi-Symbols at 410-836-7177 Ext. 353 or email: [info@communisymbols.com](mailto:info@communisymbols.com)

*Communi-Symbols Mission: To enhance human interaction and improve learning for individuals with communication needs through the use of symbols. We are committed to delivering a high quality product, made to your specifications. We offer a variety of durable laminate symbols and photographic images.*

*The Arc offers a wide variety of services to individuals with developmental disabilities in Harford, Cecil, and Kent counties, both children and adults, to make informed choices with their lifestyles, vocations, education and recreational pursuits, and to assure stable and nurturing lives among their families and friends.*