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“Darius Goes West” Heads East
“Darius Goes West” Movie Cast & Crew Visit Harford County



[ABERDEEN, MD] – The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region in partnership with The Arc of Baltimore, Abilities Network, The Harford County Commission on Disabilities, Service Coordination, and Harford County Public Schools, hosted a “Darius Goes West” movie viewing on August 7th at Patterson Mill School.

“Darius Goes West,” now available on DVD, won 27 film festival awards in 2007. Darius Weems, a 15-year old with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, had never left his hometown of Athens, Georgia. In the summer of 2005, he and a group of young college students traveled across the country in a wheelchair-accessible RV to test accessibility in America. Their ultimate goal was to reach MTV’s hit show, “Pimp My Ride,” to customize Darius’s

wheelchair. Along the way, they found joy, brotherhood, and the knowledge that life, even when imperfect, is always worth the ride. After the movie, the audience had the opportunity for a Q&A with the cast and crew. For more information on the Darius Goes West DVD visit www.dariusgoeswest.org. Their goal of selling one million DVDs will raise \$17 million dollars for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy research, the number one genetic killer of children in the world. The Arc is selling DVDs. To purchase the DVD for \$20, contact Bette Ann Mobley at 410-879-6785, extension 369 or email Bmobley@arcncr.org.

Caption: From Left to Right: Front-Jamie, Sam, Darius, John; Back-Colin, Kevin, and Bette Ann Mobley and Tim Quinn from The Arc.

For more than fifty years, The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region has helped people with developmental disabilities build better lives one person at a time. 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 in their lifestyles, vocations, education and recreational pursuits, and to assure stable and nurturing lives among their families and friends. Sketch by permission of Martha Perske.