

the Ambassador

For over fifty years, The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region has helped people with developmental disabilities build better lives one person at a time.

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ShArc The Shredder

A New Enterprise Business For People With Disabilities



ShArc The Shredder is a NEW enterprise opportunity for individuals receiving services at The Arc.

Paper shredding business opportunities are blossoming everywhere due to privacy concerns and new policies that have forced companies all over the country to invest in paper shredding services. Large corporations and small are in need of shredding services. This is where ShArc Shredder comes in... For a nominal fee, ShArc The Shredder, will come to your home or office and shred necessary documents on an as-needed basis.

ShArc the Shredder enterprise was launched thanks to the contributions and shared expertise of several members of the Foundation Board including Tim Catron, Tony Corea, Glenn Gustafsson, Colleen Helmlinger, Mark Dardozi and Don Miller and in conjunction with the Supported Employment Team of Linda Corea and Amy Anderson.

Contact Amy Anderson at 443-643-8293 for more information on how your business or household can benefit from ShArc The Shredder or visit www.arcncr.org. "ShArc The Shredder will give local businesses and the general public an opportunity to have secure shredding at the location of their choice and give individuals with disabilities a source of income," adds Linda Corea, Job Developer.

Join Us For ShArc The Shredder Grand Opening/Open House

Place: Harford Chamber of Commerce Office Date: Tuesday, November 24, 2009 Time: 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

RSVP To: Amy Anderson at 410-879-6785, ext. 363 or email AAAnderson@arcncr.org

Darren, Tim, and Jesse Rally In Annapolis

Darren first received services through The Arc a year ago through the Summer Jobs program when he obtained a part-time job at Target. Darren accompanied the Family Services staff to Annapolis to ensure that these opportunities and many others will continue to be funded. Jesse has received services at The Arc for over seven years. He and his family are very grateful for all the support they have received. Darren is currently a student at Harford Community College and Jesse will graduate in May 2010 from Harford Christian School. Darren and Jesse were glad to join efforts with Tim Quinn, Executive Director at The Arc.



From left to right: Darren, Tim, and Jesse attended the rally in Annapolis this past August.

A Bridge To The Future...

The Arc Expands Services In Cecil County

The Arc is pleased to announce that they have opened an office in Cecil County on Main Street in Elkton. The space has two large private offices and a large conference/meeting space and will assist in The Arc's future growth and presence in both Cecil and Kent Counties.



Diverse Explorers Camp... New Adventures & Friendships

Luke attended the Diverse Explorers Camp that was offered through Harford Community College in partnership with The Arc's Recreation Support Services to provide an inclusive and adventurous camp opportunity to children ages 7-14 of all ability levels. He and other students had the choice to participate in diverse sporting activities such as wiffleball, swimming, bocce, canoeing, kayaking, row boating, fishing, hiking, craft activities, and learning about birding and fishing. Though Luke was exposed to many new adventures, his favorites were swimming, canoeing, and making butter at Steppingstone Museum (as shown above). More importantly, the friendships he made will be treasured for life.

"The camp allows students to experience many opportunities while building compassion, understanding, and friendship for all."

Anne Cerruto, mother of a Diverse Explorers camper.

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Join The Arc on Facebook and Twitter!

You can now stay in touch and receive updates for The Arc of the United States by joining them on Facebook and Twitter.

If you currently have a profile on Facebook, visit The Arc U.S. page as well as The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region's and become a fan! If you don't have an account but are interested you can sign up directly on Facebook, the process is quick and easy. Have you ever heard of Twitter? Are you stumped by this new phenomenon?

The Arc of the United States is now providing updates of what's happening at their office and around the nation and The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region is now on-line.

[Come and Tweet with us!](#)



Derby After dArc, "A Triple Crown Affair," in Planning Stages

*Billy & Barbara Boniface and
Georgeanna & Scott Garceau
are Honorary Chairs*

The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region, Inc. will hold, Derby After dArc, the 6th Annual Celebrity Chef & Auction event on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at the Maryland Golf & Country Clubs in Bel Air, Maryland.

Over 400 people will be attending this event that will help raise funds for individuals with intellectual disabilities who reside in Harford, Cecil, and Kent Counties.

The club will be transformed into a "Triple Crown Affair" complete with a silent auction, Mint Juleps, Black Eyed Susans, Derby cuisine, betting wheels, and vendor carts.

Smyth Jewelers will be returning as the event sponsor with Event Chairs Jennifer McCullough and Rhoula Monios.

Scott & Georgeanna Garceau will be returning as Honorary Chairs along with Billy & Barbara Boniface.

For more information about The Arc, visit our website at www.arcncr.org.

For sponsorship or ticket information contact:

Paul Levine: 410-879-6785, ext. 356 or email plevine@arcncr.org

Elaine Orbino: 410-879-6785, ext. 350 or email eorbino@arcncr.org

Enter To Win The Arc Community Raffle! 10 Winners!

Ravens/Steelers Games To Be Raffled

A Raffle to Benefit The Arc

Sponsored by Joseph La Ponzina Orthodontics

1 Ticket for \$5 or 3 for \$10

First Prize: (2) Lower Level Premium Tickets with Tailgating Parking Pass to Ravens vs. Steelers Game on 11/29/09

Second Prize: (2) Premium Tickets to Ravens vs. Steelers Game on 11/29/09

Prizes 3-10: Signed Ravens & Other Sports Memorabilia

Winning Tickets to be drawn on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at the Saturday in the pArc event. Winner need not be present to win.

To purchase raffle tickets, contact Elaine Orbino at The Arc at 410-879-6785, ext. 350 or email eorbino@arcncr.org.



Rite Aid Crew Members Help Conquer the Flu

On Wednesday, September 23, 2009 the Rite Aid Crew Members broke the highest number of items tagged in a day, 20,088 to be exact. Thanks to everyone for the extra support needed to conquer the massive amount of Robitussin that came in for this year's flu season. The regular crew members were assisted by Eric Crites, Brian Parks, Sara Hall and Eric Anders. What a tremendous effort!



Barbara, Val and Edna Move Into Their New Home

Barbara Dasch, Valerie Schaff and Edna Russell moved into a new accessible home in Aberdeen in early September.

Barbara, who just moved from Rosewood Center last March, is smiling more and is quite interested and comfortable with her new surroundings. Her room is decorated in hot pink...right down to her hot pink towels.

Valerie could hardly wait to move into her new room and has a large bedroom for all of her collections. Val believes in "a place for everything and everything in its place," Now she has room for it!

Edna loves the extra space and the new furniture. She likes to "kick back" in one of the recliners in the living room with her favorite show, *Animal Planet*, on the new large screen TV.



Bill Sackter Story Hosted By The Arc

To Celebrate October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month, The Arc hosted the feature documentary, "A Friend Indeed, The Bill Sackter Story" on October 15th at The Maryland Golf & Country Clubs.

"A Friend Indeed – The Bill Sackter Story" is an inspiring new documentary showing how a forgotten man and an uncommon friendship shattered the world's perceptions of people with disabilities.

Bill Sackter's life story was made famous by the award winning made-for-TV movie "Bill" (1981) starring Mickey Rooney as Bill, and Dennis Quaid as the young filmmaker Barry Morrow who had befriended Bill in 1972 and began filming their relationship and adventures.

With a harmonica, a warm cup of coffee and a positive embrace of life, the audience gets to know the real Bill Sackter, an international hero for people with disabilities, and witnesses how a little friendship and attention transformed Bill's life and everyone around him. It's a highly entertaining and engaging feature-length documentary filled with laughter, insight, and emotion.



Legislative Update From Executive Director, Tim Quinn

I have been with The Arc for twenty years and we are facing the largest funding cuts I have seen in that time. As you are probably aware, The Arc has sustained budget cuts with the possibility of more on the way.

The current cuts have drastically affected our Rolling Access (financial assistance) funds that we have available for families, and our respite services have been decreased by 52%. These two cuts alone have had a significantly detrimental impact on families who have been supported by The Arc. Within the agency, we have had to make a series of cuts to staff salaries.

We are working with others to try to stop future cuts and restore the current cuts. We need you more than ever, and we need everyone's voice. Please continue to check our website at www.arcncr.org for current updates and action alerts. If you need further information on how to get involved, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-836-7177.

United Way Campaign Kicks Off

*Working Hand in Hand To Make A Difference
in the Lives of People with Intellectual Disabilities*

We know how hard you work and we promise that we will work just as hard to maximize your return on investment in The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region when you remember to designate us in your workplace charitable giving campaign this Fall.

Please select from one of the following designation numbers:

United Way Central Maryland	058
Cecil County United Way	110
Maryland Charitable Campaign	7112

Your generosity will help to provide support for individuals with developmental disabilities so that they can live rich and meaningful lives, just like yours and mine.

Thanks so much for caring!

*Want your co-workers to learn more about The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region? Call Torri Dietrich at 410-836-7177, ext. 347 to arrange a time for one of our staff members to visit your workplace.

* If you wish to avoid administrative processing fees from your campaign you could donate directly to The Arc and we will customize a plan to meet your philanthropic needs.



Meeting the Challenges of Fostering Teens

Why would a single mom with a teenage daughter want to add another teenager to her family? "Someone I knew was doing foster care already and she urged me to give it a try," says Kathy Hill, an Arc foster parent living in Aberdeen. She said, "I think you can do this." Someone believing in Kathy was enough for her to believe in the possibilities of Anissa*, a 13 year old young woman who was just 10 years old when she came into Kathy's care.

Kathy reflects on the nearly three years she's been foster parenting: "The progress is sometimes slow, but it's rewarding. In the end, you can see the changes. You make mistakes along the way and you learn from them." Dianne Ross, Director of the Treatment Foster Care Program adds, "One of the wonderful qualities that Kathy brings to the program is her ability to be a team player. She is open to suggestions and is always learning. We aren't looking for perfect parents...we want parents who are willing to try something new when what they are doing isn't working. We need committed families willing to stand by children and teenagers."

If you long to help a young person heal from the past and fulfill their potential, contact Kathy Pitrat at 443-243-9698 or kpitrat@arcncr.org. We need foster, adoptive and respite families for children of all ages, especially teenagers.

**Anissa's name has been changed to protect her privacy.*

Summer Jobs Employers Recognized

Thanks to the following employers for their participation with the 2009 Summer Jobs Project:

Chesapeake Quality Traders, Community Action Agency, Lorien Nursing & Rehabilitation Center (Bel Air), Hummingbird Manor Assisted Living, Hopkins Farm, Allied-Phillips Heating & Air Conditioning, Giant Food (Rock Spring), Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, Havre de Grace Maritime Museum, Vehicle Services Plus, McCormick & Co., Maryland Golf & Country Clubs, Town of Bel Air, Harford County Public Library (Whiteford), Home Title Company and Aberdeen Ironbirds.

Together these businesses provided employment opportunities to nearly 50 students this summer.

SAVE THE DATE

Punt, Pass & Kick Festival

Saturday, November 21, 2009

Cedarlane Sports Complex

ShArc The Shredder Grand Opening

Tuesday, November 24, 2009

9 a.m.-11 a.m.

Harford County Chamber of Commerce Office

108 South Bond Street

RSVP to Amy Anderson at 410-879-6785, ext. 363

Derby After dArc "A Triple Crown Affair"

Saturday, March 27, 2010

Maryland Golf & Country Clubs

Golf Tournament

Monday, June 28, 2010

Maryland Golf & Country Clubs

For more information contact Paul Levine

at 410-879-6785, ext. 356 or email: plevine@arcncr.org

Best Friends: And Serving is Their Top Priority

By Lisa Tome, Contributing Editor to the Herald

David Schlegel and Ford Hamilton's disability has not stopped them from giving or serving. In June, David had taken over the title as President of the Elkton Lions Club from Ford. Ford brought David into the Lions Club five years ago. "I'm in the Lions Club and stayed because I know I'll see him every two weeks," said David. The pair have been friends for fifteen years. Ford works as a Program Coordinator at Bayside Community Network and has led many local organizations. David has held many volunteer posts in the community and has served on many boards. Ford has been named Cecil's Most Beautiful Person in 2005. David has been nominated for the award five times, by Ford. "I'm going to keep nominating him until he wins or I die. His level of service is remarkable," said Ford.

Receive the Ambassador Newsletter in your email box!

Help The Arc to save postage by providing us with your email address. All email recipients will receive the Ambassador newsletter and regular legislative and Arc updates. Please forward your complete name and email address to Rosie Wolff at rwolff@arcncr.org.



Teresa Herbert and Sean Parks

Iron Bird's Crew Takes Flight

Sean Parks, age 25, has good reason to be proud and to celebrate his success. Sean has just completed his second season as a Flight Crew member with The Aberdeen Ironbirds! As a Flight Crew member, Sean's duties include leading the chants ("Let's Go Ironbirds, Let's Go!") and initiating crowd participation. We asked Sean what is his favorite part about being a Flight Crew member? Sean's reply, "besides everything?"

Then seriously, Sean stated, "At the end of the day, I know I did a good job. I am making the crowd feel good and helping them to have a good time."

While the biggest responsibility is crowd participation, Sean also wraps T-shirts, which are thrown into the audience.

We had to know how Sean became a Flight Crew member... It started 3 years ago at a game when the Flight Crew Manager spotted Sean in the audience. He encouraged Sean to audition at the Spring tryouts. Not only is there an interview process, but you must exhibit talent as well. Sean displayed his country line dancing skills and the rest is history. Sean plans to try out again next spring in hopes of going for three seasons!

Membership Renewal Reminder

Members of The Arc are reminded that you will receive your renewal reminder notices for your membership from The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region in late May. Payment can be made directly to The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region and mailed in the accompanying envelope to The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region at 4513 Philadelphia Road, Aberdeen, MD 21001. If you have any questions, please contact Rosie Wolff at 410-879-6785, ext. 338.

Saturday in the pArc

A Punt, Pass, & Kick Football Festival
to Benefit The Arc Northern
Chesapeake Region!



Evening Extravaganza Punt, Pass, & Kick Football Festival

Free Admission

Saturday, November 21, 2009. 3 p.m.-9 p.m.,
Cedar Lane Regional Park, Bel Air, Maryland
Under the lights on the turf football field

Registration is limited.

First 300 to pre-register will receive a free gift. email Paul Levine at plevine@arcncr.org with name, grade (1-12) and note "PPK Festival" in the subject line of the email.

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.

Showcase your skills! Come compete in individual Punt, Pass, & Kick Competitions (Grades 1-12). Participants must be at the field no later than 5 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

Raven Maniac, Fan Man, Bus Boys, & Raven's Nest special appearances

6 p.m.

Hear the sounds of "Starbelly" Band

7 p.m.

Julienne Irwin performs the National Anthem
Special effects show by Image Engineering (Raven's pre-game show specialists)

Introduction of Grade Level Winners, High School, & Corporate Team competitions

For more information contact:

Paul Levine at The Arc at 410-879-6785, ext. 356



Donate to The Arc Holiday Campaign

*...and Tell Us What You Have to Be Thankful For
This Holiday Season*

At the end of *It's a Wonderful Life*, Harry Bailey raises a glass and says, "A toast to my big brother George, the richest man in town." What made George Bailey rich wasn't money, it was the positive impact he made on others' lives by giving himself away, one person at a time.

The Arc strives to create a memorable and magical experience for the people that we support, one person at a time. In fact, The Arc serves as the primary family connection for many of the people we support with intellectual disabilities. All proceeds of The Arc Holiday Campaign go directly to people in financial need receiving services from The Arc or who have no immediate family.

It's Easy to Donate to The Arc:

- 1) Donate on-line at www.arcncr.org.
- 2) Mail in your donation to The Arc Holiday Fund, 4513 Philadelphia Road, Aberdeen, MD 21001.
- 3) Get together with friends, your sports team, your workplace, church or class and make a group donation.
- 4) email people to join your team or donate.
- 5) Add The Arc's Holiday Campaign to your Facebook or Twitter page.

Make a Donation to The Arc and Tell Us What You Have to Be Thankful For This Holiday Season:

Your name and submission will be posted on-line on The Arc's website under the Holiday Campaign page.

"What do you have to be thankful for this Holiday Season?"
(25 words or less).

Provide your name, city, and state and email to Elaine Orbino at eorbino@arcncr.org

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month

The annual celebration of Disability Employment Awareness Month heightens awareness while recognizing the contributions of Americans with disabilities to both our workforce and our society.

During this month, The Arc pays tribute to the accomplishments of both men and women with disabilities whose work helps keep the economy strong and by reaffirming their commitment to ensure equal opportunity for everyone. People with disabilities offer a wide-variety of skills and abilities to employers, with a level of loyalty that cannot be surpassed.

Invest in The Arc, Help People to Live Rich & Vibrant Lives

Helping people to live rich and vibrant lives is at the core of The Arc's philosophy and mission. The Arc supports people with disabilities to create lives that mirror yours and mine: students attending neighborhood schools, adults going to work and living in their own homes, and individuals enjoying the social and recreational opportunities of their communities.

The Arc guarantees a return on your investment! Your contribution will make a difference in the lives of people with developmental disabilities in the following ways:

\$25-\$100

- A night out at the ballgame
- A holiday gift for an individual with no immediate family
- An art class for an aspiring artist
- A fitness class for someone who wants to improve their stamina
- A few hours of respite care for parents of a child with a disability

\$250-\$1,000

- A guest speaker for a Foster Parent training program that give families the tools to care for a child with special needs
- A camp scholarship for a child that is on summer vacation
- A computer with email to allow someone to remain in contact with families and friends
- An appliance or funding to cover home improvements for our Supported Living Program

\$2,500 and above

- A walk-in shower to enhance accessibility in a bathroom
- Adaptive equipment to increase one's level of independence

\$20,000

- A new vehicle that will help transport people to jobs and recreational activities

Make your donation!

Yes, I want to Help People to Live Rich and Vibrant Lives!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

email: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

I would like to invest in The Arc to help people live rich and vibrant lives!

I/We wish to donate _____.

I would like to talk with someone about planned giving or putting The Arc in my will.

Please make checks payable to The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region.

Mail to: The Arc NCR, 4513 Philadelphia Road, Aberdeen, MD 21001

Please charge my Visa/MC #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Or pledge on-line at www.arcncr.org

Tic-Tac-Toe...A Friendly Game of Competition



Sherry Smith playing Herman Gray in a game of Tic-Tac-Toe at the McFaul Senior Center.

Employment of People With Disabilities Luncheon Honors Commitment to Employment of People With Disabilities

The Harford County Commission on Disabilities honored individuals and businesses at the annual Employment of People with Disabilities luncheon on October 22nd at the Maryland Golf and Country Clubs. 7-11 was recognized as Employer of the Year, and Merit Awards for Employee of the Year were awarded to Katarina Feuchtenberger (Rite Aid), Chih Ung (Ruby Tuesday) and Paul Moran (Boyle Buick). The Ruth Helen Thompson Award for Community Service was awarded to The Arc's Foundation Board Micro-Enterprise Development Team.

Leave A Legacy



Make A Difference

Become a Charter Member of The Arc Legacy Society!

Did you know that you could make a lasting impact on the future of The Arc? Consider becoming a Charter Member of The Arc Legacy Society by making a bequest or other planned gift! It is quite easy to do...and can be done for little to no outlay of cost.

Please contact Torri Dietrich, Director of Development at 410.879.6785 for more information.



The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region *The Arc Legacy Society Charter Members*

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