

DEDICATION OF THE TIM QUINN COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER



(left to right) County Executive David Craig and Chad Shrodes of the Harford County Council present a proclamation to Board President of The Arc, Nancy Brugh.

The Arc dedicated The Tim Quinn Community Resource Center in memory of Tim Quinn, former executive director and visionary leader, on September 22, 2011. The reception also included a special celebration of the memory garden and those whose lives have touched the hearts at The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region.

A special thanks to Aaron Litz for initiating the concept of the memory garden as his Eagle Scout project. Thanks to his dream and fundraising efforts, combined with the support of former staff professional Mara Walter and the Evergreen Garden Club, we now have a beautiful garden and brick pathway to honor those who have touched our lives at The Arc. We would also like to thank Kayte Knox for assuming the role of memory garden volunteer coordinator as a heartfelt way to honor the life of her beloved son David.



Shawn Kros, executive director at The Arc, and County Executive David Craig unveil the building dedication plaque.

Guest speakers at the dedication included Nancy Brugh, board president; Shawn Kros, executive director; Tim's family members Gloria, Danny and Shannon Quinn; self-advocates Jason Hughes and Sissy Walker; and Kayte Knox, memory garden volunteer coordinator. Pastor John Manry of the North Harford Baptist Church gave the invocation, and County Executive David Craig presented the proclamation.

Our appreciation to L & L Supply Corporation; Mark/Trece, Inc.; Fine Florals by Linda; Betty Pearce; Linda and Dave Thomas; Eddie Albert of Pine Hall Brick; Thurston Adams; George and Jo Hensler of Belair Road Supply; Bill Cox, masonry; classical guitarist Todd Shelar; and Sean Coomes.

Photos courtesy of Bob Gilley



MONIQUE MORRISON

A WORK OF ART A LABOR OF LOVE

When Sean Coomes, Chris Taylor and Jeff Harkins came to help Rose, an individual who receives services from The Arc, they exposed a statue of the Virgin Mary while working on an overgrown flower bed on her property. The statue originally came from Tennessee and had been cracked and weathered through the years. Artist Monique Morrison, who also receives services from The Arc, embraced the idea of refurbishing the statue for Rose. Monique met Rose for the first time when Monique delivered the new statue, which will be surrounded by perennials in the new flower bed—making a nice addition to Rose's home. Many people with artistic capabilities, who receive services at The Arc, enjoy sharing their gifts, and Monique is one shining example.

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 expense. Charitable giving is not only for the wealthy.

For more information, contact the Development Department at [410-879-6785](tel:410-879-6785).

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DIFFERENCE
in Someone's
life!



HOW CAN YOU HELP BUILD BETTER LIVES AND SUPPORT PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES?

There Are Many Ways To Make A Difference:

- Become a partner athlete with Unified Sports (people with and without disabilities competing together in a variety of sports).
- Share your love of learning by becoming a reading partner or leading a book discussion group.
- Help someone to share their life experiences through scrapbooking.
- Help someone to learn basic nutrition and cooking skills.
- Open up someone's world by helping them to send emails and use social media.
- Become a fitness partner by linking up with someone to walk, hike, bike or work out at the gym.
- Help someone to establish their own business by serving on an advisory micro-board.
- Join one of our boards or our special event/fundraising committees.

Make a difference in your community. For more information, contact The Arc at [410-879-6785](tel:410-879-6785), ext. 350. Visit www.arcncr.org.



HOLIDAY GIVING CAMPAIGN



HELP BRING
PEACE & JOY
TO PEOPLE IN
YOUR COMMUNITY

About The Arc

The greatest piece of your heart is the part that you share. It's the positive impact we make on others' lives by giving ourselves 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 and developmental disabilities.

About the Holiday Campaign

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. Your generous holiday donation will bring peace and joy to people in your community in so many ways, including funding an art class for an aspiring artist, a night out at the movies, toys for a toddler, an essential household item, a holiday meal, new clothes for the holidays, or an activity for a senior who is retired.

It's Easy to Donate to The Arc:

1. Donate online 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 Holiday Campaign to your Facebook or Twitter page.

For more information about The Arc Holiday Campaign, contact Rosaria Wolff at [410-879-6785](tel:410-879-6785), ext. 338 or rwolff@arcncr.org.

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for a
Lifetime**

JONES JUNCTION

COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE EXTENDS TO THE COMMUNITY

Special thanks to Jones Junction, a pre-owned car dealership in Bel Air, Md., for presenting The Arc with a check for \$22,000 to assist with the purchase of new vehicles for The Arc. This donation makes it possible for people receiving services from The Arc to access consistent and reliable transportation to job sites and enjoy recreational opportunities in the community.

SMYTH JEWELERS' "A NIGHT WITH THE STARS" KEY RAFFLE

To Benefit The Arc Northern
Chesapeake Region



There are only 150 chances to purchase a Smyth gift box for \$100 each, which contains a Tiffany-inspired sterling silver oval top key necklace and the chance to win a \$5,000 shopping spree at Smyth Jewelers.

One lucky winner will be drawn at the eighth annual After dArc Auction Gala scheduled for Saturday, March 31, 2012, at the Maryland Golf & Country Clubs. Proceeds from the raffle will help support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in Harford, Cecil and Kent counties.

Pre-sales start **NOW!** To reserve your box, contact Rosaria Wolff at 410-879-6785, ext. 338. For event ticket information, visit www.arcncr.org.

Prizes not redeemable for cash. Winner need not be present to win.

The Arc Rolls Out A New Brand "Achieve With Us"

BRAND IDENTITY INVITES RESPECT & RECOGNITION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region is proud to unveil a new brand identity in the spirit of energy and a renewed commitment to providing opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) as well as their families.

This dynamic new logo is the new face of The Arc, and it will be on The Arc's publications, website, signs, community events and more. The logo will unite affiliated chapters of The Arc across the country under the banner "Achieve With Us," a call to move forward and take the road leading to progress, inclusion and respect. The logo design reflects the energy and determination of The Arc to support and embrace people with I/DD and their families across their lifetimes and across diagnoses, including Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy, and other intellectual and developmental disabilities. The color combination of orange and yellow is a stand out among nonprofit organizations, and its vibrancy will be closely associated with The Arc just as pink is associated with breast cancer awareness.

This identity was developed during the course of a year of in-depth research performed by professional brand consultants and a dedicated team of individuals, including chapter professionals. "Our rebranded identity represents a new day for The Arc and the mission of The Arc. The new logo is bringing the work of a strong and energetic organization front and center and is a bright reminder that we provide opportunity for hope, growth and change," said Shawn Kros, executive director.

ACHIEVE WITH US

ART WITHOUT BOUNDARIES

LOCAL ARTIST CREATES A PRESENCE

During his childhood years, Joe Brown's family raised alpaca for their fleece on a farm in Florida, where he took active care of more than 100 animals. Through this experience, Joe's creativity and love for nature developed—



JOE BROWN

talents that would later help inspire him as an artist and painter and the launch of his own company in May.

Since then, Joe has created a Facebook page promoting his work. His Facebook page features his work at local events held by The Arc, highlights the partnerships he has formed with local restaurants, and encourages supports to see art shows in which he participates such as the Art Without Boundaries Reception that was held in July at Harford Community College. Co-sponsored by The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region, Harford County Commission on Disabilities and The Harford County Cultural Arts Board, the reception recognized the work of local artists with and without disabilities and commemorated the 21st anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Meet The Arc in Cecil County

The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region held its first Cecil County "Meet The Arc" event on October 20th at Cecil College. This event enabled The Arc to share highlights and success stories, while celebrating October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

The celebration of Disabilities Employment Awareness Month helps to heighten awareness while recognizing the contributions made by Americans with disabilities to both the workforce and society.

Guest speakers Shawn Coppinger, Vince Smith, Sean Parks and Brian Christensen were shining examples of the achievements of individuals with disabilities whose work helps keep the nation's economy strong. By highlighting the achievements of these individuals, who receive services from The Arc, the organization reaffirms its commitment to ensure equal opportunity for everyone.

Special thanks to the Cecil County advisory board for their support and efforts to raise awareness of The Arc in Cecil County:

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UNIFIED SOCCER TEAM KICKS OFF

The 2011 "Red Devils" Adult Unified Soccer Team went undefeated playing three games in the cold rain to defeat the adult unified soccer teams of Howard, Baltimore and Montgomery counties. The team consists of men and women with and without developmental disabilities between the ages of 22-49. Although this team has been together a little more than a month, the way they mesh together is much like a family. It's definitely an awesome sight to watch this team operate on and off the field.

The Red Devils have one more qualifying tournament in Baltimore County and a few more weeks of practice to prepare for the state championship tournament in Salisbury on October 23.

If you'd like to participate in Unified Sports Special Olympics - Harford County, please contact **Chass Seymour** at cseymour@arcncr.org or **410-836-7177, ext.424**. There is a role for everyone: coach, player, scorekeeper, photographer or even helping Chass with administrative duties. If soccer isn't for you, the Unified Basketball League will begin in January.



Back row (l-r): Patrick Mitchell, Stacey Hull, Brian Parks, Richard Fuggi, Pete Ballard, Lindsey Snyder, Matt Moore, and Sean Coomes.

Front row (l-r): Coach Michele Stutzer, Chris Hanson, Justin Wilkins, and Jon Jones. (Not pictured: Kerry Rogers)

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KEY FINDINGS FROM

FINDS SURVEY

The Arc's national web-based Family and Individual Needs for Disability Supports (FINDS) conducted a 2011 survey focused on educational, housing, employment and support needs of people with disabilities. FINDS reached more than 5,000 parents, siblings and other caregivers or support providers; the findings reflect responses received from families from all 50 states and the District of Columbia as well as people with disabilities from 38 states and D.C.

It is estimated that seven million people, including more than 1.25 million children, with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) are living in the United States. As people with I/DD are among the most vulnerable in this economic climate, most live with their families and are in precarious financial situations.

KEY FINDINGS OF THE STUDY INCLUDE:

- Budget cuts and economic strain have hurt all Americans, but those living with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families are being the hardest hit with access to services being drastically reduced.
- One out of five families report that someone in the family had to quit their job to stay home and support the needs of their family member.
- Fifty-eight percent of parents/caregivers report spending more than 40 hours/week providing support for their loved one with IDD, with 40 percent spending more than 80 hours week.
- More than 80 percent of families reported not having enough retirement savings for their future as a result of using personal funds to compensate for the lack of services available to their loved ones.
- Sixty-two percent of caregivers report that the level of services for their family member with disability is decreasing.
- Millions of people with I/DD are experiencing appalling wait times—an average of 5.3 years—for access to the most fundamental services including transportation, housing, managing finances, employment supports and personal assistance.
- One-third (32 percent) of parents/caregivers, potentially 1 million families or more, report that they are on waiting lists for government-funded services, with the average wait more than five years.
- More than 75 percent of families report difficulty finding after-school care; non-institutional community care; trained, reliable home care providers; summer care; residential care; respite and other services.
- Forty-three percent of caregivers report that schools are cutting back on services like physical, occupational and speech therapies.
- Most families are not satisfied with the quantity of government-funded personal supports (73 percent), housing (77 percent), transportation (78 percent), employment (77 percent), therapy (79 percent) or respite (78 percent) services that they are receiving.
- Most people with I/DD (78 percent) live with their families. As a result of diminished services, people with I/DD are being confined to their family home, with less human interaction, education and employment, and the care they need.
- Sixty-two percent of parents/caregivers don't have a plan for where the person they support will live when the parent/caregiver gets older.
- Fifty-eight percent of family caregivers are 51 years of age or older.
- Fifty-two percent of families reported that their family member with I/DD left school without receiving a high school diploma.
- Eighty-five percent of families reported that their adult family members with I/DD were not employed, either part-time or full-time.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Effective advocacy requires knowledge of existing law, pending legislation, and the political players and processes as well as the unmet needs of constituents.

Visit www.thearc.org to find the information to advocate on all the issues that are critical to the intellectual and developmental disability community at the national level.

The Arc Maryland is a statewide public policy advocacy organization committed to dignity, civil rights, quality supports, community inclusion, and the empowerment of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities as well as their families.

The Governmental Affairs and Public Policy Program advocates through state legislation, federal legislation system advocacy; waiting list campaign and legal advocacy. Visit www.thearcmd.org for specific information.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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.

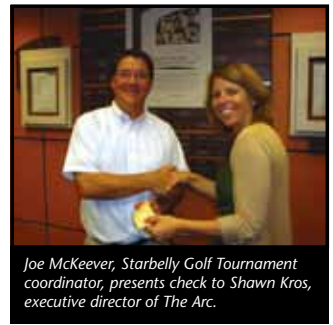
STARBELLY BAND PLAYS GIG ON THE GOLF COURSE

Local band hosts 9th annual golf tournament to benefit The Arc

Baltimore-based power pop band Starbelly raised \$8,000 to benefit The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region at its ninth annual charity golf tournament on July 29, at Ruggles Golf Course. The band members donated their time and music to enrich the experience for more than 130 golfers, including many players who work for tenant activities on Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

Joseph McKeever, an employee with the U.S. Army Evaluation Center, and his close friend Dennis Schocket, a local musician in the band Starbelly, organized the first charity golf tournament for The Arc in 2003. Since then, the event has morphed into an annual fundraiser that takes place every July and has netted \$29,625 to date. McKeever does much of the logistical legwork to pull together each annual tournament, and Schocket gets many of the golfers to participate in the tournament in addition to providing musical entertainment for tournament participants.

"We wanted to find something that was local, where all the money stayed right here in the area," McKeever said of the tournament genesis. As it turned out, after he and Schocket attended one of the agency's open houses, they were convinced The Arc was an organization they had to support. "They gave us the whole tour, and we met a lot of the people who get services there," McKeever recalled. "It's a fantastic organization for giving these people a better life." Due to the work McKeever, Schocket and the volunteers put into this event well ahead of tournament time, the event runs smoothly and garners much needed fundraising dollars for The Arc.



Joe McKeever, Starbelly Golf Tournament coordinator, presents check to Shawn Kros, executive director of The Arc.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE 2011 STARBELLY GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORS:

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For more information on the Starbelly band or the golf tournament, contact **Joe McKeever** at starbellymusic@aol.com or visit www.starbellygolf.com

WAITING FOR A FAMILY: November is National Adoption Month

There are more than 1,200 children in Maryland waiting for a place at the table, a home and a family to call their own. The Arc's Foster Care and Adoptions Program helped six children find forever families last year.

If you long to make a difference for a child, consider foster care adoption through The Arc. Even if you are not in a position to adopt right now, you can still:

- Spread the word that The Arc needs adoptive families for children and youth.
- Connect us to a church group or organization that would be willing to have us come and speak about the need for foster and adoptive families.
- Consider becoming a foster family or providing respite care for a foster family.

Contact **Kathy Pitrat** at 443-243-9698 or kpitrat@arcncr.org to find out about our information sessions and adoption services. A child is waiting...





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SPONSORSHIP LEVELS ROLLED OUT FOR THE 8TH Annual After dArc Gala

The eighth annual After dArc Gala to benefit The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region is set for Saturday, March 31, 2012, at 7 p.m. at Maryland Golf & Country Clubs in Bel Air. The proceeds from the event benefit adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Maryland Golf & Country Clubs will be transformed into "A Night With The Stars," as we recognize our guests and donors with star treatment and invite attendees to enjoy surprises and entertainment. Local business and community support play a key role in the event with Smyth Jewelers returning as headline sponsor and major raffle sponsor for the "A Night With The Stars" key raffle.

2012 HONORARY CO-CHAIRS: Scott & Georgeanna Garceau

2012 EVENT CO-CHAIRS: Jen McCullough & Rhoula Monios, Smyth Jewelers

Live entertainment to be provided by The Klassix,
featuring former members of the Ravyns, Paper Cup & the Pedestrians.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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- ★ Reserved seating in main ballroom for 16 guests
- ★ Full-page ad in the event program

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- ★ Reserved seating in main ballroom for 8 guests
- ★ Half-page ad in the event program

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- ★ Reserved seating in main ballroom for 4 guests
- ★ Quarter-page ad in the event program

STARGAZER SPONSOR @ \$500

- ★ Reserved seating for two guests
- ★ Company name listed in event program

All 2012 After dArc sponsors receive the following recognition:

- ★ Company name printed on all event materials including the event program, annual report and agency newsletter
 - ★ Company website link posted on the After dArc event website page
 - ★ Social media promotion including Facebook and Twitter
 - ★ Company name/logo showcased on the event slide show
- ★ Complementary invitation and recognition at The Arc's annual Donor & Volunteer Reception in May

INDIVIDUAL EVENT TICKETS: \$125

Contact the development office at **410-879-6785, EXT. 350** for more information about sponsorship opportunities and event tickets.
You also can purchase tickets online by visiting www.arcncr.org.



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"Achieve With Us" to Make a Difference in the Lives of People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities!

Please select from one of the following designation numbers:

- United Way of Central Maryland: #058
- United Way of Cecil County: #110
- Maryland Charity Campaign: #7112
- Chesapeake Bay Area Combined Federal Campaign: #50056

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

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