

## The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region

*Advocacy, Resources, Community*

*Making a difference in the lives of people with  
developmental disabilities and their families*

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### **Governor's Tour of Harford County Includes Several Arc Project Homes** *Secretary of Health & Mental Hygiene Secretary of Department of Disabilities Visit The Arc*



*Photo Caption:*  
*Front Row (left to right): Michele Stutzer,  
Sharon Neary, Gloria Quinn*  
*Back Row: Nahshon Smith, Kim Luddeman,  
Secretary John Comer, John Rosser, Roy  
Peters, Tim Quinn, and Pat Neary*

[ABERDEEN, MD] – As part of the Governor's tour of Harford County and reception at the Maryland Golf & Country Clubs on Thursday, September 13, John Comer, Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and Cathy Raggio, the Secretary of the Department of Disabilities, visited The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region for a focus group with Arc staff. As part of the tour, they proceeded to several homes that had recently been renovated as part of The Arc Project.

They were able to see the level of care provided in both homes with one having medical complexities and the other a more independent living arrangement. Both of these homes have gone through a major renovation/rebuild made through a concerted community effort including dedicated volunteers and individual and corporate donations.

Similar to the community at large, The Arc has an increasing number of people with age related mobility issues who need accessible housing accommodations as the populations in both Harford and Cecil counties increase. The Arc Project is designed to enhance the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities who are aging and have increasing needs for accessible housing so they can "age in place."

For more information about The Arc Project and for a complete listing of Arc Project donors visit The Arc website at [www.arcncr.org](http://www.arcncr.org)

*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.*