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**Bel Air Volunteer Honored For Work at The Arc**  
*Melita Maxwell Nominated For 2007 Harford County's Most Beautiful Person Award*



[ABERDEEN, MD] – At the 2007 Harford County's Most Beautiful Person Award Ceremony to be held on Thursday, October 4 at the Bel Air Church of the Nazarene, **Melita Maxwell of Bel Air**, will be honored for her volunteer work at The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region and five other local organizations. The award recognizes volunteers who go above and beyond their paid jobs, donating their time and talent to make a difference in Harford County.

"Melita is a treasure", says Mara Walter, Volunteer Coordinator for The Arc. As her husband Lyle and son Eddie would attest, Melita is busier as a community volunteer in retirement than she was in her 35 years as a Baltimore County art teacher. Six local organizations have been the recipients of Melita's generous gift of time and expertise including Chesapeake Cancer Alliance,

Emmanuel Episcopal Church, the Cottage Thrift Shop of Bel Air, American Association of University Women, P.E.O philanthropic group, and The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region.

Melita has been an irreplaceable friendly companion to the Community Partners group at The Arc where The Arc assists those who are semi-retired or between jobs to participate in a variety of community activities. Melita has donated her time and talents and helped people in craft and outdoor painting classes with a mix of fun, support, enthusiasm and creativity. Melita has volunteered between two to five hours each week over the past year to help artists who have developmental disabilities pursue their art interests.

For volunteer opportunities at The Arc, contact Mara Walter at 410-879-6785, extension 381 or email [mwalter@arcncr.org](mailto:mwalter@arcncr.org) or visit our 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.*