

Three-Year CARF Accreditation

The Arc of Evansville recently received our ninth consecutive CARF accreditation effective through June 2021 and earned the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization. This Three-Year Accreditation illustrates the organization's substantial conformance to the standards established by CARF. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation outcome has put itself through a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable, and accountable.



According to CARF, "The Arc of Evansville has a rich history of providing high-quality employment and community services that are extolled by clients, families, and other stakeholders. The organization views service provision with an abundance mindset. Everyone from the executive leadership to frontline staff members and other personnel demonstrates a commitment to ensuring that the service

experience for clients, their families, and other stakeholders is optimal in all respects." The CARF surveyors made no recommendations for The Arc of Evansville, which signifies no areas of nonconformance in nearly 1,200 CARF Standards were identified. Only 3 percent of CARF surveys result in no recommendations for improvement. According to Deidra R. Conner, President of The Arc of Evansville, "Our recent Three-Year Accreditation from CARF validates The Arc of Evansville's commitment to providing high quality services that empower individuals with disabilities to achieve their full potential."

CARF is an international, independent, and non-profit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services. For more information about the accreditation process, please visit the CARF website at www.carf.org.

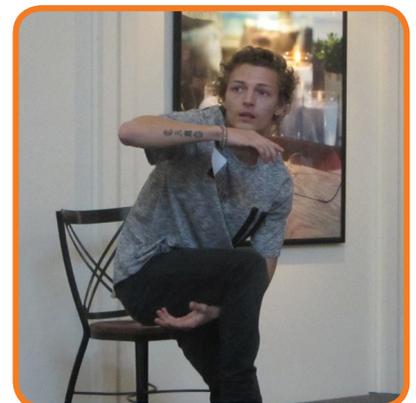
Tri-State's Got Talent scheduled for November 17

The Arc of Evansville will host this year's Tri-State's Got Talent on Saturday, November 17, at Eastland Mall from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Interested individuals and groups are invited to showcase their diverse talent in front of a panel of guest judges who will determine which act will be featured in front of thousands in The 2019 Really Big Show on February 9, 2019. Walk-up registrations will be accepted until 3:30 p.m.

Shown in the photo is the 2017 Tri-State's Got Talent Winner, Cameron Campbell, who wowed the audience with his unique dance moves.

For more information

Please contact Kim Henning, Special Events & Volunteer Coordinator
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The Arc of Evansville's Annual Gift Club Members

Thank you to our wonderful donors for supporting our mission and helping us continue to provide high-quality programs and services for individuals with disabilities. We sincerely appreciate the continued support from the members of our Annual Gift Club!

July 1, 2018 – October 15, 2018

President's Circle (\$5,000+) Platinum (\$2,500 - \$4,999)

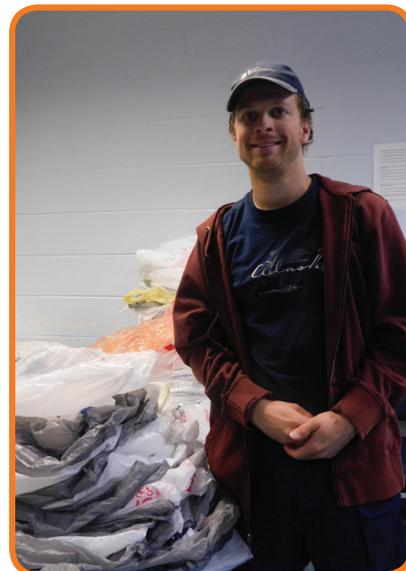
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Volunteering Is Impactful

The individual shown is lending a helping hand at a local Salvation Army. The Arc of Evansville provides support for those served to volunteer in their community. Volunteering is meaningful for all individuals, but for individuals with disabilities, it assists them in building positive relationships with others, increasing their health and well-being, and developing new skills that can increase their independence.



If you know of an organization needing volunteers, please contact Sierra Nuñez, Manager of Residential & Community Integration Services, at (812) 428-4500, ext. 316 or sierra.nunez@arcofevansville.org.



Giving To The Future

When you make a gift to The Arc of Evansville, you help children and adults with disabilities achieve their full potential. All gifts make a difference and positively impact those served by The Arc of Evansville. You can make a gift through check, cash or credit card. In addition, there are other giving options that may enable you to increase the impact of your gift. These options include:

- Gift of stock – transferring a gift of stock may enable you to avoid capital gains tax
- IRA Charitable Rollover – if you are age 70 ½ or older, donating directly from your IRA to The Arc of Evansville enables you to make a gift up to \$100,000 without being subject to income taxes on the distribution
- Planned gift – including The Arc of Evansville in your will or estate or naming The Arc of Evansville as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy or retirement plan

For more information on making a gift to The Arc of Evansville

Please contact Denise Seibert at (812) 428-4500 ext. 310 or denise.seibert@arcofevansville.org.

In-Kind Items Needed

Programs offered by The Arc of Evansville are in need of some specific supplies. If you can donate items on the list below, please contact Kayla Schmitt, Development Assistant, at (812) 428-4500, ext. 309, or kayla.schmitt@arcofevansville.org.

- Acrylic Paints – Assorted Colors
- Small Canvases for Painting Projects
- Magnetic Sheets
- Kleenex Tissues
- Creamer – Plain, Non-Dairy
– for adult clients
- Coffee – for adults clients
- Unscented Hypo-Allergenic Baby Wipes
- Shaving Cream
- Play-Doh
- Clear Contact Paper

Please remember that monetary gifts are always welcome to help carry out our mission.

Critical Thinking Skills

The Arc of Evansville's Child Life Center offers an inclusive learning environment for children ages six weeks to six years, both with and without disabilities, by nurturing their social, emotional, physical, and intellectual growth. Shown are two children who are working on building their critical thinking skills. Critical thinkers make sense of information, analyze, compare, and contrast. Critical thinking skills are built when children are allowed to experiment to find what causes things to happen.



To inquire about openings available in the Child Life Center

Please contact Emily Marroquin, Assistant Director of Child Life Center, at (812) 428-4500, ext. 217 or emily.marroquin@arcofevansville.org. You may learn more by visiting our website at www.arcofevansville.org.

The Arc Needs YOU!

The Really Big Show is scheduled for Saturday, February 9, 2019 at the Old National Events Plaza in downtown Evansville. This signature event is The Arc of Evansville's largest annual fundraiser. Approximately 185 volunteers contributed 1,475 hours of their time for the 2018 show. Volunteers are crucial to the success of the event.

Please consider giving a few hours of your time to volunteer for this fun event. Numerous volunteer opportunities are available, but these are some of our greatest needs.

- Auction committee member: Volunteer will help solicit new auction donations, assist with picking up items and assist with following up on requests.
- Table Decorators: Volunteers will assist with setting up decorations as instructed. This includes arranging centerpieces for 65-80 dinner tables, decorating auction tables and setting up silent auction plaques.
- Auction set up: Volunteers will assist with loading items into vehicles, unloading vehicles and placing items on auction tables as instructed.
- Auction Table Monitor: Volunteers will circulate their designated auction section, monitoring auction tables and items to ensure items stay on the tables. Volunteers will encourage bidding. Volunteers will also help close auction sections at designated times by documenting the highest bidder on each bid sheet.
- Auction Registration: Volunteer will assist guest in registering for their auction bid number.



To volunteer

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The Arc of Evansville
615 West Virginia Street
Evansville, IN 47710

The 2019 Really Big Show

Tickets for The 2019 Really Big Show will go on sale Friday, January 4, 2019, and may be purchased at Ticketmaster outlets, including The Old National Events Plaza Box Office, online at www.ticketmaster.com, or by calling 1-800-745-3000.

Our \$100 VIP tickets, which include Curtain Call Reception admission, are on sale now! To purchase your ticket or to help volunteer please contact Kayla Schmitt, Development Assistant, at (812) 428-4500, ext. 309, or visit www.arcofevansville.org.

All proceeds from The Really Big Show benefit The Arc of Evansville's programs and services.



Our Mission The mission of The Arc of Evansville is to empower individuals with disabilities to build relationships, gain independence, and achieve their full potential.

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Deidra R. Conner, President

Please direct any questions or comments regarding this newsletter to Denise Seibert, Director of Development, at (812) 428-4500, ext. 310, or denise.seibert@arcofevansville.org.



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