

# Update

## Achieving Community Employment

One of the programs of service at The Arc of Evansville is our Community Job Link program. Individuals with disabilities who participate in this program receive assistance from an Arc Employment Specialist for locating and maintaining competitive employment in the community. The Employment Specialist provides instruction on how to write competitive resumes, complete job applications, and prepare for possible interviews. Once community employment is achieved, the Employment Specialist will monitor job performance, offer encouragement and guidance, and assist in any additional training and coaching that might be needed. Individuals with disabilities tend to be more successful in community employment situations when these services are offered.

The Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library (EVPL) is a local organization that is intentional about hiring individuals with disabilities and actively pursues opportunities to help improve the success of individuals with disabilities. The EVPL is innovative with their company policies, and they are finding opportunities in their organization that give meaning and satisfaction to workers with disabilities. EVPL staff members go out of their way to create a successful employment opportunity for individuals with disabilities.

Six individuals with disabilities have been hired by EVPL to shelve books during times when the library is full of activity. Library staff has shown an eagerness and appreciation for the new hires and treat them with respect and dignity. Tori Meadows, an Employment Specialist with The Arc of Evansville, states, "Members of the EVPL team have gone to great lengths to ensure the new hires were properly trained and acclimated to their new work environments. It is an honor to work with EVPL."

Many rules and guidelines must be remembered to complete the duties of the job successfully. The new hires are striving to memorize the book shelving layouts. As they are able to retain this knowledge, their confidence is improving.



Shown is Christina Basham at North Park Library. She states, "Everyone here is so nice, and they let me ask questions. I like my job and my hours. I get to talk to customers too."

Following are some quotes from the new hires at EVPL.

- "I love my job. I know how to do it already, and I am learning new tasks."
- "This library is close to my house, and I drive to work. Everyone is nice and we laugh a lot."
- "This has been a great place to work, and I love my job. I love exploring the new books that come in and everyone is nice to me."

If you know of an individual with disabilities who would like to achieve community employment, or if you are an employer who is interested in employing people with disabilities, please contact Tracy Stricker, Community Job Link Manager, at (812) 492-1204 or at [tracy.stricker@arcofevansville.org](mailto:tracy.stricker@arcofevansville.org).

# The Arc of Evansville's Annual Fund Gift Club

The success of The Arc is made possible by those who are dedicated to fulfilling its mission to empower individuals with disabilities to build relationships, gain independence, and achieve their full potential. We want to thank our Annual Gift Club members who are some of our most committed donors.

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

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# Thank You West Side Nut Club Members!

A real need exists in our community for families of young adults with disabilities who attend high school and do not have quality care during the summer months. When schools close for summer break, families who work outside the home face the overwhelming task of finding care for their loved one. Most summer programs only care for children up to the age of 12, and many do not provide the necessary care for individuals with disabilities who typically have specialized medical care needs and require constant supervision.



*A teen camper receives cooking instructions at Thyme In The Kitchen.*

During the 2018 summer, the West Side Nut Club partnered with The Arc of Evansville to provide a 10-week community-based program that included opportunities for teens to learn vocational skills through community volunteerism, social skills with participation in community activities, and daily living skills. The young adults participating in this program were impacted and learned vital job skills, communication skills, and relationship building skills. Thank you West Side Nut Club members for your dedication to individuals with disabilities.

Sierra Nuñez, Manager of Residential and Community Integration Services, can further explain the services of The Arc which will provide for you or your loved one to have more community engagement. She can be reached at (812) 428-4500, ext. 316 or [sierra.nunez@arcofevansville.org](mailto:sierra.nunez@arcofevansville.org).

## Become a Gift Club Member

The Arc of Evansville honors those who help to support our programs and services for empowering individuals with disabilities to build relationships, gain independence, and achieve their full potential. To qualify as a member of the Annual Fund Gift Club, a donor must give cumulatively a minimum of \$250 during the campaign year (July 1 – June 30). For information about the multiple levels of gift club membership and to view the specific recognition rewards, please visit our website at [arcofevansville.org](http://arcofevansville.org) or call (812) 428-4500, ext. 308.

## Ellis Park Gives Support

The Arc of Evansville recently partnered with Ellis Park Race Course for their Wiener Dog Races. Three race days were held during the month of August, and all who attended had a great time. Ellis Park not only assisted The Arc in spreading awareness for the needs of individuals with disabilities, but they also donated the "wager" funds collected at the events. This donation will assist the clients we serve to increase their independence. We want to thank Ellis Park for their donation and continued support of individuals with disabilities.



*The hard work and dedication of our volunteers make this event successful. Thank You!*

## Current In-Kind Needs

The Arc of Evansville is in need of the following items to support our programs and services that assist approximately 750 individuals each year. If you can donate items, please contact Kayla Schmitt, Development Assistant, at (812) 428-4500, ext. 309. Here are some of our most needed items.

- Umbrellas – Golf-size
- Clear Contact Paper
- Construction Paper
- Band-Aids, all sizes
- Coffee
- Coffee Creamer Non Dairy
- Canvases, all sizes
- Paper Towels
- Kleenex
- Unscented hypo-allergenic baby wipes
- Unscented laundry detergent



*Nick is shown making a pillow during a recent sewing class.*

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

## Leave Your Legacy

Please remember that an excellent way for you to support The Arc of Evansville is to leave a bequest in your will, living trust or with a codicil. One significant benefit of making a gift by bequest is that it allows you to continue to use the property you will leave to charity during your life. Another benefit is that you are able to leave a lasting legacy. Please contact Denise Seibert at (812) 428-4500 ext. 310 if you have any questions about how to make a bequest to The Arc of Evansville or to request any additional information that might be helpful to you and your attorney as you consider making a bequest to us. If you have included a bequest for The Arc of Evansville in your estate plan, please contact us to let us know. We would like to thank you for your gift.

*The Arc of Evansville will remain strong for generations to come with your help.*





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## Mark Your Calendar Today



November 17, 2018  
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm  
Eastland Mall, Evansville, IN



February 9, 2019  
7:00 pm  
Old National Events Plaza  
Evansville, IN



For more information on these upcoming events, watch for updates on our Facebook page, visit our website at [www.arcofevansville.org](http://www.arcofevansville.org), or reach Kim Henning, Special Events & Volunteer Coordinator at (812) 428-4500, ext. 307 or [kimberly.henning@arcofevansville.org](mailto:kimberly.henning@arcofevansville.org).

**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](mailto:denise.seibert@arcofevansville.org).



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