Letter From The Arc’s President

We live in an amazing world. Individuals with disabilities work, volunteer, and live in our local community, and every day individuals with disabilities are contributing to our community in a meaningful way. You - our friends, neighbors, and donors - help to make this possible. Today, individuals with disabilities have access to a comprehensive list of services, yet needs continue to go unmet. However, through your support of The Arc of Evansville, you have demonstrated that it is unacceptable for individuals with disabilities to have unmet needs. Through your support, you are making things happen, and individuals with disabilities are reaching their goals and achieving more than they ever thought possible. Here are just a few of the successes that our clients have achieved over the last year.

Many adults with disabilities achieved community-based employment for the first time, and they are successful in their new jobs, making new friendships with their coworkers, and experiencing independence. Through The Arc of Evansville’s Community Job Link program, an increased number of individuals were able to secure community-based employment this year when compared to the prior year.

Children with and without disabilities developed social, emotional, communication, and other practical skills to prepare them to be successful in school and ultimately to prepare them for adult life – and with increased instruction time from our teachers, these children will be able to thrive at school and beyond.

Individuals with disabilities contributed to their community by volunteering at local non-profits, resulting in a greater sense of self-worth, increased work skills, and improved social skills.

Despite the success individuals achieved throughout this past year, we must expand opportunities for people with disabilities. Demand for our services continues, and in this upcoming year, we will serve individuals with disabilities with enhanced opportunities for community engagement. Your continued support is critical in helping those we serve achieve their goals.

Thank you to all of our staff, board members, volunteers, donors, supporters and friends who help make The Arc of Evansville a valuable resource for the children, adults and families we serve. We are so blessed to have your support!

Sincerely,

Deidra R. Conner
President
The vision of The Arc of Evansville is to create a community that values all individuals.

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

The Arc of Evansville continues to be transparent, authentic, and reputable for the benefit of those we serve and their families, those who volunteer their time and talent, those who contribute financially, and those who are interested in improving the lives of individuals with disabilities. The following values define our highest priorities, deeply held beliefs, and core fundamental driving forces.

- **Respect** Maintain the dignity, confidences, and privacy of others
- **Integrity** Exhibit ethical business practices and principles throughout the entire organization
- **Commitment** Show dedication by giving our best to others on a daily basis
- **Recognition** Express an appreciation for the efforts of others
- **Excellence** Provide quality work every day
Arc Industries
Arc Industries is a packaging, assembly, and distribution facility that offers employment and vocational training to more than 250 individuals with disabilities. The Arc of Evansville staff assists in developing work skills and behaviors so those served can obtain and maintain competitive community employment.

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Behavior Support Services
Behavior Support Services determines the reason or function of undesirable behaviors and assists individuals in replacing them with more appropriate social and adaptive skills leading to increased relationships and independence in the community.

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Child Life Center
The Child Life Center provides high-quality programs in an inclusive environment for children ages six weeks to six years, both with and without disabilities, by nurturing their social, emotional, physical, and intellectual growth. The state-licensed Child Life Center is NAEYC accredited and rated Level 4 on the Paths to Quality program. Summer camp is also available for school-age children up to age twelve.

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Connections For Life
Connections For Life provides one-to-one support to individuals with developmental disabilities to become an integral part of their communities by volunteering at local nonprofit organizations and enhancing their quality of life with increased social interaction. Another component of the program is unique because it can take place in the family home while family members are present or not. Services are provided based on the needs of the individual and are not limited to week days or daytime hours.

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Community Job Link
Community Job Link assists individuals with disabilities in locating competitive employment in the community. Other services provided include job coaching and follow-along services for individuals who are working in the community. Services are provided based on the needs of the individual and are not limited to week days or daytime hours.

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Day Services For Adults
Day Services For Adults provides intensive training to individuals with severe, profound, and multiple disabilities to increase independence and inclusion in their communities. Activities center on personal interests and include daily living skills, recreation and leisure activities, self advocacy skills, and accessing community resources. A gerontology program is available for older adults and those experiencing dementia.

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Programs and Services

Respite Services
Respite Services are provided on a short-term basis in order to provide temporary relief to family members. Activities provided in this service include supervision as well as assistance with toileting, feeding and personal hygiene. Assistance with meals and medications are also included. Services must be scheduled a minimum of two weeks in advance and for a minimum of a 6 hour period. Respite may be arranged for any day of the week or any time of day.

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Residential Services
Residential Services are available for qualified individuals under the Indiana Home Based Community Integration and Habilitation Waiver. The Arc of Evansville will provide supports to individuals with disabilities who live in supported living sites such as their own homes and apartments, with roommates. Services can be provided up to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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2017-2018 Financials

Income $9,503,000
- $3,584,000 Arc Industries Revenue: 37.71%
- $96,000 Miscellaneous: 1.01%
- $125,000 Special Events: 1.32%
- $200,000 County Tax Support: 2.10%
- $757,000 Child Care Fees: 7.97%
- $554,000 Contributions & Grants: 5.83%
- $4,187,000 Government Funding/Contractual Day Services: 44.06%

Expenses $9,262,000
Remaining As Independent As Possible

Bobby worked at an Arc Industries enclave for many years, but his health began to decline due to an untreated illness. Doctors were even contemplating a leg amputation below the knee. Bobby wasn’t able to care for himself properly, and he was at risk of eviction from the apartment that had been his home for over 30 years. Bobby’s options were limited. His lack of support signaled an approaching move to a nursing home and a loss of his independence. This was something Bobby did not want.

The staff of The Arc knew a nursing home wasn’t the best answer for Bobby, and they began advocating for him. Bobby started receiving Residential Services for support in his home. Bobby was taught to care for himself and his medical illness properly. With the assistance of staff, Bobby’s apartment was cleaned and became clutter free for the first time in many years. He learned to maintain healthy living conditions in his apartment. Bobby started learning how to eat healthier to improve his health condition. Thankfully, health specialists were able to save his leg.

The Arc’s Day Services For Adults and Connections For Life programs assist Bobby by keeping him engaged in the community through volunteerism, Special Olympics, and educational and recreational activities. Bobby continues to establish health-related goals that include making healthy food choices and increasing his level of exercise. Bobby loves baseball, and with the assistance of Arc staff, Bobby attends many of the Evansville Otters games. He was even chosen to throw out the first pitch at a recent game. One of the greatest highlights of Bobby’s life was getting to attend a St. Louis Cardinals game this year!

Once facing a future of tragedy, Bobby’s life now is meaningful and filled with impactful activities. At the age of 70, Bobby is living life as independently as possible. His life is full of friendships, activities, and memorable experiences. Without services from The Arc of Evansville, Bobby’s life would be much different today.

Expenses $9,262,000

- $1,525,000 Administration Expenses: 16.46%
- $59,000 Special Events: 0.64%
- $196,000 Fundraising: 2.12%
- $7,482,000 Programs: 80.78%
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