Disability Awareness Month

In the state of Indiana, Disability Awareness Month is held each March to promote the independence, integration, and inclusion of all people with disabilities. Did you know that adults and children with disabilities represent nearly one-fifth of Indiana’s population? As a community, we have a responsibility to learn about and understand the needs of our fellow Hoosiers. Here are some ways you can support individuals with disabilities in our community.

Attend the Give-Back Events

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<td>11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Azzip Pizza at North Park</td>
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<td>Freddy’s on North Green River Road</td>
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<td>6:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Visit The Arc of Evansville’s table at UE Women’s Basketball Game at UE</td>
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<td>BJ’s Brewhouse on North Green River Road</td>
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<td>Evansville Thunderbolts Game, Chuck-A-Puck Benefiting The Arc of Evansville at The Ford Center</td>
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<td>McAlister’s on Pearl Drive</td>
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<td>Hacienda on 1st Avenue</td>
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<td>Jason’s Deli on North Green River Road</td>
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A complete list of Give-Back Events and all required flyers can be found on The Arc’s website at arcofevansville.org.

Participate in Orange Out Days

March 6, 13, 20, 27: Orange Out Days

Wear orange each Friday during March and use it as an opportunity to bring awareness to the needs of individuals with disabilities, as well as their achievements! The Arc is asking you and your friends to wear orange, take a photo, tag those in the photo, and post on social media with the hashtag #TheArcSupporter.
The Really Big Show raised nearly $84,000!

Back To The Really Big 80s Show was held on February 8, 2020, and is being described as ‘The Best Really Big Show --- Ever!’ The Arc of Evansville would like to give a Really Big Thank You to all who took part. This event is a yearly undertaking that requires many hours of planning, and it would not be possible without the commitment, talent, and kindness of each person participating. Whether it is the tireless work of the cast and crew, those who have an act in the show, our volunteers who help carry the load, show attendees, or our generous sponsors, each one contributed to the success of the event. All proceeds of the event will impact individuals with disabilities to build relationships, gain independence, and achieve their full potential.

Congratulations To The People’s Choice Winners

1st Place
The Next Step, Inc.

2nd Place
Brandon McCarty

3rd Place
Guys Being Dudes

The Really Big Show 2020 Sponsors

The Really Big Show was presented By
Old National Bank & Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana

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Volunteering is a way for people to give back to their community.

Involvement in the community is crucial for individuals with disabilities in their community.

Volunteering can impact the health of those we serve.

Listed are some supplies needed for programming and daily activities. If you can donate any of the items shown, please contact Kayla Schmitt at (812) 428-4500, ext. 309. A complete list of in-kind needs is on our website at arcofevansville.org.

In order to become a member of the gift club, a donor must give cumulatively a minimum of $250 during the year (July 1 – June 30). A donor may advance his/her level by making additional contributions throughout the year. Each donor will receive specific recognition rewards as they reach a new gift club level. Thank you to our loyal donors for their continued support of The Arc of Evansville’s Annual Fund Gift Club Members.
YOU Make A Difference

When you support The Arc of Evansville, those we serve are provided with opportunities and support for community engagement. Involvement in the community is crucial for individuals with disabilities to live a meaningful life. With your contributions, here are some activities that can be made possible for those we serve.

**Participation** in community activities such as attending art exhibits, museums, musicals, or plays helps to engage people with disabilities in their community.

**Art** activities are impactful for expressing oneself, relieving stress, and building fine-motor skills. These activities can be even more impactful for individuals with disabilities when conducted in an inclusive setting within the community.

**Volunteering** is a rewarding activity that increases self-confidence, expands connections with others, and provides a sense of purpose. Volunteering can impact the health of those we serve.

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The Arc of Evansville’s Annual Fund Gift Club Members

The Arc of Evansville’s Annual Fund Gift Club stems from our agency’s core of honoring those who help us serve approximately 600 individuals with disabilities each year. In order to become a member of the gift club, a donor must give cumulatively a minimum of $250 during the year (July 1 – June 30). A donor may advance his/her level by making additional contributions throughout the year. Each donor will receive specific recognition rewards as they reach a new gift club level. Thank you to our loyal donors for supporting the mission of The Arc of Evansville. These are our 2019-2020 Gift Club Members from July 1, 2019 to February 12, 2020.

**President’s Circle ($5,000+)**

- Anonymous
- Betty Charlier
- Keith & Karen Hinderliter
- Dan & Diane Krupp
- Dave & Darlene Robinson
- Leanna M. Thomas

**Platinum ($2,500 - $4,999)**

- Alan & Sharon Braun
- Dan & Ellen Grimm Jr.
- Jeff & Kathryn Lyons
- Gayle B. Rood
- Daniel Townsend & Denise Seibert Townsend
- Darren & Lisa Verkamp

**Gold ($1,000 - $2,499)**

- Anonymous
- Ron & Margaret Angermeier
- M. Edward Brinker & Cynthia S. Jones
- Dr. Bob & Jennie Bromm
- Jerry & Cherie Burgdorf
- Ann Crenshaw
- Jim & Debbie Crowley
- David & Amanda Diekmann
- Craig & Kathy Ettensohn
- Suzanne & Robert Farney
- Derek & Rebecca Faughn
- Edward & Mary Anne Fox
- George Ann Griffin-Atkinson
- Dennis & Nancy Herrenbruck
- Robert & Marcia Kassenbrock
- John & Beth Knapp
- Jeff Krug
- Joe & Julia Langerak
- Donna & Tom Lynch
- Colleen R. Martin
- The Massey Family
- Patricia Mitsos
- Richard & Marilyn Moudock
- Jim & Mary Kay Muehlbauer
- Joe & Jennifer Neidig
- Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Rusche
- Larry & Melody Schmitt
- David L. & Patricia Smith
- Ruth & Bob Spahn
- Stacy Stevens
- Richard & Charlotte Tanner
- Stephen & Wendy Thomas
- Bruce Ungethiiem
- Drs. William & Mona Wooten
- Glenn & Jennifer Wuchner

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In-Kind Needs

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- Bracelet Beads
- Bracelet Stretch cord
- Coffee – Regular Ground
- Coffee Creamer – Non-dairy, plain
- Crochet needles
- Make-up
- Make-up application tools
- Science experiment guide booklets

What a smile! Greg enjoys his volunteer opportunities at the Ronald McDonald House. Volunteering is a way for Greg to give back to his community.
Did You Miss The Really Big Show?

Are you disappointed you didn’t get to see the show? Was someone you know in the show? No worries! You can have your very own DVD, and enjoy viewing it from the comforts of your home. Also, don’t forget, a DVD will make a nice gift for anyone who participated in the show.

To place your order, go to The Arc’s website at arcof.evansville.org and click on the shopping cart in the top right corner. Follow the steps to make your secure purchase today!

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 Townsend, Vice President of Development at (812) 428-4500, ext. 310, or denise.seibert@arcof.evansville.org.