

IMPACTS FROM COMPETITIVE COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT

Individuals with disabilities have so much to offer when given a chance. Through The Arc of Evansville's Community Job Link program and Arc Enclaves, individuals with disabilities are able to

secure community-based employment. We recently spoke with a few individuals who have experienced first-hand how The Arc's support helps each of them achieve their full potential.

PHILIP

It didn't take long for Philip to find his stride at Bosse Field, where he started working for the Evansville Otters this summer. He's worked several jobs through the Community Job Link program for many years but decided to take some time off in 2020. This year he felt he was ready for a new work experience where he could gain new skills. At the beginning of the summer, after just a month, he learned how to help prepare and wrap food in the concession stands. His role grew to include assisting the cashiers and helping keep the 3 main concession stands stocked. Philip's supervisor was immediately impressed with his attentiveness and eagerness to continue learning new skills. With the assistance of the Community Job Link program, Philip was matched with a job that fits his skillset and has given him a chance to flourish in the workplace.



ADAM

Adam is considered a staple at Bud's Harley-Davidson, where he's been employed for 3 years. When he was first hired, Adam already had a wide range of skills he learned through previous Community Job Link positions he's worked at over the last 12 years. Those skills, combined with the new things he's learned, enable him to now do his work with complete independence. He manages his workday and job responsibilities, increasing his confidence and providing a sense of empowerment.

MICHAEL

Though he might seem shy at first, Michael lights up when you ask him about his job. Michael has been working at The Arc's MetroNet Enclave for a year and a half. His responsibilities include organizing, repackaging, and labeling Wi-Fi units sent off to be used in the field. Michael's supervisor, David, is proud of the tremendous progress Michael has made in his self-confidence. He is comfortable making his own decisions, taking the initiative to complete tasks that need to be done, and finding a sense of pride and fulfillment from a job well done.

Full stories about Philip, Adam, and Michael can be found at www.arcofevansville.org. As each of these individuals learns new skills, their job performances and quality of life are improving. Each of these individuals is showing that when given the opportunity, they're eager to learn, grow, and thrive. As a community, we must continue to provide these opportunities. Together we are the lifeline for hundreds of individuals with disabilities who want to have a fulfilling life. Your continued support is critical in helping those we serve to achieve their goals and reach their full potential.



THANKS TO YOU, TEENS ENJOY THEIR SUMMER

The Teen Link Summer Program provides care and supervision during the summer months for teens and young adults with disabilities. Those served are given opportunities to enhance their social and daily living skills. The participants are experiencing

improved self-confidence and are building relationships with new people. Donors make it possible for the needs of these individuals to be met. YOUR SUPPORT provided a safe, impactful program that offers opportunities for development and engagement.



EMPOWERING SELF-ADVOCATES

Self-advocacy is essential for everyone, but it is vital for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Southwest Advocacy Group (SWAG) functions to help individuals with disabilities learn to speak up, advocate for their needs and wants, and develop a plan to achieve their goals.

The Arc of Evansville helps to facilitate SWAG and seeks individuals to volunteer by speaking at SWAG meetings. A variety of topics are discussed at the meetings and include personal finance budgeting, conversation social queues, wardrobe appearance, time management, interview skills, etc. If you have a passion for sharing information, don't hesitate to get in touch with Jack Maxwell at jack.maxwell@arcofevansville.org or 812-492-1204.



The Arc of Evansville offers volunteer opportunities where you can help make a difference. We welcome individuals and groups who want to share their time and talents to improve the quality of life for individuals with disabilities. If you would like more information, please contact Cinda Phillips at 812-428-4500, ext. 308, or cinda.phillips@arcofevansville.org. The Arc's website provides additional information at www.arcofevansville.org.

JOIN THE ARC'S ANNUAL FUND GIFT CLUB

The Arc's Annual Fund Gift Club is a way to honor those who make it possible for those served to build relationships, gain independence, and achieve their full potential. To qualify as a member of the Gift Club, a donor must give cumulatively a minimum of \$250 during the campaign year (July 1 – June 30). A donor may advance his/her level by making additional contributions throughout the campaign year. For more information, contact Cinda Phillips at 812-428-4500, ext. 308, or visit www.arcofevansville.org.

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July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

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90'S NIGHT

with the Evansville Otters

Your attendance with a ticket distributed by
The Arc of Evansville on 8/20 will mean a
charitable donation for our organization!

Get your FREE TICKETS beginning on 8/9!

Tickets will be available for pick up at the Training Center,
located at 615 W. Virginia Street, Evansville, IN 47710.

A benefit game for



FREE tickets!

T-Shirt Giveaway!

90's Themed Jersey Auction!

**Proceeds benefit individuals with
disabilities*

Plus: Pre-game SLIME TIME



For people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

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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