

## MAKING MEMORIES IN FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Arc of Evansville has expanded our programming to meet the needs of our community. With the help of grant funding, our Friendship Club just successfully concluded its first summer session. This program allowed thirty children aged 10-17 the chance to build their confidence and learn to connect with their peers, social skills that are vital to living a fulfilled life.



If you have a child interested in joining a future session, please contact Megan Prickett, Behavior Supports Manager at [megan.prickett@arcofevansville.org](mailto:megan.prickett@arcofevansville.org) or by phone at 812-549-4523.

## STATE OF THE ARC

Last month, The Arc of Evansville issued the first "State of The Arc of Evansville" address. Community partners, board members, Gift Club members, as well as individuals and families we support, all came together to learn about the exciting progress happening here at The Arc.



Shown to the left:  
Andy Martin,  
Bix Branson,  
Doug Diekmann,  
Jeff Lyons, and  
Katie Ticken.

To view the full State of The Arc address, including the videos presented at the event, scan the QR code or visit our website at [www.arcofevansville.org](http://www.arcofevansville.org).



# INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE NEXT STATE OF THE ARC EVENT?

All Silver-tier members of The Arc's Annual Fund Gift Club will receive an invitation to the next State of The Arc event scheduled for 2024. Read below for more information.



## Annual Fund Gift Club

The Arc of Evansville's Annual Fund Gift Club stems from our agency's core of honoring those who help us serve approximately 450 individuals with disabilities each year. In order 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). All gifts made during the campaign year are credited toward gift club levels. A donor may advance their level by making additional contributions throughout the campaign year. Each donor will receive specific recognition rewards as they reach a new gift club level. For more information, contact our Fundraising Assistant at 812-428-4500 ext. 309, or visit our website at [www.arcofevansville.org](http://www.arcofevansville.org).

Bronze (\$250-\$499)	Silver (\$500-\$999)	Gold (\$1,000-\$2,499)	Platinum (\$2,500-\$4,999)	Executive Director's Circle (\$5,000+)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledgement letter from the Chief Development Officer</li> <li>Acknowledgement of Gift Club level status in our biannual newsletter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bronze level recognition</li> <li>Invitation to annual State of The Arc event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Silver level recognition</li> <li>Handwritten thank you card and memento from the Board Chair</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gold level recognition</li> <li>Personalized thank you video from individuals we support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Platinum level recognition</li> <li>Personal phone call from the Executive Director</li> </ul>

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### 2023 to 2024 ANNUAL FUND GIFT CLUB

#### BRONZE

Eugene and Marianne Ritter  
Andrew and Patricia Tharp

#### SILVER

Keith and Jackie Messmer  
Michael L. Hellenberg

#### GOLD

Steve and Theresa Evans  
Darren and Lisa Verkamp  
Robert and Jennie Bromm

#### PLATINUM

Joseph and Cheryl Raleigh  
Daniel and Ellen Grimm  
George Ann Griffin-Atkinson

**Thank you for your support!**

## GUARANTEE CRITICAL SUPPORT CONTINUES

- Those 70 ½ or older can contribute up to \$100,000 from their IRA directly to The Arc of Evansville and avoid paying income taxes on the distribution.
- Donate your appreciated assets, such as stocks or privately held business interests, directly to The Arc of Evansville and eliminate capital gains taxes.
- Include The Arc of Evansville in your will or estate plan through a planned gift or bequest.
- Name The Arc of Evansville as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or set up a charitable trust.

**When you include The Arc of Evansville in your estate plans, you guarantee people with disabilities will continue receiving critical support for years to come. Your financial advisor can offer professional guidance for tax-saving strategies. Please get in touch with Cinda Phillips, Chief Development Officer, at (812) 428-4500, ext. 308, to discuss your estate plan decisions.**

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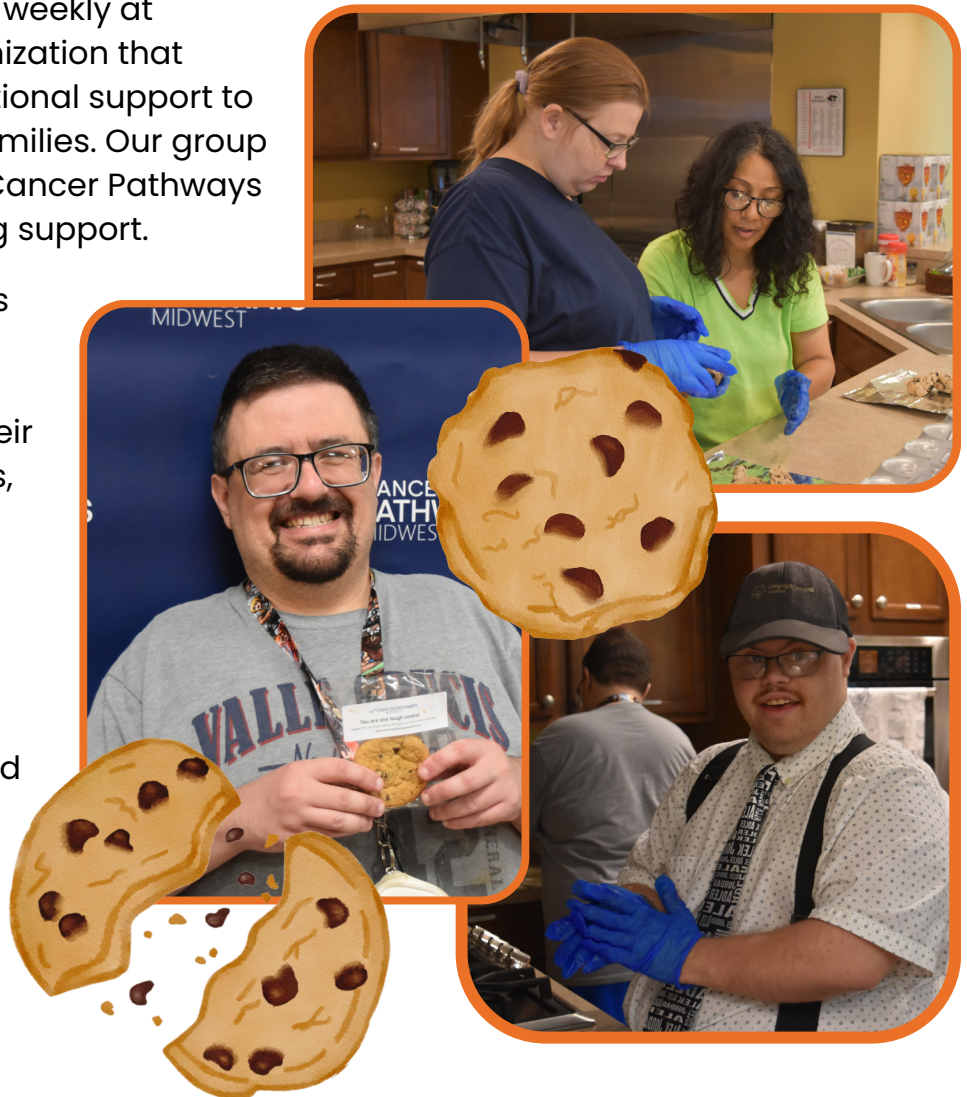


# FINDING JOY IN VOLUNTEERING

Individuals of The Arc volunteer weekly at Cancer Pathways, a local organization that provides emotional and educational support to people with cancer and their families. Our group of volunteers bake cookies for Cancer Pathways to distribute to patients needing support.

Our Direct Support Professionals work hard to ensure that the people we serve have the opportunity to be involved in their community, learn valuable skills, and enjoy new experiences.

Pictured top to bottom, Tonya, Josh, and Alec all shared their thoughts about their volunteer work in a video for our State of the Arc event. See what they had to say by visiting our YouTube page or scanning the QR code.



## PEOPLE SERVED LIVING A RICHER LIFE

The Arc of Evansville wants to transform from a traditional service agency to one with an even stronger foundation in person-centered support. With funding from the state, The Arc of Evansville has implemented a person-centered thinking initiative that ensures every employee from all departments has a baseline understanding of what it means to provide the best support possible in a way that encourages self-determination and meaning in people's lives.

We are in the first year of this three-year initiative, and it is already making a difference in how we see our work. As part of the process, we are developing four trainers to continue this cultural initiative as we hire new employees.

So, what does this mean for those we serve? Katie Ruthenburg, Behavior Support Specialist with The Arc of Evansville, says, "When people have folks who are person-centered and look at things through that lens, I think they have more feelings of autonomy, and it improves mental and emotional health. That person's life is going to be richer."

# Don't Miss Our First Ever The Perfect Arc Cornhole Tournament!

**Saturday,  
November 4th, 2023  
Vanderburgh  
4H Center**

**Registration Fee: \$50 per Doubles Team  
Double Elimination Tournament**

- **First Prize Package includes \$1,000**
- **Second Prize Package includes \$500**
- **Third Prize Package includes \$250**

*Bring the whole family!  
Food Trucks and a Family Fun area will be available!*

Scan the  
QR Code  
to Register!



**Sanctioned by**



**Anyone Can Play! Anyone Can Win!**

**OUR MISSION IS TO EMPOWER INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS,  
GAIN INDEPENDENCE, AND ACHIEVE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.**

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CARRIE BLACKHAM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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