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"Here Comes The Sun..." Maryclaire Kretsch

England. April 1969. The winter was particularly cold. February and March were colder than the norm. The cloudy skies and bone chilling winds seemed to never end. George Harrison, infamous Beatle, was weary; tired of the winter.

It was also a difficult time at Apple Records. Brian Epstein, the trusted manager of the Beatles, passed away in August 1967. His passing had a profound effect on the group. John, Paul, George and Ringo took over the financial and management issues. George Harrison described Apple Studio as becoming less a place to create music and more like a school. "Sign this, sign that....surrounded by accountants."

One day in early April, having had his fill of both winter and Apple, George decided to "sag off" Apple Records. He went to visit his good friend, Eric Clapton. The relief of not dealing with the business at Apple was wonderful, he explained. "By the time spring comes, you really deserve it" he said. So George enjoyed the glimmer of spring as he walked around the gardens at Eric's home. With Clapton's acoustic guitar in hand, there in the garden, early in April 1969, George wrote "Here Comes the Sun".

Date from meteorological station in the London area show that April 1969 set a record for sunlight hours for the 1960's. The Greenwich Station

recorded 189 hours of sunshine for April that year, a record that wasn't beaten until 1984.

Today, the temperatures are expected to reach 60 degrees. The sun is shining and The Friends of The Arc Auxiliary have brightened the holiday with a mix of nearly 400 lilies, hyacinths and tulips. Fifty children giggled their way through the Easter Egg hunt. Governor Wolf presents a proposed state budget that offers more light and more hope for community services than we have seen in years.

"Little darling, it's been a long cold, lonely winter. Here comes the sun.....It's alright".



Carrie Akers gave a beautiful tribute to the life of Mr. Ed Rielly. Family and friends joined in the ceremony and participated in a very touching balloon release. Ed, you will forever be a part of The Arc family and we will always think of you.


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President's Message



Happy 60th to The Arc-NEPA!!!! PNC Bank, Toyota of Scranton and Mark Lynn, Abington Planning Group sponsored an Evening Reception at the Radisson to kick-off the Anniversary and we are extremely grateful for their generosity. The cocktail party was on Thursday, January 29th.

PNC Foundation generously awarded The Arc a \$15,000 grant to begin improvements to one of the CLA kitchens. Thank you, Peter Danchak and PNC Foundation! Mr. Danchak, Anniversary Chair, has been very instrumental in assisting us to secure more help with the Capital Campaign as well.

Also, Edith Trees Foundation approved our grant request for \$50,300 which will be very helpful in completing many repairs and renovations in five sites. Their support is outstanding and we are so pleased with their commitment to The Arc. We have made two more grant requests in February to Community Foundations to have additional work done in the CLAs. Many needed repairs

will be made with the generosity from the community.

Please mark your calendars...The Gala event will be on Thursday, October 22nd at Fiorellis, Peckville. Many details to come your way but don't be surprised when Magic is in the Air...!

Also, The Arc was chosen as one of the organizations being featured in the Scranton Area Foundation's Match Day on May 1st. Twenty-five agencies are participating and each of us will be receive up to a \$1,000 in matching funds. The details are listed in this newsletter.

The End of the Year Foundation donations were earmarked for Capital Improvements and were very successful with donations. Several grant donations came in and we have already started many of the needed renovations. Since the end of the year Foundation ask, we are hoping to raise \$120,000 and we are proud to announce that we are more than halfway there. We will have an update on the goal at the Gala.

Sincerely,
Ken Doolittle, President

Exec's Corner



Thank goodness spring is right around the corner. Old Man Winter just doesn't want to let go, but mark my words, the end is in sight.

This is such an exciting year for us, the 60th anniversary of The Arc of Northeastern PA. As you know, lots of things are happening. 2014 ended with a very successful appeal for the foundation that generated \$11,000. PNC and Foundation board member, Pete Danchak, pledged \$15,000 to kick off our Capital Improvements Campaign. The formal kickoff at the Radisson on January 29th was a smashing success. We are steadily moving forward and know that we will surpass our community goal, as well as our requests from many foundation.

Each event this year will somehow tie into the 60th anniversary: The Mass of Awareness at the Cathedral, the Easter Flower sale, our June 6th Golf Tournament at the Country Club of Scranton, and many, many others. The Gala event is scheduled for Thursday evening, October 24th at Fiorelli's. Please join us for these exciting events whenever you can.

The other issue I wanted to mention is the proposed state budget presented by Gov. Wolf on March 3rd. At this time, it appears that the Governor has recognized the tremendous needs of people with Intellectual Disabilities in PA. The budget is not perfect of course, and there is no across the board cost of living increase, but there should be additional money in this budget to serve more people on the waiting list, to restore some funding cuts and provide additional waivers for people with ID and Autism. A breakdown follows, thanks to Maureen Cronin, our PA state exec and her staff for their rapid analysis.

Our first snap shot of the budget:

Governor Wolf has proposed a \$29.9 billion budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16. This would increase state expenditures by \$777 million (2.7 percent) over the current fiscal year, which is \$148 million less than the increase proposed by former Governor

Corbett in the previous budget cycle.

Department of Human Services, Office of Developmental Programs

- No increase for Infant/Toddler Early Intervention. (the Department may not be anticipating an increase in children)
- \$18.9 million to offer waiver services for an additional 1,000 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- \$372,000 to offer waivers to 50 adults with autism. (this seems very low so we need to check into this)
- \$144.9 or 13.6% increase in funds to provide home and community based services to more than 55,000 individuals with intellectual disabilities, including \$4.8 million in funding to restore funding cuts that occurred in 2012-13. Funding would be added over the next three years to further offset these cuts.
- \$8.2 million – 6.2% increase for State Centers in 2014-15 (last year they had a 10.6% increase)
- \$952,000 for to transition 75 individuals currently residing in state intellectual disabilities centers to the community.

Department of Labor and Industry Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

- \$5 million increase in state funds that will leverage an additional \$20 million in federal funds, intended to draw down the full available federal match for OVR and provide increased employment opportunities for Pennsylvanians with disabilities.

Department of Education

- \$100 million increase to special education, which would be distributed according to the new Special Education Funding Formula.
- No increase in Preschool Early Intervention.

That's all for now. Happy Spring!

Respectfully,
Don Broderick, Executive Director

The Arc Recreation April 2015

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

This year's Easter Theme activities will include Painting Ceramic Eggs, Chicks and Bunnies. Decorating Eggs and an Easter Treasure Hunt! 6:00-8:00 pm. Hop on over to The Arc for some Easter Snacks and Beverages. Fee \$5.00. Reservations are required by Monday, March 30, 2015

Thursday, April 9, 2015

Join us for a Sock Hop – honoring The Arc for providing services for 60 years! Let's go to the Hop at Four Points Hotel (Next door to The Arc), 300 Meadow Avenue, Scranton Pennsylvania. Step back in to the 50s and sock hop your way to the Happy Days! Put on your bobby socks and rolled up jeans! Hamburgers/cheeseburgers, french fries & Root Beer floats will be served! The fun will start at 6:00pm and end at 9:00pm. Fee \$10.00 (Note time and place) Reservations are required by Thursday, April 2, 2015.

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Time to get a little dirt under your fingernails and plant some flowers, We will be planting seeds and hopefully be able to watch them grow in days to come. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Carbondale from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Drinks and a snack will be provided. Reservations are required by Monday, April 13, 2015. Fee \$5.00

Thursday, April 16, 2015

Spring, Spring, Spring!! The University of Scranton's Human Service Department will be hosting a Spring Fling Dance at the John Long Center! There will be arts and crafts, dancing, snacks and beverages. Music will be provided by our own John Serkosky. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Fee \$3.00. Reservations are required by Monday, April 13, 2015.

Thursday, April 23, 2015

All of Lackawanna County is invited to attend our Advisory Meeting at Idle Hour Lanes from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Bring your ideas and wish list for your 2015 Recreation Program plans! We will be serving Pizza/drinks and enjoy a social hour with your friends. ***Everyone MUST pay including all Staff, Guardians and Family Aides ***. Reservations are required by Monday, April 20, 2015. Fee \$5.00

Thursday, April 30, 2015

Bill Frye is an interactive entertainer who is a Singer and a Guitarist! We will be singing along and dancing with Bill at The Arc. Hope you can join us for more laughter and lyrics! 6:00pm-8:00pm Fee \$5.00. Reservations must be made by Monday, April 27, 2015.

Make your reservations today at 570-207-0825

Miss Alexandria Alfano



Pictured: Don Broderick, Alexandria Alfano, Eileen Williams

Miss Alexandria Alfano raised \$500 for the Auxiliary as part of her Senior project, plus she volunteered several hours to help with office work. This young woman was wonderful to work with and she was so cheerful and vivacious. We are so thrilled she chose us to work with and help. Thank you very much Alexandria!!!

Blood Drive

The Arc's Adult Day Service recently partnered with Geisinger Blood Center to host our first ever blood drive. The blood drive was held in the Pre-Vocational room at our Meadow Ave. location on February, 20, 2015.

Thirteen members of our staff were able to donate one pint of blood each. One pint of blood can save the lives of three people. Since donations collected by Geisinger Blood Center are distributed locally, that is 39 lives in our community saved by our staff!! I would call that a success.

We would like to extend a Thank You!! to Geisinger Blood Center and we are excited to see this new relationship bring continued success in the years to come!

NEPA Match Day



The Scranton Area Community Foundation is excited to announce the first ever NEPA Match Day! Held this year on the First Friday in May: 5/1/2015, NEPA Match Day is an exciting and original initiative. It's also a great way for us to show our support for our region's nonprofits and our belief that when we work together, we are stronger.

On May 1, 2015, NEPA Match Day, The Scranton Area Community Foundation is providing a \$25,000.00 match to 25 outstanding nonprofit agencies that serve Lackawanna County. For every dollar raised by each of these nonprofits on May 1, the Scranton Area Community Foundation is going to provide a dollar for dollar match up to the first \$1,000 raised! Our partners are working together as a collective on this important day, hosting joint events and running special activities throughout our region.

Our nonprofit partners do phenomenal work in our region. The efforts of their volunteers and employees provide assistance, education, and support services that touch nearly every facet of life and truly make NEPA a better place to live. On May 1st, with the generosity of our region, we can provide over \$50,000 to strengthen our nonprofits which strengthen our community.

Here is the list of our first NEPA Match Day partners:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeastern Pennsylvania
Catholic Social Services

Dress for Success Lackawanna
Friends of the Poor
Greater Carbondale YMCA
Greater Scranton YMCA
Griffin Pond Animal Shelter
Habitat for Humanity of Lackawanna County
Lacawac Sanctuary
Lou Ruspi Jr. Foundation
Meals on Wheels
NeighborWorks NEPA
Northeastern PA Philharmonic
Saint Joseph's Center
Scranton Cultural Center
Scranton School for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Children
Summit University (formerly Baptist Bible College)
The Arc of Northeastern PA
The Community Intervention Center
The Greenhouse Project
The Lackawanna River Corridor Association
Voluntary Action Center
United Neighborhood Centers
West Scranton Hyde Park
Neighborhood Watch
Women's Resource Center

For more information about NEPA Match Day and our partners, you can go to <http://www.safdn.org/551/nepa-match-day/>

You can also find out about events being hosted for NEPA Match Day here <https://www.facebook.com/events/668041053306578/>

The Arc is
Celebrating 60 years!

Join us for a
"Sock Hop!"

Happy Days are here again!

Poodle skirts, bobby socks
and rolled up jeans!

Step back in time to 1955 with great entertainers such as Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly, Frank Sinatra, The Fontaine Sisters, Johnny Cash, Bill Haley and The Comets! "Party Time" professional entertainers will be playing all the favorite songs from the fifties! We are going to "Rock Around the Clock" as we dance to "Tutti Frutti!"

Hula and Limbo Contest

Where: Four Point Hotel Ballroom
(Next door to The Arc)
300 Meadow Ave, Scranton, PA

When: Thursday, April 9th

Time: 6:00 pm. to 9:00 pm

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Price includes hamburgers/
cheeseburgers, french fries
and root beer floats.
(everyone must pay including
parents/guardians and caregivers.)

Reservations are required by
Thursday, April 2, 2015

Call today at 570-207--0825
Bring your family and friends
of all ages. All are welcome!

It's that time of year again!



Aktion Club
will be having it's
Annual Flea Market
on Friday, June 5th
at Robinson Park
under the Pavilion!
9am-2pm

Start your spring cleaning and sort out
all of those timeless treasures!
Drop them off at
Meadow Avenue (Pre-Voc)
or Robinson Park.

Honorariums



Celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, special events are all beautiful moments to be honored and cherished. Remembering your loved ones, friends, neighbors, co-workers is a wonderful way to let them know how much you care and that you are thinking of them. We can help relay those messages for you.

When you send The Arc a donation along with the name of the person(s) being honored, we will send a pre-printed card to the honorees, letting them know that a donation was made in their name and who sent the gift. It's a great way to say, "I Care" and benefit The Arc!

Memorials

We also have a Memorial Program which sends your sympathy and condolences when a loved one passes away. We are here to assist you in making your wishes known.



February 6, 2015

Dear Arc Co-Workers and Administration,

I have worked at The Arc for 13 years now and in all of these years, Arc and its employees have been my extended family. I knew I worked with amazing people but these past 4 years, I have been blessed by these amazing people. I have been loved and taken care of by everyone, past and present of The Arc and beyond.

I have had many personal tragedies in my life and if it wasn't for The Arc, their employees and the administration, I honestly don't know where I would be. No matter how many times I fell down, everyone was there, in many different ways, to help pick me back up. I can't express the gratitude I have felt and feel to this day for having such wonderful people in my life.

God knew when He guided me here 13 years ago that I would have all of you to help me through my life's challenges. I am proud to be an Arc employee and am blessed to have many wonderful people circling me and holding me up. You are not co-workers to me, you are part of my family and I love you all.

God bless each and every one of you for being a blessing in my life.

Kathy Cuillo

Mike Munchak Scholarship

United
Way



The United Way of Lackawanna and Wayne Counties has established the Mike Munchak Community Service Scholarship program to assist high school students from Lackawanna and Wayne Counties, who plan to pursue a post-secondary education.

To be eligible, candidates must be actively involved in community service activities in programs funded by this United Way, be full-time resident and/or students of school districts within Lackawanna or Wayne Counties and accepted by an accredited university, college or trade school, in a two or four year degree program track, for the 2015/2016 school year.

Following are program eligibility criteria and highlights:

- The scholarship amount for 2015 is \$6,300.00
- The scholarship will be awarded for a one year period only
- Only open to graduating seniors within our school districts
- Demonstrate commitment through community service activities
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Applicants must be graduating seniors from a public, private, parochial or charter school within either of the two counties

Application packets are located in the Administrative Office.

Completed applications are due by April 30, 2015.

Act of Heroism



Pictured - Kelly Peters, Shannon Morales, Deanna Decker, Don Broderick, Pat Quinn

On February 25, 2015 while on a community outing with the Arc's Monroe County Community Outings program, both Deanna Decker and Shannon Morales featured above, were quick acting in saving the life of one of the program participants. During lunchtime at a Friendly's restaurant in Stroudsburg, a program participant began to choke on a piece of food that ended up being lodged in her airway. Using

techniques they were trained on in January 2015, both Deanna and Shannon in a team fashion quickly responded by providing back blows and abdominal thrusts to dislodge the item from the individual's airway. 911 was contacted and the program participant later checked out in good health from the hospital. For their quick acting, heroic response, the Arc would like to recognize both Deanna Decker and Shannon Morales.

Scranton School District



Pictured L-R: Pat Quinn, Director of Adult Day and Residential Services, Don Broderick, Executive Director, Justin MacGregor, SSD Community Relations.

The Arc was proud to receive \$4,873 in Dress Down proceeds which was donated from the Scranton School District! We recently had a group home that was badly damaged by a fire. These proceeds will help to

cover the completion of a handicap accessible bathroom.

We are so proud of the Scranton School District students and staff for helping The Arc and the people we serve.

Arc Update

The Mass of Awareness to celebrate Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities was held on Sunday, March 1st at St. Peter's Cathedral at 10:00 a.m. The Bishop gave a very nice homily and mentioned The Arc several times. We were also allowed to use the back cover of the program/bulletin to announce our 60th Anniversary.

Easter Egg hunt with PODS was on Saturday, March 28th. There were children everywhere laughing, coloring, hugging the bunny, eating candy and having a great time. There were lots of eggs and prizes. Thank you so much to the PODS, Mari Pizur and the Recreation Department and the volunteers for making this event such a sweet success!

Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun Casino!

Saturday, April 18, 2015

Leaving The Arc - 9:30 a.m.

Departing from Mohegan Sun
Casino - 3:30 p.m.

Returning to The Arc - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25.00

Passenger Rebate:
\$25.00 Slot Play

RSVP by Friday, April 10th, 2015.

Please make checks payable to:
The Friends of The Arc Auxiliary
and send to The Arc: 115 Meadow
Avenue, Scranton, PA 18505

Any questions please call
570-346-4010.

Proceeds benefit
The Friends of The Arc Auxiliary

Auxiliary Information

The Friendly's Fundraiser will be held on April 10th. 20% of the day's proceeds benefits the Auxiliary. You need a voucher to be counted in this event.

The ladies purchased two recumbent bikes for Day Program and recently voted to buy a vending machine for Robinson Park so the Seniors will have the opportunity to buy the beverages, stock the machine and earn some money. Also, they agreed on making up the difference in the cost of ticket for the upcoming Sock Hop. The cost of food at the Four Point Hotel next door is \$13.00. We would like to keep the cost at \$10.00 for each consumer to attend.

A bus trip to Mohegan Sun is scheduled for April 18th. The cost of the trip is \$25.00. Please join us for a great time.

The Black Sheep will sponsor the second annual pasta dinner at Villa Maria II. We are looking at May 20th. Last year we sold nearly 500 dinners and raised over \$5,000. The group is awesome to work with and we are excited to be having this opportunity once again.

The Education Committee will continue to educate area youth on understanding acceptance and respect for all people at Riverside East, North Pocono and Lackawanna Trail in the Spring.

A "le Blanc" Tea Party will be held on Sunday, May 17th at Elmhurst Country Club. We will have a Harpist and a 19th Century Fashion Show by Queen Victoria's Court.

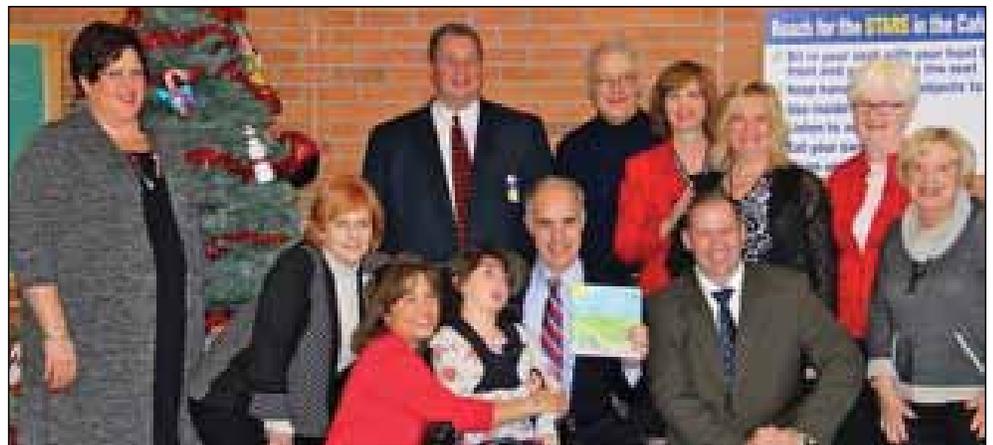
The Spring flowers were a breath of fresh air. Almost 400 plants brightened up many homes and businesses around the community.

Include Me, An Initiative of The Arc of Pennsylvania

Mikayla and Kimberly Resh were joined by US Senator Bob Casey Jr. at a recent Mikayla Assembly last month. Senator Casey read to the students of Neil Armstrong Elementary in Scranton, PA to teach them the importance of inclusion.

The Include Me program invites Mikayla's Voice non-profit to come to schools in order to educate children about inclusion and its importance. The Mikayla's Voice assembly inspire kids to get involved and ensure that everyone is included in all activities. Kids learn about Mikayla through Our Friend Mikayla, a book written by her classmates. Students are also given an opportunity to ask Kimberly Resh and her daughter, Mikayla, questions about Mikayla's life and her disabilities. This type of candid Q&A

offers children a unique opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of living with disabilities and why acceptance and friendship are important to everyone.



FUNRAISING AT *Friendly's*

The Friends of The Arc-NEPA Auxiliary
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April 10, 2015
All Day :)

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Consumer of the Month



February

Since coming to our Residential Program, Timmy has stolen many hearts. Timmy is a very

affectionate person who has developed close and lasting bonds with both staff and his housemates. Timmy's favorite past times are cuddling with his blanket and indulging in his favorite meal, pizza! Most of all, closest to Timmy's heart is his family. You can see Timmy light up with excitement when he is surrounded by his family. Timmy has been nothing but joy and will be forever part of The Arc family.



March

Garrett moved to Pennsylvania from New York in the summer of 2009 when he came to live with his sister in

Dunmore Pa. He began attending The Arc Day Program; shortly thereafter he moved into a Step by Step Home in Old Forge, PA. Garrett is a very cheerful in nature and he enjoys telling jokes. Garrett likes to visit with people and spend time with his family. He cares for and loves animals which led him to volunteering at the Humane Society. He is a strong advocate for the prevention of cruelty to animals. He enjoys watching the Dog Show on TV. When interviewed, Garrett stated, "I would someday like to attend the actual Dog Show."

Garrett has a variety of interests such as: sports race car/antique car conventions; collecting comic books and attending comic book conventions; watching pro wrestling and going to wrestling events; going to downtown Scranton on the weekends and walking around the Mall; watching cartoons; dining and trying

different restaurants to eat his favorite foods, which are portabella mushrooms and eggplant parmesan; listening to music from the 50's, 60's, 70's. Garrett keeps himself busy by riding the exercise bike, for about an hour, at both at day program and his home. He stays active in the Aktion club where he has held numerous positions. Garrett is also very active in his church where he attends every Sunday and goes special events. He also participates in dance classes at Ragnacci's studios in Taylor.



April

Christopher is an Independence Day baby. He grew up in South Scranton with his parents and two brothers. Chris had a special bond

with his mother, whom was blind and helped take care of her while growing up. Chris attended West Scranton High School and afterwards had a few different jobs. He worked at Allied Services, Profera's Pizza and in the cafeteria at the University of Scranton.

Chris now enjoys living with his

roommates at his home. Chris has a big heart and loves to volunteer his time to others. He has been president of the Aktion Club for two years running now. He has helped prepare dinners for the Scranton Rescue Mission and lunches for the Kiwanis Club. He has also spent his free time helping other organizations like Meals on Wheels and the St. Francis of Assisi soup kitchen here in Scranton. He makes a point to donate to Toys for Tots each year. Chris also loves helping his friends in the pre-vocational room at The Arc Adult Day Program.

He has many interests. He's a sports man with baseball being his favorite, especially the New York Yankees. Chris is also a Minnesota Viking fan. He likes to play badminton and air hockey. Chris LOVES his music and is even our Arc Idol for two years in a row. Chris particularly loves the sound of Elvis Presley and Tom Jones tunes. You can catch him singing along to the radio quite often. His favorite movie is True Grit and TV show is Ghost Whisperer.

Chris likes to go out for a bite to eat at his favorite pizza shop, Pappas Pizza, and afterwards he enjoys to sit at Courthouse Square and people watch. Chris is an avid Scrantonian and is sure to know someone where ever he goes.

Cocktail Reception

An Evening Reception to kick-off The Arc-NEPA's 60th Anniversary was held at the Radisson on January 29th.



Jean Biggar, Betty Moreken, Susan Connors, Nancy Crafferty, Carol Burke, Mary Lou Miller, Betsy Youngblood, Linda Kusy.



Pat Cole, Carol Chisdak, Karen Clifford, Lynn Ydoyaga

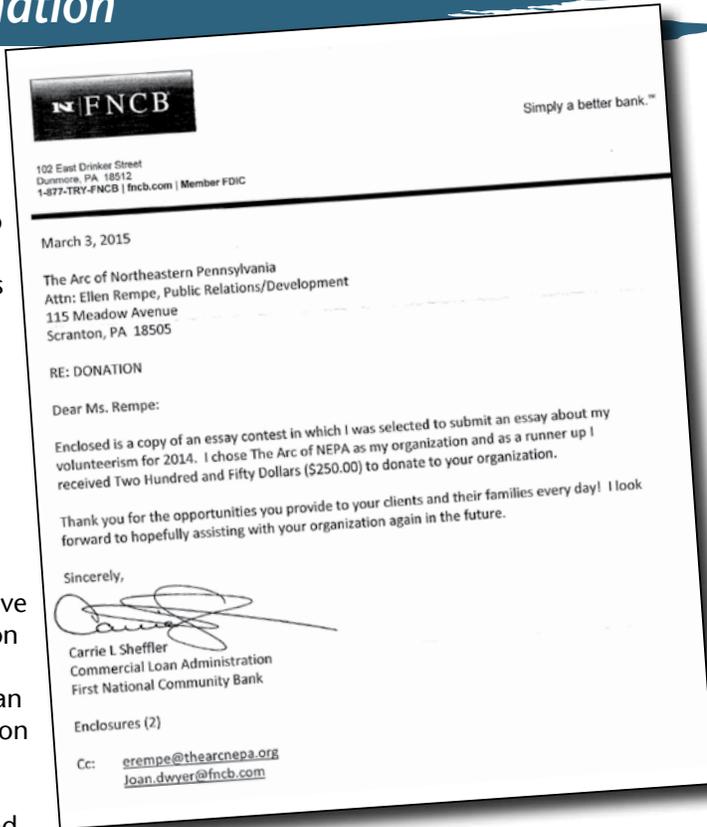
FNCB Donation

by Carrie Sheffler

As a lot of you know, my godson has Downs Syndrome and I also have other friends and family members with children with Downs Syndrome and Autism. The Arc of NEPA is an organization that I was able to present a donation to this year (thanks to all of you). I plan on becoming more active with this organization in the future. I hope that any support I can show this organization will help them to better assist the needs of children and family members in providing them a successful future.

Thank you for making me a member of the Community Caring Club. I

hope to be able to present a grant to the Arc of NEPA and look forward to adding more volunteer experiences to my journey in 2015!



Bring Your Child to Work Day

Thursday, April 23, 2015

Children will have fun while doing contract work, activities and crafts, listening to speakers and having snacks.

Each child will also get a T-shirt and certificate!!



Catch the fun and excitement of Railrider's Baseball! We will be the "Community Organization of the Night." One of our participants will be throwing the FIRST PITCH! Our logo will be getting some time to shine on the video board! Listen for The Arc's Group on the Railrider's Network Broadcast.

We will also have a table set up inside the gates!

A VISIT FROM THEIR MASCOTS ARE A MUST!

When: Thursday, May 7th
Time: 6:30 pm. (Game begins at 7:05)
Who: Railriders vs. Indianapolis Indians (Pirates Minors)

Where: PNC Field - First Baseline Bleacher Seats

Donation: \$8.00 per person which must be paid prior to game (You will receive your tickets upon payment) All tickets must be reserved and prepaid.

To reserve your spot for this Exciting Fun Filled Night, please complete the following with checks made payable to: The Arc of NEPA, 115 Meadow Ave., Scranton, PA 18505.

How many tickets _____
Amount Paid _____
Name: _____
Address: _____

Would you be interested in throwing out the 1st pitch? Yes or No (Names will be put in a drawing and one person will be picked prior to the game) Make your reservations today!

If you have any questions, please call Mari at The Arc 570-207-0825

Proceeds benefit The Arc Responds

The Arc of NEPA
15th Annual Golf Tournament
Monday, June 8, 2015
The Country Club of Scranton
Northeastern Pennsylvania

Please mark your calendars - the date has been set!

Through the awesome work of our Golf Tournament Committee and the outstanding benevolence of all the participants and sponsors, The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania's Annual Golf Tournament is a HUGE success! We wish to thank each and everyone of you and we sincerely hope we can count on your continued support.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call Eileen at The Arc 570-346-4010.

Celebrating 60 Years of Serving Children and Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

The Arc Responds and the Employee Driven Group



Pictured are: R to L: Standing - Allison Hull; Arc Responds Co-Chair; Detective Michael Shultz; Carl Hallock; Kyle Juice, seated; Chris McLean, seated; Scranton Police Chief Carl Graziano; Erica Francis, Arc Responds Co-Chair.

referees, announcers, cheerleaders and all volunteers. Whether you baked, gave your time, enjoyed the game or passed the information along, we really appreciate it. The proceeds from the game benefited Arc Responds. The Arc Responds project is a special discretionary fund that has been created to assist individuals and

The basketball game against the Scranton Police was held on March 25th and it was a HUGE success last night. The basketball players were fantastic, the cheerleaders were awesome and the volunteers were second to none. Many thank yous to everyone who supported the event. A BIG thanks goes out to the Scranton Police Department, coaches, players,

families affiliated with The Arc. These people may be experiencing difficulty and have no other means available to them. The project was created as another way The Arc can and will be there for those who have nowhere else to turn. This event is one way the Arc employees are fund raising and seeking support to build The Arc Responds.



On February 22nd, Spares that Care had their 3rd annual Bowling fund raiser at Valley Lanes in Childs! Bowling is always a successful event and with all the help we received and the generosity of the many people donating their time, talent and baskets, it was a sure winner! Thank you to everyone involved in helping to pull together this event.



The Arc had their first annual 5K Run/Walk on March 7th. The "Spring Forward" 5K Run/Walk was on the Lackawanna Valley Heritage Trail and it was COLD. Approximately 65 participants joined us for the first year. It was a very fun day and also quite chilly! Gerrity's Supermarkets was the 5K sponsor and we are very grateful for their support. WINNERS, 5k- JOHN ORLOSKI, JORDAN EVERETT WALK- NATALIE SULLIVAN, ROBERT GONZALEZ. Thank you to all of our Sponsors/Donors, Runners, Walkers, Volunteers and area businesses: Scranton Running Co., Jaworski Signs, Superior Trophy and Tim Wagner Sports Corner.

Fun and Friendship Bowling Banquet 2015!

When: Tuesday, June 2, 2015
 Where: Fiorelli Banquet Facility
 1501 Main St., Peckville PA
 Time: 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm cash bar
 Menu Includes:
 Cheese and crackers with fresh vegetables and dip, Fresh garden greens with vinaigrette dressing, Penne rigate pasta a 'la vodka sauce, Chicken tenderloins scampi

sautee, hand-carved certified angus sirloin of beef, Baked fish, oven roasted potatoes & seasonal vegetable de casa rolls w/butter, Dolce de casa (Sweet of the House), Coffee, tea, decaf, soda
 7:15 pm-8:00 pm Awards
 8:00 pm-10:00 pm Music by EJ the DJ
 Registered bowlers are free & the cost per guest is \$27.00.
 Reservations are needed for both

bowlers and guests.
 Call Mari at 570-207-0825 for reservations and/or for more information.
 Reservations and payments due by Monday, May 4, 2015. Your check should be made payable to: The Arc Recreation, 115 Meadow Ave., Scranton, PA 18505 (Do not send cash in the mail). Dinner must be paid for in advance, absolutely no exceptions. We can reserve tables for groups of 7 or more.

Valentines Day is Extra Sweet at The Arc!



The Friends of The Arc will sponsor a bake sale on May 1st to help raise money that will benefit the 60th Anniversary Capital Improvements Project. Every dollar counts and with your help we can reach our goal and complete several building improvements. We have identified bathrooms, kitchens, driveways, ramps, roofs, windows, etc. that once replaced, repaired, renovated will improve the quality of living, day program and recreation space for the children and adults we serve. We cannot thank you enough for your continued generosity.

Leave a Legacy – Estate Giving Program

Remembering...

The Arc's founding parents, concerned community members and friends have passed on a legacy of commitment to a new generation. Today, we seek to sustain this legacy.

Building...

Looking toward tomorrow may often be intimidating, but at The Arc we continue the mission and grow with the needs of the children and adults we serve.

Leaving a Legacy...

By giving a gift to The Arc, you are ensuring a bright future for the people served in our programs. Estate giving allows for a variety of ways for individuals to choose the support most appropriate for planning their legacy: Outright cash gifts, designated life insurance policy, bequests, real estate.

We appreciate your kindness you show on an annual basis. As we move forward today and throughout the year, we also need to be remembered as we go into the future. With your generosity, we can continue offering the services to the individuals who need them. If you would like to explore a method of giving that is right for you, please feel free to contact us and we will be happy to meet with you. For specific financial or legal advice, please consult with an attorney or financial planner.



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An Easy Way to Turn Cars into Cash for Charity

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identification number and the title of the vehicle of the must be

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