

# The Arcticulate



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## The 21st Annual Golf Tournament Was A Success!

The 21st Annual Golf Tournament was held on May 24th and was a wonderful success! Everyone was thrilled to spend the day together at Glen Oak Country Club which is a beautiful venue. Carol Chisdak offered so much support which led to a great event. Our Celebrity Chair was Kayla Morgan! Her and her family were very excited to be a part of this annual event and went above and beyond to have the tournament be a success.

Kayla Morgan - Celebrity Chair - Kayla has participated in Special Olympics

Golf, Basketball, Soccer Skills and Bowling for over 10 years. She is a member of the Area P Golf Team. Kayla competes in the Skills Level sectionals in Allentown, PA and she has participated in the Skills Level at State games and has won Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals. Her participation at State Games held at Penn State University was based on her skill and success at sectionals. Winning the annual Long Putt contest was very thrilling - she made a putt of about 50 feet! Kayla practices weekly, wins

competitions, works hard along with her teammates, loves to travel and to play golf and enjoys all the Special Olympic sporting events.

We also had several members of the Special Olympic Golf Team join us for the tournament - they had an awesome time, everyone enjoyed their company and many thanks to the Friends of The Arc Auxiliary for sponsoring this group of fine athletes.

Joseph Hollander, Foundation Board President, welcomed everyone after the wonderful buffet dinner. We celebrated Kayla's birthday with chocolate cake and a truly exuberant rendition of Happy Birthday!!! Many won awards at our several contests and we were overwhelmed with their generosity of donating their winnings back! We are truly grateful for the folks who believe and support our mission.

HUGE thank you goes to Kayla Morgan and the Morgan Family. We are so grateful for your kindness, enthusiasm and friendship. Special thank you goes to: Carol Chisdak (Golf Chair) for always

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A promotional graphic for the 21st Annual Golf Tournament. On the left is a photograph of a golfer in a white jacket and pants swinging a club on a green. The background is blue with yellow and white text. The text reads: "Please join our Celebrity Chairperson, Kayla Morgan, for the 21st Annual Golf Tournament Monday, May 24th Glen Oak Country Club For more information, please call: 570-207-0824". At the bottom right is the Arc logo and the text "The Arc Northeastern Pennsylvania Achieve with us."

The Arc logo, a stylized orange 'A', is positioned above the text "The Arc™". Below this is "Northeastern Pennsylvania". At the bottom is the contact information: "115 Meadow Avenue Scranton, PA 18505 Tel: 570-346-4010 Fax: 570-346-8436 www.thearcnepa.org Email: frontdesk@thearcnepa.org".

# President's Message



Be kind to one another.....

Looking back at all that we have experienced in the world since the pandemic began, I truly believe that being kind to each other has and continues to support us through this quagmire. During the pandemic that would change all of our lives in so many ways, The

Arc continued our mission of

providing quality services to the many individuals who rely on us. Staff went above and beyond to ensure excellence in care. You probably heard that in the midst of the pandemic, folks feeling lonely, Arc staff coordinated a parade of vehicles, driving by each residential home. This special event was a highlight for so many who missed seeing friends and coworkers. ... a huge success if such is measured by smiles.

At this writing, there appears to be a light at the end of the pandemic tunnel. The number of covid

cases has declined now for several weeks and most restrictions have been lifted. Today we can focus on getting back to where we were before March of 2020. We are optimistic.

I have said many times before that The Arc has the best staff. These women and men truly enjoy what they do and they give so much of themselves. On behalf of the Board of Directors, as well as, the children and adults we serve, a thank you to each and every employee.

It is my hope that we can move forward now taking the best of the challenging time with us. My term as Board President will soon be over. I am honored to have served The Arc. The experience is one I will always cherish. Thank all of you for welcoming me and showing me your kind support.

Please enjoy the beauty of the Spring and Summer seasons. Most of all, be kind to one another and continue to make a positive difference in someone's life.

Ann P. Hoffman  
*President*

# Exec's Corner



Spring is in full bloom. The colorful world around us brings renewal. Earth has been reborn. Winter has passed and we are hopeful that the worst of the pandemic is behind us. It's been quite a year. Yet, here we are, enjoying the longer days, and once again getting outside and sharing time with friends and

family. I am grateful.

With the protection offered by vaccines we are able to take a step forward in our efforts to get back to where we were in services. The individuals and families we serve simply long, as we all do, to be doing what they love, being out in our communities, going to work, or to be sharing good times with friends in day and residential services. The safety of both consumers and staff remains our first priority. Thankfully, the lowest rates of covid infections for quite some time gives us reason to hope, to plan, to move forward with reopening. I am grateful.

Yet, as we climb out of an unprecedented year, our system of services to children and adults with

intellectual and developmental disabilities faces a crisis in staffing. We are not alone in our challenge. As you know, many businesses are struggling today to find staff essential to their industry. For The Arc, we must find the answers necessary to continue to meet the needs of those we serve with the same quality of care to which we are committed. We advocate to the federal and state governments to recognize this issue and respond by allocating American Rescue Plan dollars to support our system of care. Our response right here at The Arc is equally important. We have taken a deep look at the issues and have outlined what we believe is both an acute and long term response. Our Board of Directors recognize the task before us and remain very supportive of our dedicated staff - critical to the mission of The Arc. I am grateful.

The Arc of NEPA is a family. We support each other. We work together to identify issues and find solutions. Together we have successfully climbed many mountains over the years. We will continue to do so. I am grateful.

Maryclaire Kretsch  
*Executive Director*



# Information Sharing

Submitted by Mandy Colville and Roseann Polishan

The Arc advocates have been busy this spring with their virtual special education presentations! The presentations are kept to 1 hour long with time for Q & A and currently being done using the zoom platform. The presentations are created in-house by the advocacy department, drawing on their experience and knowledge. Their attendance has grown and they have received some wonderful feedback.

ABC's of special education took place in March. Mandy and Roseann walked parents and professionals through the most important concepts in Special Education from A through Z.

They received some positive messages including the following from Shaun P. McElmoyle Educational Consultant/ ESY Coordinator Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21.

"The team at The Arc did a great job with the ABC's for Special Education Training. They allowed time at the end to answer questions and provided feedback to parents for specific examples they brought in in the Q&A part. One

thing I appreciated with the training was that the Arc Advocates made it a positive training. Many of the answers involved talking to or questioning the school team and making sure you are part of the school team. There are times when parents need to go further with litigation or mediation, but that should never occur up front or in the working process. The team did a nice job of explaining how working with the school team while asking questions and advocating will get the most for your child. "

Next up in April was " Myth Busters" Special Education Edition where those in attendance learned of 20 commonly misunderstood concepts in Special Education. Many parents left this meeting with a better grasp of their child's rights and better equipped to advocate on their behalf.

In April, they also arranged a presentation on the highly requested topic of Guardianship vs Power of Attorney with Attorney Leslie Mehalick from McAndrews Law Offices. Over 100 people registered for this event. Much time was spent on



answering questions in this area that so often confuses families when their child with disabilities is turning 18 or for parents as they are planning their estates. Everyone was thankful for the knowledge of the presenter and The Arc for arranging the event. Mandy and Roseann will continue to bring in speakers on topics related to future planning for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Their final special education presentation before taking a break over the summer to expand their offerings and return in the fall, will be Power of Parents on May 20th. They will cover 10 tips on how to be a productive special education parent covering some of the most important areas in special education for parents to be familiar with. It is never too late to become more informed!

They are always looking for new presentation ideas, so feel free to reach out to [rpolishan@thearcnepa.org](mailto:rpolishan@thearcnepa.org) or [mcolville@thearcnepa.org](mailto:mcolville@thearcnepa.org).

## Membership Campaign 2021 - Achieve with us!

Dear Friend of The Arc,

Hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the warmer temperatures. We want to share some items of interest with you about The Arc. The Arc of the United States has a network of more than 140,000 members and 600+ affiliated chapters nationwide. As a member, you have joined the largest grassroots movement to protect the rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). As part of this network, you are connected to others who share your beliefs and your dedication to The Arc's mission. Self-advocates (and individual with IDD), their family members, experts and professionals in the field and advocates and activists work together through The Arc to ensure that people with IDD have the resources to meet their needs and live self-determined lives.

We are asking if you would renew your membership to this worthwhile cause. As a member, you are uniting with an organization who has dedicated its

time and energy to children and adults with IDD and their families. People who deserve to have the support and services they need, want and enjoy.

Your annual support will make our advocacy even more powerful. Your membership gives you:

- Access to the latest information, including newsletters
- Up-to-the-minute alerts about the latest on Capitol Hill so you know when to take action
- Discounted registration to our annual national events such as National Convention
- Access to exclusive insurance coverage rates through our partner Mercer
  - Includes Group Term Life Insurance, Health Insurance such as major medical, Medicare supplement, life line screening, hospital income, and accidental death and dismemberment insurance
- Coverage & availability may vary

by state.

We need you in order to continue our services and advocacy, and also to provide a strong voice in Harrisburg and Washington on behalf of the individuals we serve. The more people who join as members equals more voting privileges on legislative issues affecting people with IDD. Our members mean the world to us and we are so very thankful for your support.

Please fill out the form on the back of this newsletter and send it back to The Arc, along with your support. If you would include your email address that would be great! Information will be forwarded to you as soon as it becomes available. Thank you for your continued commitment and generosity. We are here because children and adults with IDD need us to be and rely on us. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
Eileen Rempe

# Need for Increased Funding

Submitted by Mandy Colville

Arc Advocacy is on the mark for working on legislative matters related to those with I/DD, and education is a top priority.

On Thursday May 6th, multiple press conferences were held throughout the state by PA Schools Work to highlight the need for educational funding reform and increased educational dollars in the state budget. Locally, an event was held at Abington Heights High School, where one of our advocates Roseann Polishan was a speaker. Roseann spoke to the need for increased funding from the state to cover the mandatory and recurring costs of special education, especially after being flat funded during last year's budget. She highlighted many students, such as her own 17-year-old son with intellectual and developmental disabilities, have missed out on crucial transition related services that they are entitled to in their IEP to achieve employment, post-secondary and independent living skills. The well-being of special education students has been greatly impacted by the isolation and severity of the pandemic. We need to invest in

the appropriate mental health services and social emotional learning aspects of education over the next few years to help our students recover and move forward post pandemic.

She also encouraged some of the additional funding be used for inclusive opportunities in schools that have been proven again and again to benefit ALL students. They provide the basis for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities to become full, active members of our community.

The event was attended by many local school district superintendents and board members, along with local legislators.

Feedback from Sandra Miller NEPA Field Advocacy, Ed Voters PA included the following: "I wanted to thank Roseann for an excellent job today. You did such a perfect mix of personal and facts. Thank you for taking so much time to make it there today and all the effort to have exactly the right words."

These events are important to further the mission of The Arc in our communities and at the state and federal level.

## "I Can" Video

March was intellectual and developmental disabilities awareness month. Due to the ongoing pandemic, we were not able to host our in person screenings of "Intelligent Lives" again this year, so the advocates decided to showcase all the accomplishments of those with IDD by creating an awareness video. They solicited photos and information from the community in all 7 counties that they cover with a letter, in addition to reaching out to the other programs within the Arc to help identify those that would be interested in this project. The video was titled "I Can" and included over 40 submissions along with a quote describing what the individual "can do" interspersed with powerful quotes on disability and set to upbeat music. The advocates were thrilled with the level of interest and the final product. The video was shared on social media and with agencies and schools in our



community to promote respect for people with disabilities while educating others about their limitless potential. The hope is that this video along with the advocacy of The Arc of NEPA will help encourage more opportunities for individuals with I/DD and further possibilities for inclusion in the workplace, schools and community.

You can find the video here if you missed it!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZDUx5s-4Rcl&t=1s>

624 views and counting! #ican

## Advocacy Facts:

Did you know that The Arc advocates covers 7 counties: Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Wayne, Carbon, Monroe, Pike and now Luzerne?

Did you know that The Arc advocates work on issues both individual and systemic in the areas of special education, housing, transportation, employment, future planning, obtaining services, healthcare, rights, and training?

Did you know that The Arc advocates are active members of local and statewide groups including Systems of Care, Right to Education, Community of Practice and others in order to work to foster real and sustaining change?

We will be highlighting advocacy, our many roles and accomplishments, with a newly redesigned page on The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania website. Intake forms will also be available for clients on the website.

Be on the lookout!

## Shopping!!!



### Don't Forget About AmazonSmile

Please do not forget about using Amazon Smile; when you shop - Amazon gives! AmazonSmile is a program where Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization selected by each customer. It is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charity every time you shop, at no cost to you. Soooo, when you shop on Amazon, please think of The Arc and Happy Shopping.



# 21st Annual Golf Tournament Was A Success!

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going above and beyond and being available to help; Jeff Spagna and Bob Sedlak for helping in any way they can; and remembering Pat Cole (Golf Chair) for embracing The Arc and being a part of our family - you will always be missed.

Thank You: King Outdoor Advertising, The Scranton Times-Tribune, Superior Trophy, Brucelli, Jaworski, Glen Oak C.C., the volunteers & to all the individuals & companies who have so graciously donated to this year's tournament.

And last but certainly not least - a very delicious thank you to Corolla Sawka for specially baking Kayla's cake!

Major Sponsorships: Silver Sponsor - Cable Associates Inc.; Dinner Sponsor - My City Mortgage powered by Hometown Lenders; NBT Bank; Flight Award Sponsor - Ed and Lynda Lynett, Scranton Dodge Chrysler Jeep; Lunch Sponsor - People's Security Bank; Halfway Point Sponsor - Carol Chisdak, Knowles and Associates, Robert Rosenberg, Rossi Rooter LLC, Tom's Flooring Shop, Trinity Asset Protection

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## Golfers:

Celebrity Chair and team: Kayla Morgan, Bert Morgan, Jason Morgan and Gary Kveragas

Jerry Auriemma, Lou Auriemma, Joe O'Brien

Chris Byrnes, Todd Lakey, Matthew Moore, Joseph Kessler

Cody Calvert, Cory Calvert, Sid Prejean, Rick Emanuelson

Carol Chisdak, Sandy Yantorn, Cathy Wendolowski, Maura Swatkowski

Candee Cianni, Marilyn Striepeck, Roberta Kelly, Doreen Tench

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Jim Rogan, Adam Leonard, Ryan Rogan, Cory Rogan

Mike Ruane, Tim Wagner, Reilly Ruane

Lew Sare, Rick Bishop, Gary Schectman, Jim Seehock

Tom Tulaney, James Glattly, Tommy Carlucci, Neil Hollander

Thank you very much to ALL of you for being so helpful in putting together this successful event.





NEPA Gives—a one-day online giving extravaganza that’s all about giving back to the community. Host Sponsors: Scranton Area Community Foundation, The Luzerne Foundation, Greater Pike Community Foundation, Wayne County Community Foundation, Carbon County Community Foundation, Community Foundation of the Endless Mountains and the Northeastern Pennsylvania Nonprofit & Community Assistance Center (NCAC) and Participating Sponsors: Moses Taylor Foundation, Discover NEPA powered by MERICLE, Hawk Family Foundation, Women in Philanthropy, Posture, Davis R. Chant Realtor, Highmark, Human



Resources Foundation, Schwartz Mack Foundation, Hotel Fauchere, McGowan, Brucelli, Sanofi and Neversink Media Group have teamed up to host NEPA Gives.

For 24 hours—from 12:00 a.m. to 11:59:59 p.m.—on Friday, June 4, 2021, donors made secure donations to their favorite local nonprofit organizations through the NEPA Gives online platform and using text. Donations to The Arc-NEPA were enhanced with bonus funds provided by NEPA Gives sponsors—the Hawk Family

Foundation, the Moses Taylor Foundation and the Human Resources Foundation which made our dollars double!!! We are extremely grateful for this opportunity and we want to thank you so much for your support!

All proceeds benefitted The Arc Stars Theater Program which is sponsored by the Friends of The Arc Auxiliary and also, supported by The Lackawanna County Arts and Culture department, Gerrity’s Supermarket and many, many in-kind donations.

## Make a Difference One Step at a Time

The Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community is an annual fundraising walk that benefits local health and human service agencies. The primary goal of the walk is to help participating organizations raise money for their individual missions. One hundred percent of the funds raised through this event go directly back to the participating organizations.

**Attention Participants and Donors of the Highmark Walk** Out of an abundance of caution and for the protection and safety of our Walk participants and volunteers, the 2021 Highmark Walks for a Healthy Community will be an

online only fundraiser and virtual walk again this year. This modification ensures that our participating organizations will still be able to fundraise, via our online platform, while not putting participants at risk of further spread of the COVID-19 virus in a mass gathering situation. This change is also in accordance with the CDC’s recommendation of social distancing and avoiding mass gatherings.

### NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA

The 2021 Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community will be an online only virtual walk and



fundraiser due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year’s Walk will benefit 15 local health and human service organizations.

In 2020, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Virtual Walk for a Healthy Community raised \$12,737.

The 2021 Campaign will be open until July 15, 2021 at 5pm.





The Auxiliary wrapped up a very productive year and were thrilled to see each other in person. The ladies met at the Highlands in Archbald for a luncheon and discussion of their activities, as well as, their plans for the year ahead. Everyone was grateful for the gorgeous day and the company of friends.

*Pictured: Jean Biggar, Sara Wolff, Nancy Crafferty, Eileen Rempe, Betty Moreken, Helga Harrington, Betsy Youngblood, Eileen Williams, Corolla Sawka, Mary Murphy Fox, Carol Burke, Peggy Tenelly, Linda Kusy*

## ***Nineteenth Annual Family Fun Fall Festival Waldorf Park***

***Proceeds Benefit The Arc of NEPA***

**East Coast Trio and The Wanabees**  
**When: Sunday, September 26, 2021**  
**Time: 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Tickets at the door: Adults \$30.00**

**Children 4 to 12 \$5.00 and Children 3 and under are free.**

*(Each child will receive 5 free tickets to play games in Kiddie Korner)*

**Adult Pre-Sale Tickets Available for \$25.00**

*(Pre-Sale Tickets must be purchased by Monday, September 20, 2021)*

*(Pre-purchased tickets may be picked up at The Arc's front desk or we will hold them at the festival's registration desk upon request and payment)*

**Ticket includes Buffet served between 3:00pm to 6:00pm and  
 Grilled Sandwiches served 6:00pm to 7:00pm.**

**Entertainment: East Coast Trio and The Wanabees**

**Kiddie Korner – 3pm to 6pm**

**Gift Basket raffle, Instant Bingo, 50/50, Bake Sale, Cash Bar  
 and Much, Much More!**

**Everyone is Welcome to come and enjoy the day of Fun!!!**

*(You do not need to be a member it is open to the public)*

**Rain or Shine (areas sheltered)**

**The deadline for pre-purchased tickets is  
 Monday, September 20, 2021 Adults at \$25.00**

***We are in need of Donations of Theme Baskets and/or Gift Certificates.***

**Any questions, please call Mari or Holly  
 Monday thru Friday at 570-207-0825.**

***Make Your Reservations Today!***

## ***Loving The Weather***



From visiting everyone just to say "Hi", to delivering goodie baskets from the Easter Bunny, to planting, weeding and sprucing up at the building, we are loving this weather and being out. Our folks are staying busy, keeping spirits high and using creativity in daily lives. When times are still a little uncertain, we remain diligent in keeping safe but still have fun.

# ON-SITE CAREER FAIR

MONDAY JUNE 21, 2021  
2PM TO 6PM

## ***We're Hiring!***

### **New Residential starting rates of \$15-17/hour!**

Full-Time, Part-Time and Substitute Direct Support Professional (DSP) career opportunities are available!



*Come join our caring team  
and share our vision:  
"People with intellectual and  
developmental disabilities  
are entitled to live full, self-determined  
and respected lives."*



**For more information or to pre-register  
for the fair, scan the code below:**



## ***Residential News***

*Noreen Cosmark*

Finally after a very long winter, I'm sure we are all looking forward to some sunshine. Our residential folks have been out enjoying parks, walks, shopping and cookouts . A few moves took place within our homes and with great teamwork from all, these were very successful transitions. The most long awaited event was the reunions that took

place with their family and friends!!! Tears of happiness indeed.. It was definitely happy times. Our folks have been working on the second issue of their newsletter (No Limits). Everyone involved has such great input .. it truly is incredible and inspiring. Some things residential have planned for summer include a flag day celebration with Janice Gambo at Nay Aug Park on June

11th. We also are planning a picture day, painting event and some team building fun for everyone. Keep a look out for more information. Reminder to all staff - please make sure you check your email for upcoming training and events!!! Just also want to give a shout out to everyone - each of you have made a difference in the life of our folks!! You all Rock!!!



## The Friends of the Arc Auxiliary



Pictured: Eileen Williams; Linda Kusy; Mary Murphy Fox; Eileen Rempe; Corolla Sawka

The Friends of The Arc Auxiliary recently gathered to nominate board officers, nominate new members and reelect board

members for the 2021-2022 term. The Auxiliary will welcome and congratulate all board members at their annual meeting in June.

### May Is Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Month

Shaken Baby Syndrome is a completely preventable and often life threatening injury that is responsible for 95% of serious head injuries to children under the age of 1.

#### What is Shaken Baby Syndrome?

SBS can occur when a baby is violently shaken for just a few seconds. A baby's head is large and heavy in proportion to the baby's body. There is space between the brain and skull to allow for growth and development. When shaken, the baby's brain can be bruised from hitting the skull and blood vessels can be damaged from the back and forth force. It can happen quickly and can cause brain damage, paralysis, blindness, learning and behavior difficulties, and even death. The average age of a SBS victim is 6 months. Continuous crying is the number one reason for SBS.

The good news is, Shaken Baby Syndrome is 100% preventable if caregivers are given the proper coping skills and resources. Check the PA Department of Health website for information:

[www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs./pages/shaken-baby-syndrom.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs./pages/shaken-baby-syndrom.aspx)

Caregivers in PA can call a 24 hour crisis hotline (1 800 4A CHILD) for 24 for support and resources.

**If you suspect a child may be in danger, please call ChildLine at  
1-800-932-0313**

## 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.





# Recreation is Back!

Mari Pizur

In Lackawanna County Recreation we are finally back live and in person! We have had a spectacular year of virtual entertainment but it can never replace being with people. Welcoming back our Thursday Night participants was fantastic! We practice social distancing with temperature checks, hand sanitizing and masks. We had a dance at the YMCA where we placed buckets 8 feet apart for social distancing but it was worth seeing each other and dancing together. It was definitely a fun filled night. The month of May has set up a variety of activities on Thursday Nights outdoors. We had Rob Smith the Juggler at McDade Park, a Scavenger Hunt at Nay Aug Park, an Advisory Meeting /Ice Cream Social at Aylesworth Park and Bingo at Nay Aug Park.

We will be offering one dance a month with EJ the DJ in June, July and August. Our Carbon County folks were reunited as a group with their friends at our Family Advisory Luncheon and a Family Bingo Day outside under the pavilion. Even with a mask, you can see everyone smiling and enjoying gathering with their family and friends. Good times are back!



## The Arc Foundation Board

The Foundation Annual Board meeting was held at the Radisson on June 8th. We are very honored to be part of such a generous community and are proud to have so many friendships. All of your help in securing funds is very important to us and we are grateful.

Seated: Lynda Lynett; Maryclaire Kretsch; Joseph Hollander, Foundation Board President. Standing: Bill Burke; Bill Burnell; Carol Chisdak; Tammy Jackson; Eileen Rempe; Alan Hughes





***New Hires***  
***Welcome to***  
***The Arc Family!***

Alyssa Alt  
Zachary Fox  
Sandra Moyer  
Taryn Naughton  
Cynthia Ruszyk

***Fun and***  
***Friendship***  
***Bowling***  
***is Back***

***Please visit***  
***www.thearcnepa.org***  
***for more information.***

***You are cordially***  
***invited to attend***  
***The 66th***  
***General***  
***Membership and***  
***Annual Meeting***  
***Luncheon for the***  
***Arc of Northeastern***  
***Pennsylvania***

***on***  
***Tuesday, June 29, 2021***

***at***  
***Glen Oak Country Club***  
***250 Oakford Road***  
***Clarks Summit, PA 18411***

***Cost: \$25.00***

***Lunch Buffet at Noon***  
***Followed by:***  
***The Annual Meeting and Program***

***Please call for reservations:***  
***570-207-0824***

***Leave a Legacy***

***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.

***Donate Your Vehicle***

***An Easy Way to Turn Cars into Cash for Charity***



The Arc Vehicle Donation Program accepts all cars, trucks, motorcycles, RVs, regardless of the condition of the vehicles. Towing is free to the donor.

If you want to donate your vehicle, please click on the link on The Arc's website [www.thearcnepa.org](http://www.thearcnepa.org) or call 1-877-272-2270. All you will need to do is provide the year, make and model of a vehicle, the general condition, the vehicle identification number and the title of the vehicle of the must be available for information purposes when calling. All vehicles that are donated to

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