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## United Way Day of Caring 2018

For the twenty-fourth straight year, employees of area businesses rolled up their sleeves and volunteered at various Arc locations to accomplish a whole lot of work, and to see how their personal contributions to the United Way benefit The Arc. Meadow Avenue, Robinson Park, and the community homes at Sanders Street, Chesterfield Lane, Newton, and Scott Township all hosted volunteers from several

different companies and businesses. Projects including spreading mulch and stone, planting shrubs, weeding, and painting spruced up all of the locations. At the Newton site, the Quandel Construction Group even built a new handicapped ramp in the front of the home! Year in and year out, The Arc receives such great effort from Day of Caring volunteers, and much needed projects are accomplished-

projects that would otherwise have to be paid for. The Arc is proud to be one of the original participants in "Day of Caring". Many thanks to all Arc team members who coordinated each site's work plans and provided lunch to the workers. A special thanks to Joe Sepe and John Rokita, our dynamic maintenance duo, for securing all the tools and supplies needed for that great day.



  
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# President's Message



Welcome to a Beautiful and Bountiful Holiday Season...

Autumn is truly a special time of the year. It starts with the leaves changing into their exquisite fall colors which signals the first holiday... Halloween. It's nice to see people decorating their homes and businesses again. I have a marvelous witches hat that brings me lots of compliments.

It's nice to have fun and make others smile. The Friends of The Arc Auxiliary treated the day program consumers to an afternoon of dancing, laughing and yummy cider doughnuts!

As a Veteran, I am also thinking about Veteran's Day. Sent by the first President Bush, I served in Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia for 5 months in the 300th Field Hospital as a registered nurse. We were 100 miles south of Kuwait and were attached to a military police brigade. All I can say is... "what an

experience". Since then, I have been thankful many times that I was born in the United States of America and I am proud to be an American.

We will be celebrating Thanksgiving which is right around the corner. Ahhh, the thoughts of family and friends coming together to do nothing more than share a meal, make memories and take a moment to be grateful for all that you have. Also, take a moment to maybe share with those who are not as fortunate. An act of kindness goes a long way.

Please continue to keep all the people served by The Arc in your thoughts and remember their families and those who care for them. I truly wish to thank all of you for your selfless and kind support. We must continue to be vigilant in our mission. On behalf of the folks in The Arc's services and programs, families, friends and all the Board, have a wonderful holiday season.

Bless all of you and have a great day.

Ann Hoffman  
President

## Exec's Corner



November - already. This year is speeding by. We'll be frolicking at the Christmas party before the turkey leftovers are consumed! Whew...

In January we developed "Transitional Objectives" for the management team. The primary focus of the objectives was to maintain organizational stability through the transition

of executive leadership. As you know, Don Broderick, our leader for forty years retired at the end of March. A change of this magnitude presents risk to an organization. These risks must be acknowledged and addressed. Our Board of Directors, aware of potential challenges that could arise at this pivotal time, were diligent in their efforts to keep The Arc moving forward. Together, we have achieved quite a bit in 2018.

The new community participation component in the adult day program was embraced by staff who believed in an opportunity to improve quality of

services for participants in the adult program. That's only the beginning of what we've accomplished!

We are looking ahead to the new fiscal and service regulations soon to be presented from the Office of Developmental Programs.

### **Welcome to The Arc Family:**

Mary Ann O'Shea joined our team and brings a vast array of skills in Human Resources. The fiscal team now includes Allison Hull and Amanda Mendez, further improving our efficiency. Mike Williams has assimilated into the adult day service. We welcomed John Rokita to maintenance which helps to oversee all the departmental sites. Pat Quinn, Kelly Peters, Ellen Sechler and Mari Pizur have been promoted so please join me in congratulating our team members as we wish them the best.

During the time of Thanksgiving, I thank you for the caring work you do and wish you great gravy on turkey day.

Respectfully,  
Maryclaire Kretsch  
Executive Director

# "Trunk or Treat" at McDade Park

On October 28th, the Direct Support Professionals from The Arc Responds Team hosted their Second Annual "Trunk or Treat" at McDade Park. We treated over 500 Halloweeners at the event and had a fabulous time seeing all the kiddos and their family and friends. There were games, face painting, arts and crafts, bake sale and tons of yummy candy! All the proceeds from the event benefit Arc Responds. We wish to thank the following sponsors for their kindness and generosity:

Happy Valley Sports Bar  
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Nikki Lewis  
Kim Doneighy

We are very grateful for the outpour of support we received to make this event so successful. Thank you for everyone who helped pull this day off and especially to Noniey Cosmark for her extraordinary efforts in making the Trunk or Treat a reality!



## Cookie Walk

When: **Friday, December 14th**  
**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

Where: **The Arc Conference Room**  
115 Meadow Avenue,  
Scranton, PA



Dear Friends,

Looking for a tasty way to start the holiday season... Please join us for The Arc Auxiliary's Annual Cookie Walk! The cookies will be sold by the pound. Also, we are asking for donations of cookies, so if you are interested in baking some delicious morsels, please do. :) \*A mini bazaar will be held with all kinds of items for purchase to help with your holiday needs.

The Arc Angels are performing in the 18th Annual Christmas Program beginning at 12:30 p.m. You are welcome to stay and experience the magic of the season. It's the most wonderful time of the year!

Thank you,  
*The Friends of  
The Arc Auxiliary*



## Calendar of Events

### Please Mark Your Calendars 2018

#### November

Night at the Races  
Nov. 9th

Knights of Columbus  
Appreciation Party  
Nov. 14th

Poinsettia Mailing

End of the Year  
Foundation "Ask" Mailing

#### December

Rotary Club of Scranton  
Holiday Auction  
Dec. 6th

Poinsettia Sale  
Week of Dec. 10th

Cookie Walk - Auxiliary  
Dec. 14th

Holiday Show at Arc  
Dec. 14th

Holiday Party  
Dec. 14th

## PODS Buddy Walk

The PODS of NEPA Buddy Walk 2018 was held on Sunday, October 7th at Nay Aug Park (Schimelfenig Pavilion). The afternoon was filled with live entertainment, food, gift baskets, raffles, face painting, tee shirts, family activities and the awareness walk!

The PODS of NEPA have sponsored this walk for 17 years and nationally, the Buddy Walk is in its 24th year. Locally, Miss Sara Wolff started the walk as part of her Senior project at North Pocono High School. The Buddy Walk is part of the activities in celebration of October as Down Syndrome Awareness Month.

Parents of Down Syndrome of Northeastern Pennsylvania (PODS) is a nonprofit organization providing support and programs for families of Down Syndrome (DS).

PODS meet monthly for a general support meeting at The Arc-NEPA located on 115 Meadow Avenue in Scranton. We have a lot to offer folks who would like to be a part of wonderful group or just to see what we are all about. If you have any questions, please contact Bert Morgan, PODS President by email: [camor77@comcast.net](mailto:camor77@comcast.net).



Seated: Marialyn Kusner; Carmen Morgan; JoAnn Calvert. Standing: Pat Quinn; Bert Morgan; Eileen Rempe; Marzia Caporale; Judy Stevens

You are cordially invited to attend the

## Knights of Columbus Appreciation Dinner and Awards Reception

on

Wednesday  
November 14, 2018

at

Waldorf Park Social Club  
Scranton, Pennsylvania 18505

Cocktails (Cash Bar)

6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Dinner Buffet

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Presentation, Awards &  
Remarks

7:30 - 8:00 p.m.

R.S.V.P. on or before Friday,  
November 9, 2018

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## Arc-Knight

Arc-Knight was held on September 29th at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs. We were thrilled with the support that we receive from the Knights of Columbus and the community. The gentlemen from the Knights of Columbus are a wonderful group and we are proud of our 27 year friendship through The Arc Knight program. Thank you to all who helped to make Arc-Knight 2018 a HUGE success!

### Arc-Knight Sponsorships 2018

**Event Sponsor:** Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs

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Pictured: Peter Kanton, Eileen Rempe, Mark McDade

## Membership Mixer

The Friends of The Arc Auxiliary sponsored a Membership Mixer at La Buona Vita on October 10, 2018. It was a fascinating evening of The Arc Stars documentary; a

gorgeous artwork exhibit; a yummy demonstration by - Bella Faccias Candy; listened to the inspirational - Sister Ruth Neely; enjoyed a lovely buffet featuring the culinary

cuisine of Kathy Gavin. We were so pleased with all the guests who joined us and feel grateful for the great group of Auxiliary members.



## The Family Fall Festival at Waldorf Park

Submitted By: Mari Pizur

On Sunday September 16th we held our 16th Annual "Family Fun Festival" at Waldorf Park. The weather was absolutely gorgeous, couldn't ask for a better day. Again we were blessed with a beautiful day!

Sixteen years ago we had our first Festival at the Waldorf. Thanks to dedicated people we are able to successfully have a great fundraiser!

People like President Paul Brady, board members and staff from the Waldorf who have supported us from day 1! They helped us thru the transition and create what it is today! They are the very best group of people to work with and who make our day a great success and we cannot thank them enough!

"East Coast Trio" and the "Wanabees" have entertained us for the last 12 years. The two bands play their music throughout the day but at the end of the night all the band members join each other on stage and rock the house. The dance floor was filled with people young and old laughing and dancing the day away! Nothing is better than seeing everyone coming together for a common cause – how to enjoy life together! Each of the band members has expressed the joy

they receive playing every year and entertaining us! They each said "They will play for us up to their last breathe" and it is their "favorite event"! The bands donate their precious time and talents and they thanks us of having them! That is dedication!

The day was grand, we had participants singing on stage and playing the guitar, face painting, bake sale, basket raffles and a fantastic Kiddie Korner that was run by the University of Scranton OT students, all 50 volunteers! This was a perfect setting for all to share a meal, dance and socialize together! We had a great time, with old friends and meeting new friends while enjoying the beautiful outdoors and scenery of Scranton. Smiles were priceless and you could feel the excitement in the air! Good food, good music, good weather and good people are the perfect recipe for a magnificent day!

We would like to say THANK YOU, to all the volunteers, bakers, the donators and to everyone who

attended. We really appreciate all that you do! You helped make a difference for the people we serve. Once again special Thanks to our Bands, the Waldorf Staff and the U of S students for all the years of support! Each of you made our day special!

Looking forward to next year! Hope to see you September 15, 2019!



## New DSPs

"The Arc-NEPA is pleased to welcome our newest DSPs! Welcome to The Arc family. Thank you for being a part of our team!"



Joyce Kenkpen  
Angelic Toomer  
Irvasha Cooper  
Ieshia Cooper  
Nina Toughill  
Terry Turner  
Nicole Schmidt



William Hessmiller  
June Lindsey  
Robin Johnson  
Jessica Veale  
Khadijah McNeill  
Absent from photos:  
Summer Franklin  
& Maggie Stone

## 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.



## Direct Support Professionals Week

Direct Support Professionals (DSP) week was September 9-15 and we honored our co-workers during these days with a continental

breakfast, a luncheon, surprises, raffles, t-shirts and lots of thank yous. The Arc DSPs are valued, appreciated and respected each and every day of the year! They offer support, encouragement, comfort, friendship and made a difference in the lives of the folks we serve.



# Reflecting on Summer Camp!

By: Mari Pizur

Reflecting back on summer days, I think of summer camp! We were excited and nervous as we prepared to create unforgettable memories for the campers as well as the staff at camp. This year our theme was "Farm Animal Adventure"!

It seemed like yesterday we were preparing for camp and it has already come to an end!

Every week we had Cooking, Games and Arts and Crafts that were Farm Animal related! We had a lot of fun on the water slides at Nay Aug, a cookout at Merli Sarnoski, bowling, pizza luncheons and indoor miniature golf at Idle Hour Lanes. We treated campers and staff with a cool snack from a local ice cream truck!

We celebrated "Christmas in July" with Santa arriving on a fire-truck thanks to the Scranton Fire Department. Santa brought each camper a gift from The North Pole. We had a Fire Safety Day on August 1st with the local firemen. The American Red Cross had a fun way of explaining to us the proper way to evacuate during a fire.

We had a visit with Officer Robert Stelmak of the Scranton Police Department and his K-9 Officer Yogi showed us a demonstration on how Officer Yogi sniffs out drugs and contraband. The campers loved the K-9 presentation and learning how the police car works too! Big thanks to the Scranton Fire Department and Scranton Police Department for donating their time.

We were challenged with the weather this summer. It was very hot and humid this summer, but we were lucky to have a pool available to us again! Thanks to the City of Scranton Parks and Recreation Crew! We went for



walks every morning, played basketball, kickball, board games, and tons more. We had carnival day with games and prizes that the campers enjoyed. We also participated in Minute-To-Win-It Day and a Special Olympic Day. We played bingo and won prizes, had water balloon fights and even tie-dye t-shirts!

Since this year's theme was all about farm animals, we were able to have a local farmers bring the farm to us! We were able to pet bunnies, a cow, goats and chickens. Everyone also enjoyed a pony ride.

We had choir practice every day about farms and we sang them on Awards Day! The campers were presented with barnyard photos to take home!

Every day was a challenge creating meaningful ideas and activities for our campers. Every day our counselors pulled through and helped build the special memories

that the campers will have forever. It was a joy to watch the campers improve their social skills, build friendships and bonds with each other.

On the last day of camp, families are invited for lunch and to enjoy a show that the campers practiced for every day. I was so proud of our campers and camp counselors for putting on a fabulous show for their families. Each camper was adorned in Barnyard Red Arc camp T-shirt and Uncle Sam hats. As they lined up to start the program, each camper showed the excitement of singing for their families! The campers lined up and walked single file to receive their pictures and medal of accomplishment! As I stood and watched the show my eyes once again welled up with tears, I was so proud of our campers and our staff for a perfect ending of a great summer!

# Interview with Mari Pizur, Recreation Service Coordinator of The Arc of NEPA



## Can you tell us your job title?

Currently, I serve as the Recreation Service Coordinator of the Arc of NEPA located in Scranton.

## What are some of your responsibilities?

My main responsibility is to ensure that we provide meaningful and integrated recreational experiences weekly for our participating adults in Lackawanna and Carbon Counties.

Another responsibility is our summer camp program. We have sixty campers at the Weston Park in Scranton for a five week summer camp program. Those attending the summer camp range in age from six years to twenty-one years of age. All the camp participants have some special needs.

## What are some of the challenges that you face?

One of my biggest challenges comes with trying to integrate as much as possible. For example, we have 169 Arc participants who enjoy bowling in our bowling leagues. When we have a bowling banquet, we have over 400 persons because we include parents, staff members and aides. It is the Gala Event of the Year!

We also work with Mohegan Sun and with the Scranton Cultural Center as well as JZ tours to plan a variety of entertainment options for our participants. We got to see the Jersey Boys when they came to Scranton!

Each year we have a birthday party for everyone! Birthday parties are always fun! We have to be creative and we have to work at integrating approximately 100 Arc participants in with community members.

We also have a basketball game with the Scranton Police as a fundraiser. Our employees play against the Scranton Police officers. If there is a foul committed, our Arc participants are allowed to shoot the foul. The money we raise from this fundraiser is donated to families that are some way related to our Arc of NEPA. When a family is in a critical situation, we try to help them wherever possible.

## What is one of your favorite parts of the work you do?

I have been called the "Fun Lady" because I have the opportunity to create fun projects for our Arc participants.

We truly enjoy coming to Keystone College because our Arc participants can dance with the Keystone College students, enjoy arts and crafts and have some pizza and desserts, side by side with the college students and staff. We come to Keystone College on Valentine's Day and Halloween each year.

## What are some of your goals for the upcoming year?

One of our most important goals is to integrate more into the community. I would like to see recreation for all ages!

## How many participants do you have in the Arc of NEPA?

We have 480 participants on our mailing roster. On a weekly basis, we serve between forty and one hundred participants.

## How many staff members work with the Arc of NEPA?

We have 145 staff members in our agency. For each group home we have approximately four Arc participants and a group home supervisor. Currently, we have eleven group homes in this region.

## What is your educational background for this work?

I have a background in Human Services and a background in Business Administration.

## How has your educational background helped you in this work?

In the business world, you have to know your people. In the world of people, you have to know your business.

## If someone would like to reach you to find out more about the Arc of NEPA, what do you recommend?

I recommend that your faculty members or students can reach me by e-mail at: [mpizur@thearcnepa.org](mailto:mpizur@thearcnepa.org) and I will gladly respond to their inquiries.



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Summer/Fall 2018

## North PPODS and Friends Buddy Walk and Family Fun Day!

On Sunday, September 23rd, North PPODS and Friends held their Buddy Walk and Family Fun Day at Akenac Park in Dingmans Ferry. Over 500 people attended to celebrate, educate and advocate for our community members with Down syndrome. Participants enjoyed the family fun day with crafts, games,

music, bounce houses, character appearances and much more!



## "Ask" Appeal

The End of the Year Foundation "Ask" appeal will be out early December. We will be designating this year's campaign toward Advocacy. Our focus will be on the health and wellness of children and adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities (IDD) who are served by The Arc and live in our neighboring counties.

Advocacy improves the lives of people with IDD. The Arc does what needs to be done to insure that children and adults with IDD are provided with information, resources and supports upon which they rely. Every call we receive is different but the need for help is urgent. The parents, guardians and support systems are often at a loss as to how to get information and where to turn. We want to alleviate some of the burden and stress that is placed on families who are often limited in means or may not understand the system and offer them guidance. We have taken steps toward this objective by hiring two part-time Advocates who are wonderful assets to The Arc family. In the past, everyone has been very generous to us and we are grateful to have the support of the community.

This is a wonderful way to give to a worthy cause, benefit some great folks, renew your membership (all donations will be counted as your annual membership if you have not renewed) and it may be tax-deductible... Sounds like a win-win to me :)

## The Rotary Club of Scranton

The Rotary Club of Scranton Holiday Auction is scheduled for Thursday, December 6th from 6-10pm at the Radisson. The Arc will be

the recipients of this year's event! I will forward all the details to you as they become available. Please mark your calendars. Thank you to all

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the Scranton Rotarians for your extraordinary kindness!



# Masterpieces Around The Arc



The artwork shown is only a sampling of the talent we have at The Arc. The artistic pieces are wonderful reminders of a beautiful person whose memory we hold dearly in our hearts:

The life of one William Shaw, a life rendered and defined by the fiercely independent, magical, and exquisite brush strokes of a palate painted by Billy, a life we celebrate and remember fondly and also with profound admiration for his individuality, self-determination, and spirit. - A Tribute to Billy by Pat Quinn...

Billy Shaw 1946 - 2014 - "Life is not about finding yourself; life is about creating yourself".

Billy was unique beyond compare. His indelible style and fashion sense, his treasured art works and typed letters to everyone he knew, which

he called his "notes", were critical to his greeting each new day, and to the spreading of some of the most genuine love the world has ever known. We never, ever, took for granted Billy's announcements of "you got a note today..." the cue that he thought of you the night before, that he had a treasure for you.

While on his life path, Billy truly created his legacy. Through the many adaptations he made as a young child, through his struggles and physical challenges, and for every time someone in his world wasn't on the same page he was, he persevered. He was a master of asserting himself. He laughed, loved, embraced, and gave his all to anyone he genuinely acknowledged as a friend. He stood firmly on that early foundation he forged, and he transcended his struggles and the hand he was dealt at birth, to create his legacy

as Billy Shaw; proud, fearless, & self-determined, but gentle, caring, always giving, and mindful of the hearts of others, always.



*Billy Shaw 1946 - 2014*



*The poinsettias will be on their way!! I think they will be a very popular item this year because we have several people already asking for them. The Adult Day program is overseeing the posies and Arc Responds will be the beneficiary of the proceeds. A beautiful way to begin the holiday season. Order forms will be arriving in your mailboxes shortly.*



*You are cordially invited to join us this holiday season at our  
"Friends of The Arc Holiday Party"  
Friday ~ December 14, 2018*

*At  
Fiorelli's Banquet Facility, 1501 Main St., Peckville, PA*

**Evening Festivities:**

*6:00pm ~ 7:00pm Cheese/Crackers and Vegetables/Dip Display*

*7:00pm ~ 8:00pm Buffet Dinner*

*7:00pm ~ 10:00pm Music provided by E.J. The D.J.*

*6:00pm ~ 10:00pm Cash Bar*

***Special Guest Appearance, Door Prizes and Holiday Raffles!***

**Menu Includes:**

*Fresh Garden Greens/w Vinaigrette Dressing  
Penne Rigate Pasta a' la Vodka Sauce, Chicken Tenderloins Scampi Sautee,  
Hand - Carved Certified Angus Sirloin of Beef, Fresh Fish of the Day  
And Oven Roasted Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetable de Casa, Rolls w/ Butter  
Dolce de Casa (Sweet of the House)  
Coffee, Tea, Decaf, Soda*



**Cost is \$28.00 per Person**

**(Please return bottom half with your payment and reservations)**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Number of People Attending: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Payable to: The Arc Recreation)**

**Reservations are required by Friday, November 16, 2018**

**Payments and reservations must be made in advance,**

**NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**Groups of 7 or more we will be happy to reserve a table for you!**

**If you have any questions, please call Mari or Holly at 570/ 207-0825.**

**(Inclement Weather Date – Monday, December 17, 2018 – No Refunds)**

## 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 honoree, 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!

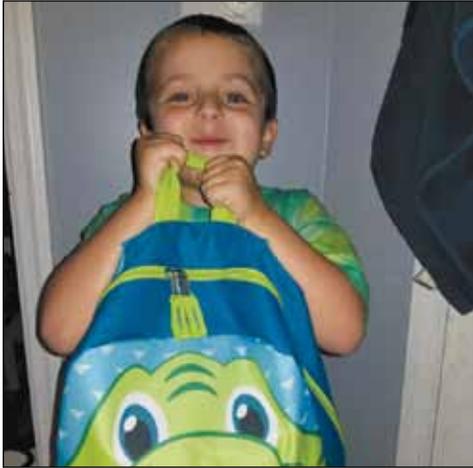
## Memorials

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.



## Aktion Club

Aktion Club sponsored a Bookbag giveaway (filled with school supplies) to every child at camp. Every camper had what they needed to go back to school.



## Please Meet Mary Ann O'Shea, HR Generalist



Mary Ann O'Shea is an HR Generalist who assists in pursuing the mission of The Arc of NEPA by recruiting and retaining the human resources necessary to meet the needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Mary Ann graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2004, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business

Administration: Human Resource Management. Notably, she has passed the Professional Human Resource (PHR) Exam.

Prior to joining The Arc of NEPA, Mary Ann was the Sr. Talent Acquisition Specialist at TMG Health (a Cognizant company), as well as a Recruiter for The Wright Center for Graduate Medical Education.

Mary Ann enjoys spending quality time with her husband, Kevin, and their three children, Lilly, Kevin, and Kelsey. She supports their passion for education and extra-curricular activities including hockey (Let's Go Pens!), softball and Irish Step Dancing. Mary Ann has also served as the Secretary and 2nd VP of the Valley View PTA board for the last three consecutive years.

In her current role, Mary Ann is responsible for the oversight of Human Resources functions for the agency, with a focused commitment and priority of recruiting a quality, caring staff. You can reach Mary Ann at [moshea@thearcnepa.org](mailto:moshea@thearcnepa.org).

## 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 our program must have a clean title. Please indicate The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania as the chapter to receive the proceeds of the sale of the vehicle.

**Donating is easy!  
It may be tax-deductible.**

# Mari Pizur, Recreation Services Manager



Mari graduated from University of Scranton with a Bachelors of Science degree in Human Services and with a minor in Business Management. She also received an Associates degree from Lackawanna College in Business Administration.

Mrs. Pizur has been employed by The Arc since 2001. She began her career as a Recreation Direct Care Professional, promoted to Recreation Services Coordinator/Camp Director and was recently promoted to Recreation Services Manager. She also assists with Advocacy, is the Organization Chairperson for Local Task Force, State Task Force, and a member of the Scranton Rotary. Mari was the past Chairperson for "Arc Responds" and also sits on the Health and

Safety Committee. Her personal objective is: in the business world you have to know your people and in the people world you have to know your business and her work objective: Always look possibilities and abilities!

## Please meet Mike Williams, Manager of Adult Day Services



Mike began his career in human services in 2005 as a direct support staff. Since that time he has assisted children and adults with disabilities in many roles, from advocate and outreach coordinator to program manager, and more recently program director. Mike holds a bachelors degree in political science from Penn State University and a Master's of Public Administration (MPA) from Marywood University where he was the 2018 recipient of Marywood's Walton Medal of Excellence in Public Administration.



**This year, the Aktion Club is helping WNEP's 34<sup>th</sup> Feed-A-Friend project to make sure those in need will have a holiday dinner.**

**Please contribute any non-perishable food item in the bin located near the back door by Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Suggested items needed are: peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned soups/stews, canned fruits, pasta, canned meats (tuna/chicken in water), boxed "helper" dinners and side dishes.**

**Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving!!**

**Happy  
Thanksgiving**

A decorative graphic for Thanksgiving featuring a cornucopia overflowing with pumpkins, gourds, and autumn produce.

## Patrick T. Quinn, Director of Program Operations



Patrick Quinn is the Director of Program Operations for The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania, where

he has made his career for over thirty five years. Patrick started as a teenager providing direct supports for the individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities served by The Arc, and after graduating from The University of Scranton, moved into a series of progressively responsible agency positions including Supervisor, Program Specialist, Departmental Program Manager, and most recently Director of Residential and Adult Day services. Patrick is responsible for oversight of all operations, program development and revision, quality and compliance, and individual and systems advocacy,

among other duties. He is an accomplished lecturer in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities at the local, state, and national levels. Patrick is a graduate of the National Leadership Consortium on Developmental Disabilities at The University of Delaware, as well as the first cohort of the Non Profit Leadership Program at The University of Scranton.

## Kelly Peters, Senior Manager of Licensed Services



Kelly has recently been promoted to Senior Manager of Licensed Services at The Arc of NEPA. For a brief period of time, he worked for the Scranton Counseling Center as a Behavioral Consultant before joining The Arc in 2000. After working as a Program Specialist in Residential Services and then as the Program Manager in Adult Day Services for the past 18 years, Mr. Peters now directly oversees all licensed services operated by The Arc. He is a magna cum laude graduate of East Stroudsburg University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Rehabilitative Services and is also a 2017 graduate of The National Leadership Consortium on Developmental Disabilities.

## Halloween Spooktacular

On Saturday, October 27th, the PODS had a Halloween Spooktacular at the VFW in Peckville. The party was great.... the children had a lot of fun. Thank you to everyone who made this a great day for our children.





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