

Proud to Present: Buddy Walk 2022
Sunday, October 9th

The Arcticulate

"We Are Worth It" - Self Advocate Employee of the Year

Jerome "Jerry" Madesky is a fascinating, one-of-a-kind gentleman who gives 110% percent of himself every day.

Fiorelli Catering is thrilled to have Jerry among their staff and he is treated like family. His work consists of setting up, breaking down and clearing dining rooms, maintaining public areas, lending a hand in the kitchen with food preparation and ensuring all the dinnerware is clean and organized. For four years, Jerry has been at his "home away from home" five days a week, days, nights and weekends. There is a mutual trust that the employer and employee share knowing that quality work will be accomplished. He is excited to go to work, see his friends, perform at his best with each and every task he is given. Jerry likes to complete his duties independently and enjoys taking on extra when time permits.

In Jerry's free time, he enjoys volunteering at the local food

bank, homeless kitchen, thrifting, bicycling, gardening, helping with house projects and being with his friends. At the food bank, he stocks shelves, bags donations and helps

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Jerome Madesky was selected as the PAR 2021 "We Are Worth It." winner of the Northeast Region Self Advocate Employee of the Year Award! Congratulations!

"We Are Worth It." Awards

Each year, the PAR "We Are Worth It." Awards honor extraordinary Pennsylvanians who have made remarkable contributions to their communities. Winners are nominated by PAR Provider Members, who have chosen them from amongst tens of thousands of self-advocate employees, direct support professionals, frontline managers and community employers across the commonwealth.

Please join our Celebrity Chairperson
Bill Domenick
 for the
22nd Annual Golf Tournament
 Monday, May 23rd
Glen Oak Country Club
 For more information,
 please call: 570-207-0824



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President's Message



On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to announce new roles for several of our administrative staff.

Mr. Kelly Peters has been promoted to Director of Programs Operations and will now oversee regulatory compliance, admissions/discharges/fiscal monitoring, and facility needs. Serving The Arc mission for over twenty years, Kelly has vast experience with

both The Arc's Residential and Adult Day Services. He brings a respected knowledge base and an approachable personal style. Both deemed an asset to the culture at The Arc.

Mr. Mike Williams, formerly the Manager of Adult Day Services, has been promoted to the Quality Assurance and Incident Management Representative for The Arc. Mike will ensure the adherence to the comprehensive Quality Assurance and Monitoring regulations as required by the Office of Developmental Programs. Representative. As revised regulations increased requirements, Mr. Williams will lead individual service department teams as necessary to exceed

compliance. Mike possesses the expertise necessary to oversee data collection, analysis, interpretation, and response. Mike has been with The Arc for four years.

Amy Craig advanced her role in supporting individual participants in The Adult Day Program as she takes on the responsibilities as the Manager of the Adult Day Program. In her prior assignment as the Coordinator of Community Participation Services, Amy has established her skill to undertake and successfully pursue initiatives consistent with services that are both meaningful and integrated. Amy has developed opportunities for individuals served in The Adult Day Program to enjoy facility based, community based, and virtual supports. As Manager of Day Program, Amy looks forward to moving past the pandemic and back to an improved new normal in services. This year Amy will celebrate her seventh year with The Arc.

Congratulations to Kelly, Mike and Amy!

Peter Kanton
President

Exec's Corner



Each year late in winter and early spring we begin the process of planning for the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1. This year is no exception. On February 8, 2022, Governor Tom Wolf shared his proposed budget for 2022-23. The budget proposed a \$606.4 million increase in state funds for intellectual disabilities community waivers. This proposed increase in funding is

intended to expand services to an additional 832 individuals with intellectual disabilities currently on the waiting list. Kudos to the Governor for recognizing the crisis for individuals and families desperately waiting for services. The Arc of Pennsylvania and Arc Chapters across the commonwealth have for years now pleaded with state legislators to provide funding necessary to reduce the waiting list.

It is a very unfortunate reality that today the financial support critical to reducing the waiting list is only one factor impacting community services. The challenge in recruiting and retaining Direct Support Professional staff continues to force providers to consolidate services. In fact, many providers have no other option but to delay expanding services to individuals who desperately need supports. They simply don't have the staff needed.

The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania has a history of being a strong advocate for community services. We continue to speak out. We are asking the Governor and the Legislature to provide an additional \$65 million which will be utilized by providers to offer competitive wages for Direct Service Professionals. AND— In an effort to address wages that have

historically lagged behind, we also ask that an annual cost of living adjustment be included from here on out so that wages will remain competitive year after year.

Family members and self advocates have been speaking out about the crisis they face when services are not available because there are no staff. Some families find themselves in desperate situations. Without services, a parent may have to give up employment so that they can stay home to care for their loved one. Some families cannot afford to give up an income without risking poverty. So we ask, in this crisis, is it possible that large congregate settings become the only available options for families seeking services and supports? If so— this is not acceptable. Children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities have a right to live, work, and recreate in their communities. I ask you to join our efforts to ensure that community services are available to all individuals and families who rely on them. Reach out to our state Senators and Representatives. Ask them to support additional funding for wages for the staff who are the foundation of community services.

Maryclaire Kretsch
Executive Director



Carol Chisdak, Bert Morgan and Eileen Rempé were at Glen Oak Country Club discussing the plans for The Arc's 22nd Annual Golf Tournament which will be held on May 23rd. The greens looked gorgeous and are ready for this year's golfing season! For more information, please call 570-207-0824



NEPA Gives—a one-day online giving extravaganza that’s all about giving back to the community. Scranton Area Community

Foundation, Carbon County Community Foundation, The Luzerne Foundation, Greater Pike Community Foundation, and Wayne County Community Foundation have teamed up to host NEPA Gives.

For 24 hours—from 12:00 a.m. to 11:59:59 p.m.—on Friday, June 3, 2022, donors may make secure donations to The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania through the NEPA Gives online platform. Donations to The Arc-NEPA will be enhanced with

bonus funds provided by NEPA Gives sponsors—making donor dollars stretch further! The Arc-NEPA will also be eligible for cash prizes. Anyone can donate!

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.



The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania is proud to be part of NEPA Gives which benefits:
 The Arc Stars project - Arc Angels on Stage
 This theater program joins together adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (stars) who perform alongside students from local high schools (theater buddies) to bring a unique performance to the stage. The performance consists of dances, theater skits, singing and acting. Each year, there is a theme. A script is written which focuses on each person's talents and abilities.
 This program promises to offer a wonderful experience for both the performers and the audience.

Mission Statement: The Arc promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.



The 2022-Summer "Fun & Friendship Bowling League"

Wednesday Night Bowling will start June 8th and end on August 3rd

Bowling will cost \$10.00 per bowler per week, if unable to bowl there is a charge of \$3.00. Registration fee is \$20.00. Bowling should be paid on a weekly basis to The Arc recreation staff before you begin bowling.

Bowling practice will start at

4:35 pm on Wednesdays.

The bowlers will bowl 2 games.

The Arc’s staff is not responsible for the supervision of league members. Parents / staff must stay with the bowler.

In order to register for the 2022-Summer bowling season

you should visit The Arc website and return by Wednesday, May 18th with a registration fee of \$20.00 to:

**The Arc Recreation /
Attn: Mari Pizur**

**115 Meadow Avenue
Scranton, PA 18505**

Much Needed Initiative - The Arc-PA Initiative to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities Among People With Disabilities

The Coronavirus pandemic posed risks to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Children and adults with I/DD are more likely to have underlying health conditions that leave them more susceptible to the pandemic. Lack of adequate community supports presents a risk of pursuing services in large congregate settings- which are at higher risk of spreading the virus. Hospital care was also a concern for individuals with I/DD and their families. Disability advocates have expressed concern that individuals with I/DD may have faced discrimination in violation of federal disability rights laws and placed their lives at risk. This is unacceptable.

The Arc of Northeast Pennsylvania is pleased to announce our partnership with The Arc of Pennsylvania to address the COVID-19 health disparities among people with disabilities.

Sherri Landis, Executive Director of The Arc of Pennsylvania has

informed The Arc of NEPA that we have been selected to participate in a two-year project, funded by The Arc of PA through the United States Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control.

The project will bring together stakeholders and health care providers across our community. This regional work group is responsible to identify Covid-19 disparities in the disability community and to develop mitigate policy and practices that address the rights and needs of the I/DD community as related to the pandemic. Work groups will also have the responsibility to expand existing and/or develop new mitigation and prevention resources.

The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania will engage our local medical community, self- advocates, family members and caregivers, service providers, county offices and Health Care Quality Units to assist in identifying the issues and solutions to resolving disparities of risk and care related to COVID -19 for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

For more information or if interested in serving on the regional work group, please contact the project director, Mari Pizur. Hats off to The Arc-PA for securing this important advocacy opportunity for the children and adults whom we serve.

Maryclaire Kretsch

Maryclaire and Board of Directors, I want to thank you for the very generous gift for my ten years of work. It was a wonderful and thoughtful surprise. I can honestly say I have always loved working at The Arc, and even though I am just a sub employee now I have been blessed with many memories, friendships, and lessons learned while at work. Thank you for all these awesome opportunities. I hope everyone at the office is doing well, and staying healthy and safe!

I wanted to share that recently I became a mom for the third time and welcomed baby Claudia. I hope my girls are able to grow up and share in The Arc family values.

Sincerely,

Melody Cottrell

AUTISM AWARENESS
One Piece At A Time



Friday, June 3rd, 2022

POCONO
Racetrack

Sponsored by:

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EST. 1968
EOE including Disability & Vet

Benefiting:



\$25 per participant includes:
An event t-shirt, a promotional gift bag
and (1) free raffle ticket.

Rain or Shine

Event.....10 AM - 2 PM
Business Expo Setup.....7:30 - 9 AM
Walkers Registration.....9 AM
Runners Registration.....9 AM
Dancers Registration.....9 AM

Note: Racers please arrive by 9 AM
to participate in the **Fun Run Race** (3/4 mile)
or the **Tricky Triangle Race** (2.5 mile race
/whole track).

For Corporate Sponsorship Forms contact
Veronica DeMarest (484) 925-6483
or vdemarest@hkgroup.com

For more information and a registration form, visit www.thearcnepa.org

67th Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Luncheon

Please mark your calendars:

The 67th Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Luncheon for The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania will be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at La Buona Vita beginning at 12:00 noon.

There will be a lunch buffet followed by: The Annual Meeting & Presentation of the Awards.

Hot Topics in Advocacy

The Advocacy department has been hard at work tackling some new issues due to the current pandemic. We have been getting regular requests regarding mask mandates, instructional models, quarantine instruction, learning loss, delayed evaluations, accommodations, IEP compliance during virtual instruction, transition services, and delivering special education in a virtual platform. We continue to keep on top of the ever changing guidance and attend new trainings to best serve our families in need. Please refer to the advocacy tab on our website to submit an intake form if you are in need of assistance.

Thankful Advocates

Roseann and I are not only advocates, but parents of children with disabilities as well. We wanted to offer our appreciation to The Arc of NEPA for the wonderful recreation programs, community outreach, free advocacy services, legislative influence, adult enrichment opportunities and residential care for our loved ones with disabilities. We are proud to work with the amazing staff that makes it all possible.

Thank you all!

Mandy Colville



Too often, when decisions are made that affect the health of our communities, the voices of the people who will be impacted directly aren't heard. BeHeard BeHealthy PA is here to change that with a new way for people across Pennsylvania to communicate directly with decision-makers about what their communities need to get -- and stay -- healthy.

BeHeard BeHealthy PA is an initiative of the Pennsylvania Health Access Network (PHAN) and its partners throughout the state. BeHeard BeHealthy PA will ensure that the voices of real people from around our state are heard when decisions are being made that affect their communities' health.

Join us to participate in a series of short surveys about the things that affect our health, your community needs, and your opinions on changes that are being proposed. Simply click the link www.beheardbehealthypa.org/arcnepa or Text Code: @arcnepa (text to 833-676-0268).and you'll fill out a 2-minute sign-up survey that asks some basic questions. Then, you'll receive regular BeHeard BeHealthy PA surveys and make your voice heard! Every voice counts, and the more we can show with data that many people are concerned by a specific issue in healthcare, the more power our community has to ask for change.

Jerome Madesky - Fiorelli Catering

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with distribution; with Jerry's help at the kitchen 40-50 individuals are given a hot, homemade meal; growing his own fruit and vegetables makes Jerry proud and his passion for house projects such as painting, fixing squeaky doors, mending fences or putting up shelves puts a smile on his face. Bicycling and shopping give Jerry joy. He loves his suspenders, glasses and hawaiian shirts. Jerry Madesky likes to be busy and help wherever he is needed. He loves being around people joking, laughing and always has a great story. His friendship is cherished and time spent with Jerry is valued by all.



WWE SMACKDOWN LIVE



**WWE IS BACK
IN WILKES-BARRE!!!!**

For one night only join us...

**SMACKDOWN LIVE
AT MOHEGAN SUN ARENA
AT CASEY PLAZA**

See Roman Reigns take on Drew McIntyre for the Universal Championship and Ronda Rousey & Naomi take on Smackdown women's champion Charlott Flair & Sonya Deville!

Plus see your favorite Smackdown Superstars including Intercontinental Champion Ricochet, Smackdown Tag Team Champions The USOS, The New Day, Shinsuke Nakamura, Sasha Bank and many more... (card subject to change.)

When: Friday, May 13, 2022

**Where: Mohegan Sun Arena,
Wilkes-Barre**

Time: 7:45pm

Cost: \$40.00

RSVP by: Monday, April 25

ATTN: Mohegan Sun Arena Does Not accept Cash. They are strictly Cashless for parking, food, etc. so we will offer for your convenience, which needs to be paid for in advance with your ticket order:

Vip Parking \$15.00 East parking lot (entrance near our seats)

Food Vouchers: (voucher will indicate what food stand will accept them)

Soda, Bag of Chips, Hotdog- \$7.00

Soda, Popcorn, Pizza- \$10.00

Soda, Chips and Pizza- \$9.00

You must make reservations and payments in advance. Make your reservations today! You will be responsible for your own transportation and supervision. Call Mari or Holly at 570/207-0825 to make your reservations. The Arc Recreation has reserved lower level seats. We have 50 tickets reserved, first call, first served basis. Handicapped seats available but limited.

The Arc of NEPA Parent/Caregivers Group

Hello Everyone,

Hope you are all doing well and looking forward to Spring!

We will have the next meeting of the Arc of NEPA Parent/Caregivers group on Tuesday May 17, 2022 at 10 am at The Arc of NEPA boardroom, 115 Meadow Ave Scranton.

We will have a presentation from Jessy Foster from PA Health Access Network about differences between Medicaid, Medicare and private health insurance for your loved one with disabilities.

We will also have refreshments.

There will also be a zoom option: You can register on this link if you

are attending via zoom:

https://us06web.zoomus/meeting/register/sduivpzwiG9WHYGmcAliy_3hfL8zp-lgP

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Otherwise if attending in person you can RSVP to be via email at rpolishan@thearcnepa.org. Please include any questions for the presenter if you have them in advance, so I can make sure she covers those areas.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Roseann

The Arc of NEPA

Parent/Caregiver Group

Please join us for the next meeting of the Parent/Caregiver Group.

Tuesday May 17 2022 @ 10 am

The Arc Conference Room or via Zoom

Light refreshments will be served

**RSVP to : Roseann Polishan – Arc Advocate at
rpolishan@thearcnepa.org or 570-207-0821**

**We will feature a presentation to answer questions regarding
Medicaid/Medicare/Health Insurance by Jessy Foster-
Pennsylvania Health Advocacy Network**

Group mission is to form a welcoming resource for families and caregivers to give them a sense of belonging and connection.

Group objective is to find the topics that interest you and that you would like more information on, provide resources and the opportunity to share with each other.

We hope you can join us!!

Parent Group

The Arc Parent Group is a newly formed group which offers support and information sharing among families and caregivers that are part of The Arc of NEPA programs. In past years the parent/caregiver group was very successful and now more than ever seemed the perfect time to revive the group.

Everyone who attends freely

shared their ideas and their personal stories. Many are very concerned about their loved ones' futures when their families are no longer here to take care of them. Others were very concerned with retaining quality staff and funding for programs. We discussed how we could help each other out in these areas. The parent/caregiver group meetings and events are

open to all Arc of NEPA connected families/caregivers and individual consumers. Please contact rpolishan@thearcnepa.org to get more information. Virtual options are available to attend. A flyer for the upcoming meeting is included in this edition of the newsletter.

Thank you

Roseann Polishan

Eighteenth Annual Family Fun Fall Festival Waldorf Park

Proceeds Benefit The Arc of NEPA

East Coast Trio and The Wanabees

When: Sunday, September 11, 2022 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 (see website)

(Pre-Sale Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, September 7, 2022)

(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 Wednesday, September 7.

(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)

Send your Reservations and /or Donations to:

*The Arc Recreational Services
Attn: Mari Pizur
115 Meadow Ave.
Scranton, PA 18505*

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!

We have been quite busy taking our members on new adventures over the summer and now fall. We did a scavenger hunt, painted vases and planted seeds in them. They played bingo and did karaoke night, attended local festivals and we visited an Alpaca farm. The owners (Dennis and Evalynn) are friends of our own Carly Romankow and I went to school with Evalynn.

How awesome is that? On Saturday September 25th we had a table set up in Lansford, Pa. to raise awareness of what we do in our recreation program here in Carbon County. I had the pleasure to meet and talk with many people who had never heard of us or what we do. I passed out some flyers and some goodies too. It was a great day and I hope to attend even more

before the end of the year and into the new year. Here is a little excerpt from the recognition we received from staff writer to The Times (Marta Gouger) and my friend. Please see article...

As we had our adventures in October which included hayrides, a campfire night and a dance and November will include a visit to a deer farm. We wish you a wonderful, happy fall season.



Published September 27, 2021 12:56PM
BY MARTA GOUGER MGOUGER@TNONLINE.COM

Lansford Alive's annual downtown festival on Saturday provided a chance for nonprofits to get the word out about their organizations and for vendors to show their wares.

"I was glad to see it return to the downtown after canceling it last year, and it turned out to be our biggest turnout since the festival began," said Lansford Alive President Chris Ondrus. "We had more vendors, bands and a larger crowd than previous festivals."

Lansford fest returns with vendors, activities

The Panther Valley Elementary School PTO had one of the busier stands, with baked goods for sale donated by school parents. Parent and volunteer Brenda Yarnall said, "It's going really well. We've been here the last couple of years. Lots of people are interested."

Through the bake sale and other fundraisers, the PTO is able to provide gifts for holidays and send every school student on field trips. The field trips were on hold last year because of the pandemic, but some are planned this year.

"We're happy to get back to going places," Yarnall said.

Sheila Hartranft also wanted to get the word out about her organization. She works with the local group of the Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania, which provides activities and support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Hartranft said activities for the 20 residents she oversees include miniature golf, a visit to an alpaca farm, a deer farm, hayrides and more. Three activities are planned each month. "A lot of people don't know what we do," she said.

For more information, visit www.thearcnepa.org.

Current Employment Opportunities

www.thearcnepa.org

Full Time \$15.00-\$16.50/hr <i>*Benefit Eligible</i>	<u>DSP</u> Float *requires shift flexibility 2 Positions
	<u>S/M/T alt Saturday</u> 11p-9a 4 Positions
	<u>W/TR/F alt Saturday</u> 11p-9a 7 Positions
	<u>Monday through Friday</u> 3p-11p 2 Positions
	<u>Fri/Sat/Sun</u> Fri 2p-11p; Sat/Sun 9a-11p 1 Position
Part Time-B \$16.00-\$17.00/hr <i>*Non-Benefit Eligible</i>	<u>DSP - Must be able to work every Sat & Sun</u> 9am-3pm 5 Positions
	11am-7pm 1 Position
	3pm-9pm 1 Position
	3pm-11pm 11 Positions
Part Time-A \$15.00/hr <i>*Partially-Benefit Eligible</i>	<u>DSP</u> <u>Monday through Friday</u> 4p-9p 1 Position

--All positions require flexibility--

***Contact Mary Ann or Tina in Human Resources for any additional information or questions*

Our outstanding benefit package includes:

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| <i>Health insurance*</i> | <i>Dental insurance*</i> |
| <i>Vision insurance*</i> | <i>Life/AD&D insurance</i> |
| <i>Pension</i> | <i>Vacation days*</i> |
| <i>Personal days*</i> | <i>Sick days*</i> |
| <i>Holidays</i> | <i>Credit union</i> |
| <i>Direct deposit</i> | <i>Long Term Disability Insurance</i> |
| <i>\$400 for new employee referral bonuses</i> | |
| <i>Fitness Club reimbursement</i> | |

PLEASE NOTE:

Minimum requirements for these positions include:

- ***18 years of age or older**
- ***High School Diploma/GED**
- ***Valid driver's license**

Previous Human Services experience helpful, but not necessary. Paid training provided.

To be considered for one of these positions, a completed application must be on file with our Human Resources Department. THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE ARC.

Play Ball!

Mari Pizur



The Arc's recreation participants partnered with the coaches from Challengers (Christ, DiBileo and Grady) and of course coach and catcher EJ Dougher with the West Scranton Girls Softball State Champions to play a pickup baseball game! Everyone had their game faces on and arrived ready to play! Our players grabbed their baseball gloves and bats and

were ready for the challenge! As Mike pitched and batters hit you could hear and see how proud each player felt. The West Scranton girls were the best sports and enjoyed participating in the game.

Everyone left with warm happy smiles. Thanks to all who help make it happen!

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.



DSPs are at the heart of the disability community system! Shayna shares why she is inspired everyday as a DSP. #DSPRW2021
The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania

Direct Support
Professional Awareness
Week
September 12th-18th

After 9/11, I wanted to be in the healthcare field. I witnessed a lot of things walking home that day. That year, I became a Home Health Aide. Two years after that, I became a Certified Nursing Assistant. I worked in all five boroughs of New York City, taking care of hospice and nursing home patients, as well as clients with dementia. What I love most about my job at The Arc of NEPA is going to work every day and seeing the consumer's faces light up when I arrive. It makes me feel so good about my job. Working as a DSP, I get to know each of the individuals and just care about them. You have to have a heart to do this job! It motivates me to come to work so that I can care for them.



Shayna - DSP at The Arc of
Northeastern PA

#DSPRW2021



Happenings in the Recreation!

Submitted: Mari Pizur

So much excitement is in the air!

* We are so happy that bowling is back! On March 15th we celebrated the first Tuesday Night and March 18th was our first Friday Night of bowling since March 2020.

* Our Adult Recreation Program was so eager to get back to being in person effective. We kicked off our programs with a St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt at Nay Aug Park!

* We are so thrilled to announce the start of a Teenage Wellness Program in April. It is for the ages of 13 years to 21 years old. The Arc recognized that physical fitness and socialization establishes friendship, mental well-being, natural support and a sense of belonging!

* In May we will be having a Bowling Bonanza Party!

* The Summer Bowling League will return for the first time in 2 years on June 8, 2022.

* We are extremely excited to announce that our Summer camp will return in person on Wednesday, July 6, 2022!

* We have our "Family Fun Festival" at Waldorf Park booked for September 11th.

Mark your calendars!

* We will be ending the year with a Holiday Party at Fiorelli in December!

(Date to be determined)

We are thankful to have so much to look forward to this year!

From our friends
at Roseanna's -

We love you all!




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For people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

22nd Annual Golf Tournament
May 23, 2022 - Glen Oak Country Club

Dear Friend of The Arc,

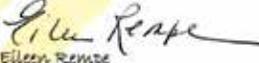
We are proudly announcing the 22nd Annual Golf Tournament which will be held at the Glen Oak Country Club on Monday, May 23, 2022. This year's Celebrity Chairperson is Bill Domenick and we are thrilled to have him, his sister, family and friends join us. Bill is an avid golfer and is one of the original members of the local Special Olympics. He has won many medals and has traveled to participate in tournaments all over the country!

The enclosed insert contains all the information for becoming a sponsor, golfer and/or donor. **Your continued support means the world to the folks we serve.** By becoming a Major Sponsor for our charity golf tournament, you will receive recognition which includes advertising, signage, program listing, social media coverage and complimentary golfers. The Gold Sponsorship includes four golfers, the Silver includes two and the Bronze includes one.

This tournament benefits children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families. The Arc provides services 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We are asking for your help and there are several ways you may participate: Sponsorships, Golfing, Gift Donation and Spreading the Word! Your support of The Arc's 22nd Annual Golf Tournament, through a contribution, participating in the tournament, a gift or gift certificate, is significant in making this event a successful one. **Please respond by Monday, May 16, 2022.** If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call Eileen at The Arc - 570-207-0824. Hope to see you on the 23rd!

Sincerely,

Carol Chisdak
Golf Tournament Chair


Eileen Rempe
Director of PR/Dev't

The official registration and financial information of The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, in Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0099. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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From left to right: Erica Francis, Coordinator of Community Based Vocational Services, The Arc-NEPA; Tom Dembinski, Arc Ambassador, The Arc-NEPA; Kevin Morrow, Pre-owned Sales Manager, Toyota of Scranton; Mary Jo Preno, VP Guest Experience, Toyota of Scranton; John Foley, Sales Professional, Toyota of Scranton; Mark Thomas, Training Manager, Toyota of Scranton; Carl Hallock, Arc Ambassador, The Arc-NEPA; Jammie Marcen, Receptionist, Toyota of Scranton; Eileen Rempe, Director of Public Relations and Development, The Arc-NEPA

The Arc wishes to thank Toyota of Scranton for their extraordinary gift made to the Spring Flower Sale which benefited The Arc Responds. The Arc Responds is

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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.

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Posted by Carrie Griffiths on Facebook: Thank you to our community partner, The Arc of NEPA, for providing 2nd year students with two educational opportunities! Students were able to observe and interact with day program participants & complete a mock home evaluation at a local group home under the supervision of OTA Program staff.

— with Noniey Cosmark and Mary Ann O'Shea.

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