

SUMMER 2026

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The Arc Stars Theater Presents "Not Your Average Mermaid Tale"



Another truly amazing theatrical presentation - the Stars made the evening shine and come alive! The Arc Stars Theatre program proudly presented its ninth production, "Not Your Average Mermaid Tale" a wonderful and delightful story about finding your true love! After months of dedicated weekly rehearsals throughout April, May and June, our performers brought pure magic to the stage. Their energy was contagious as they sang, danced, and acted their hearts out for an enthusiastic audience of family and friends.

This magical evening was brought to life by an incredible leadership team and crew. Special thanks go to Artistic Director Geri Featherby, Assistant Director Lindsay Cocker, Choreographers Christina Sohns-Williams and Jennifer Sohns-Petty, and Stage Manager/Technical Director Avery Roberts. We also deeply appreciate Jadyn Kosciuk for the presentation media, Carl Shinko of Longfooter Productions for videography, and all of our dedicated Theater Buddies and Production Crew members who worked tirelessly behind the scenes.

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President's Message



Welcome to September! It is hard to believe summer is winding down and the back-to-school season is here. Time flies when you are busy, and the past few months at The Arc NEPA have been a wonderful whirlwind of activity.

We had a fantastic summer camp filled with exciting experiences for the children! They enjoyed community outings, swimming, baseball, aquarium

visits, horseback riding, juggling, yoga, and fun dance parties that made it an unforgettable season. None of this would be possible without amazing support from Lackawanna County BHIDEI. Also, we are grateful to the Kiwanis Club of Scranton and the Friends of The Arc Auxiliary for continued kindness and generosity.

Our relationship with the United Way of Lackawanna, Wayne, and Pike Counties goes far beyond traditional funding; it is a true community partnership built on shared values. Year after year, their generous support of our Adult Day Program and Advocacy Services helps these programs to thrive. Whether through grant funding or hands-on volunteer initiatives like the Day of Caring, the United Way has consistently stood alongside The Arc NEPA to build a stronger, more inclusive community for everyone we serve.

The excitement doesn't stop as we head into autumn! Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- Day of Caring: Thursday, September 3rd

- Fall Festival at Waldorf: Saturday, September 13th
- Annual Buddy Walk: Saturday, October 4th

Behind the scenes, we are also keeping busy with essential facility repairs and renovations so our spaces remain safe, modern, and accessible. We are deeply grateful to the local foundations whose generous support makes these building improvements possible.

June was a truly memorable month as we came together for two special gatherings:

- Foundation Annual Meeting: We looked back at key milestones, reviewed the state of our Foundation, and mapped out our path forward.
- Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Luncheon: We honored the extraordinary individuals who go above and beyond every single day for the families we serve.

Both events were a beautiful reminder of the strong community spirit that powers everything we do.

It is an absolute honor to serve as President of such a caring organization. Executive Director Marsha Pigga and our entire staff work with incredible heart. To our team, volunteers, donors, and advocates—thank you for your passion, dedication, and hard work. I salute every one of you!

Sincerely Yours,

Ken Doolittle
Board President

Exec's Corner



As the sunny days of summer draw to a close, we are soaking up the last rays of the season and stepping enthusiastically into a fresh new fiscal year. With ambitious goals on the horizon and plenty of wonderful moments behind us, we are excited to share a look back at what we have accomplished together and where we are headed next.

To kick off our new fiscal year on a strong note, Governor Josh Shapiro recently issued a letter reaffirming the Commonwealth's commitment to protecting the rights, dignity, independence, and community participation of individuals with disabilities. PAR highlighted this important update, which aligns perfectly with our core mission to empower Pennsylvanians to live, work, and thrive fully within their communities.

Speaking of impactful community partnerships, we are thrilled to highlight the Blue Envelope Program in collaboration with the Scranton Police Department.

A huge round of applause and heartfelt kudos go to our advocate, Roseann Polishan, for spearheading this initiative, bringing it to life, and providing dedicated oversight. The Blue Envelope Program helps create a way for people with disabilities to share important information about how they communicate and what can help make interactions with law enforcement more comfortable and effective. Thank you, Roseann, for making our community a safer and more inclusive place.

Our programs are full of excitement and growth as we look ahead. Our Adult Day program is kicking off a brand-new partnership with the Special Olympics! Together, we are launching monthly physical activity events where participants will stay active through fun events like bocce ball, swimming, basketball, and neighborhood walks. A massive thank you goes out to Amy and the entire Adult Day staff for spearheading this exciting new project. We are also delighted to announce that our residential family is growing, as we recently expanded our residential census and gave a warm welcome to a new individual joining our program.

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Aktion Club Hosts Luncheon with Kiwanis Club of Scranton

Recently, The Aktion Club went on a three hour tour along with special guests - the Kiwanis Club of Scranton! In the past year, The Aktion Club has volunteered at local nonprofits, collected items and donated to the Ronald McDonald House, completed 5,000 dental bags for the Scranton Dental Association and continues to help with folks are experiencing hardships and tragedy. The Aktion Club is a community service group of adults with developmental disabilities. Each club has four primary goals: To develop initiative and leadership skills; to provide experience in living and working together; to serve the community and to prepare for useful citizenship.

The Aktion Club is co-sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Scranton.



Pictured: Marsha Pigga, Arc Executive Director; Kate Holod, Kiwanis Club of Scranton President



Exec's Corner

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In addition, another incredible summer camp season at The Arc has officially wrapped up. From splashing in the pool and exploring nature trails to crafting art projects and enjoying music and dance, campers and counselors created memories that will last a lifetime. Even when the summer heat soared, our amazing staff remained exceptionally vigilant about heat safety and hydration. A sincere thank you to Mari, Holly, Maddie, and all of our camp counselors for keeping our kids safe, healthy, and smiling every step of the way.

On June 30th, our community gathered for The Arc's Annual Meeting, a truly inspiring occasion dedicated to celebrating excellence across our organization. We extend our warmest congratulations to all of this year's award recipients and to our

dedicated staff members recognized for their remarkable years of service. We also express our deepest gratitude to our Board of Directors for their ongoing commitment of time, leadership, and talent.

Looking ahead to the FY 2026–2027 strategic priorities, The Arc is focused on deepening our impact across Northeastern Pennsylvania. We plan to expand our service reach by growing individual participation across targeted programs, expanding Supported Employment and one-on-one support services, and broadening community advocacy outreach into surrounding counties. We are also heavily investing in our direct support workforce by attracting and retaining staff through competitive compensation, expanded professional certification programs,

peer mentorship, and enhanced employee wellness initiatives. Finally, we are modernizing our operations by streamlining recordkeeping into digital systems, upgrading our financial management infrastructure, and adopting advanced donor analytics tools to ensure long-term stability and efficiency.

Every goal we set, every program we expand, and every partnership we build ultimately brings us closer to our core mission of fostering a community where individuals with disabilities are fully included, empowered, and supported in every aspect of life. Here is to celebrating a fantastic summer and stepping into a bright, impactful new year together!

Warm regards,
Marsha Pigga
Executive Director

Lehigh Valley Health Network/Jefferson Health's Blue Envelope Program

The Arc of NEPA advocacy department has partnered with the Scranton Police Department to help special needs drivers and law enforcement to better connect when they interact utilizing Lehigh Valley Health Network/Jefferson Health's Blue Envelope Program.

The Arc would like to thank Sgt Christopher Hallock from the Scranton Police Department for meeting with us to discuss the Blue Envelope program and spearheading the adoption of the program by the Scranton Police, as well as other local departments in Lackawanna County.

We would like to thank Chief Thomas Carroll from the Scranton Police Department for his willingness to adopt the Blue Envelope program and training all their officers on this vital initiative as well as inviting Lead Advocate Roseann Polishan to speak about the program at The National Night Out event at Scranton High School stadium on Tuesday August 4th.

Drivers with autism or another communication impairment carry the Blue Envelope with their driving documents and an information sheet with emergency contacts. The outside of the envelope lists important tips for both the driver and the police officer to consider during their interactions.



Roseann Polishan, MaryAnn O'Shea, Eileen Rempe



Roseann Polishan, Chief Thomas Carroll



Blue Envelope

This Blue Envelope is a great tool to put at ease the fears individuals with a disability and their families have when learning how to drive and if and when a traffic stop or accident could occur.

The advocacy department welcomes ideas to get the word out on the usage of the Blue Envelope by

drivers with autism and overall for the individuals with autism and intellectual disabilities to become more familiar with police and emergency responders.

Blue Envelopes are available at Lehigh Valley Physician Groups, Scranton Police and The Arc of NEPA.

Destiny Monseur- New Advocate!



Destiny Monseur is our new advocate for Luzerne County, and she is so excited to lead her home county on a journey toward greater inclusiveness, understanding, and opportunity for all! As a proud mom to a 4-year-old autistic son, Destiny brings both personal experience and a deep passion for supporting children, parents, and families. Outside of advocacy, you'll find her

gardening, painting, and finding any opportunity to lend a helping hand. With a heart for people and a mission to build strong, meaningful relationships, Destiny is ready to listen, learn, connect, and make a lasting difference in the lives of the families she serves. Here's to expanding our advocacy efforts in Luzerne and Wyoming Counties—together!

Advocacy Trainings

The Advocacy Department has announced their Fall Virtual Series of Presentations just in time for the back to school IEP season. We strive to find knowledgeable presenters and create relevant content on special education topics that are requested by the families we serve. Please contact the advocacy department if you have any questions, would like to register or suggest a future topic or presenter. Thank you !

The Arc of NEPA Virtual Presentations -Fall 2026

September

Power of Parents: Thursday

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.

September 10, 2026, 10 am- 10 tips to help you become a more effective participant in the special education process. Presented by The Arc of NEPA Advocacy

Current Updates in Special Education: Tuesday September 22, 2026, 10 am -Discussion on the latest updates and changes to special education and disability programs at the state and federal level. Presented by Bradley Goldsmith Law

October

Addressing the Needs of Students with Intellectual Disability: Thursday October 1, 2026, 10 am- How to ensure meaningful progress for students with intellectual disability. Presented by: Atty. Heather Hulse-McAndrews Law

IEP Red Flags: Tuesday October 13, 2025, 10 am-Identify the warning signs in your IEP that may prevent it from being an effective document and may be impacting FAPE (free and appropriate education) Presented by The Arc of NEPA Advocacy

November

Parental Rights and Resolutions for School Related Issues: Tuesday November 10, 2026, 10 am- Parents/Guardians always have options. This presentation will walk families through options to resolve conflicts and reinforce that anything is possible. Presented by The Arc of NEPA Advocacy

School Placement Options: Tuesday November 17, 2026, 10 am- What are the options for school placements and how to work with your school team to find the most appropriate program. Presented by Ruder Law

December

Overview of the SETT Process: Thursday December 10, 2026, 10 am- Find out information on the SETT framework (Student, Environment, Tasks and Tools) and when it might be appropriate for your child's IEP development. Presented by Wendelin Brown, JD-NEIU 19 Consultant



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The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania Holds Annual Meetings

The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania recently held their Annual Meetings for The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania: The Arc-NEPA Annual General Membership and Awards Luncheon Meeting and The Arc-NEPA Annual Foundation Meeting.

The Arc-NEPA Annual General Membership and Awards Luncheon Meeting

The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania proudly held its 70th Annual Meeting of members and the Board of Directors at Fiorelli Catering in Peckville. This yearly gathering is a time to honor the incredible contributions of individuals, businesses, staff, and board members, and, most importantly, celebrate the accomplishments of the people we serve.

We were honored to present the following awards, recognizing extraordinary service and dedication to folks in the community:

Consumers of the Year Awards

- Chris P. - Harvey Mulligan Award; Ellen G.; Ralph H.

Employees Celebrating Milestones

15 Years of Service - Kyle Juice, Holly Lewis

10 Years of Service - Sam Donahue, Bridget Duggan, Renee Gallagher, Amanda Mendez, Cara Phillips, Angel Puckett

5 Years of Service - Candice Balmer, Sandra Moyer, Sarah Hartman, Louis Holbeck

The Joseph Joey Banik Memorial Fund Award - Lydia Cornell; Savannah Mells

Board Member - Term of Service - William Burke

Sincere Appreciation Award - Lackawanna College



Kristen Haeefe, Maria DeJesus, Mark McDade

Making a Difference Award - Maria DeJesus

Special Recognition Award - Brookvalley Farm



Bill Burke and Marsha Pigga

Extraordinary Dedication Award - Daniel Franz

The Arc Award - William Burke

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Hello fall
BRUNCH WITH JACK CULKIN

OCTOBER 18, 2026
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
\$25.00

ART SHOW
MUSIC BY: AIDEN KEARNEY
BASKET RAFFLE

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The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania Holds Annual Meetings

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The Arc-NEPA Annual Foundation Meeting

The Arc-NEPA Foundation held its 29th Annual Meeting at La Buona Vita in Dunmore, celebrating a year of incredible generosity and community support. The event was a time to recognize the many individuals, companies, community groups, and foundations who have been exceptionally generous to The Arc-NEPA.



Lydia with her Mom and Dad; Marsha Pigga



Savannah with her Mom; Marsha Pigga

To all our supporters, we are sincerely grateful for the time, talent, energy, and generosity you

have given. Your commitment to our mission significantly enhances the lives of the people we serve.



Seated: Lynda Lynett, Carol Chisdak, Marsha Pigga, Bill Burke, Ken Doolittle. Standing: Alan Hughes, Mary Beth D'Andrea, Bill Burnell, Tammy Jackson, Mark McDade, Andrew Hoppes.



Marsha Pigga; Stephanie Decker, Lackawanna College; Bill Burke; Daniel Franz



Seated: Amanda Mendez; Ralph H., Chris P., Ellen G. Standing: Holly Lewis, Cara Phillips, Renee Gallagher, Sam Donahue, Kyle Juice

Summer Highlights: Warmth, Connection, and Continuous

What a season it has been! Summer 2026 was packed with endless laughter, friendly competition, and unforgettable trips across our local community. Our participants kept active on sunny afternoons by sinking putts at mini golf, shooting hoops on the basketball court, splashing around during swimming sessions, and aiming for strikes at the bowling alley. Outdoor trips were a huge hit, taking us on historic trolley rides, exciting visits to local parks for pony rides, afternoons exploring the bustling Heritage Fair, and energetic group outings to cheer on local baseball teams.



Fun at The Arc NEPA!

The summer season also brought incredible arts, entertainment, and heartfelt milestones. We experienced magic under the big top at the circus and took in wonderful live theater right down the road at Marywood University. Between outings, we celebrated countless milestones together with festive birthday parties complete with cake and continuous smiles. We began this incredible season at our Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon, a special gathering where participants, families, and staff came together to recognize outstanding achievements and honor the dedication that makes our community so strong. Thank you to everyone who helped make this summer one for the books!



The Friends of The Arc Auxiliary Annual Meeting

The Friends of The Arc Auxiliary gathered for their Annual Meeting at Coopers Seafood Restaurant. The Officers were installed to the Board. We welcomed Jean Biggar as President; Bill McDonough, VP; Kathy McDonnell, Treasurer; Linda Kusy, Recording Secretary; Carol Burke, Corresponding Secretary and Mary Murphy Fox, Immediate Past President.

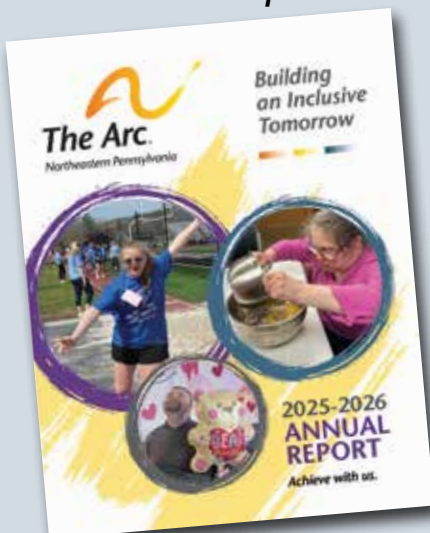


*Pictured: Officers: Seated - Mary Murphy Fox, Immediate Past President; Jean Biggar, President; Kathy McDonnell, Treasurer
Standing - Bill McDonough, Vice President; Linda Kusy, Recording Secretary; Carol Burke, Corresponding Secretary*

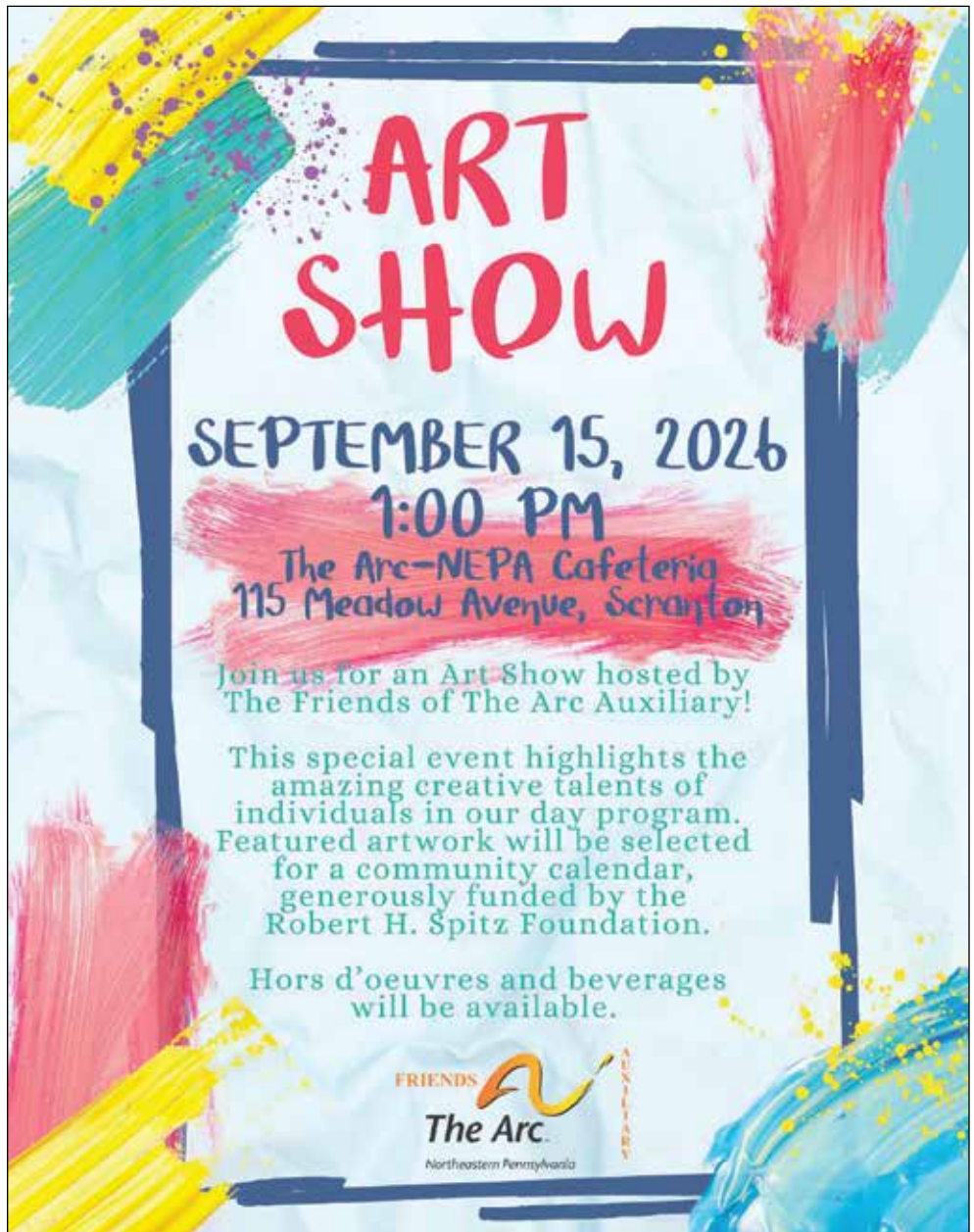


Pictured: Officers and Board Members: Seated - Chris Arcangelo, Eileen Williams, Mary Murphy Fox, Jean Biggar, Kathy McDonnell, Mary Ellen Stezar, Betty Moreken. Standing - Mary Jo Nealis, Christa Lucke, Eileen Rempe, Arc Liaison, Bill McDonough, Linda Kusy, Carol Burke, Peggy Tenelly, Ann McDonough, Corolla Sawka, Pat Kwiatkowski, Nancy Crafferty

The Arc Annual Report is Here!



<http://thearcnepa.org/pdf/Annual-Report-2026.pdf>



The Arc of NEPA Summer Camp 2026:

5 Weeks of Smiles, Friendships, and Fun!

Another incredible summer has come to an end, and we are still filled with smiles and joy. Our annual 5-week camp wrapped up, leaving us with unforgettable memories with activities from swimming, EJ the DJ dance parties, daily nature walks, arts and crafts, and so much more!

Here is a look back at what made these past 5 weeks so special:

Week 1: Camp Kickoff- Campers began the summer by doing a friends bingo to build new friendships. They also reached out to their active side, and participated in an obstacle course, and baseball game with the Campers vs. Staff.

Week 2: Creative Expressions- This week the campers explored their creative and artistic side. From doing crafts, sand art, games against their fellow campers like musical chairs, minute to win it, freeze dances, and also getting in touch with their karate moves.

Week 3: Celebrating the Holidays- During this exciting week, campers enjoyed special visits from both the Easter Bunny and Santa (Presents for all), creating plenty of fun and memorable moments! The campers got to do easter coloring and crafts,

decorated cookies for Santa and made their very own ornament.

Week 4: Sports & Movement- The K-9 unit paid a visit to teach and show the campers the everyday activities the police participate in. Campers also got to work on team challenges, team work, and cheering each other on during our very own special olympics!

Week 5: Music and Performance- This last week is especially special to not only the campers but to the staff and families as well. The campers got pony rides from Brookvalley Farm, had carnival day with Rob the juggler, and saw reptiles from the Electric City Aquarium. But most importantly the campers came together after weeks of hard work and dedication to put on a fabulous show for all.

Our summer camp is about more than just filling summer days, it is about building a community where everybody belongs. Over the course of 5 weeks, we watched campers try new things, build confidence, and form friendships that will last a lifetime. The growth and joy we see on our campers' faces every day is a memorable reminder of the impact of what we do.



The Arc Stars Theater Presents "Not Your Average Mermaid Tale"

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We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our generous community sponsors and media partners, including the Lackawanna County Department of Arts and Culture, Scranton Area Community Foundation (NEPA Gives), Church of the Epiphany, Lackawanna College, Lamar

Advertising, The Scranton Times, Happenings Magazine, and local radio stations WILK, Froggy 101, 98.5 KRZ, and JMJ Catholic Radio. Thank you as well to Linn McDonald and the LMSD School of Dance for their invaluable support. With your continued partnership, we

look forward to empowering our performers through the creative arts for years to come!

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Donating is easy!
It may be tax-deductible.



United Way - Day of Caring

What a fantastic Day of Caring on Thursday, September 3rd!

The Arc was thrilled to be a part of this amazing event! Dozens of enthusiastic volunteers from local companies spent the day giving our facilities a fresh look with extensive mulching, weeding, and clean-up.

It's a true win-win: key projects get finished, and new friends learn about the impactful work happening at The Arc every day.

A huge shout-out to the incredible Arc staff who coordinated the sites and organized lunch, your planning made the day run flawlessly. It was a massive success and a wonderful testament to community partnership!

A very special thank you to the United Way of Lackawanna, Wayne and Pike Counties and the extraordinary volunteers!



Twenty First Annual Family Fun Fall Festival Waldorf Park

(All proceeds benefit The Arc of NEPA)

Kellogg's Classic Country Band and The Wanabees

Sunday, September 13, 2026

3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Tickets at the door: Adults \$40.00

Children 4 to 12 \$10.00 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 \$35.00

(Pre-Sale Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, September 9, 2026)

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 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm and
Grilled Sandwiches served 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

Entertainment:

Kellogg's Classic Country Band and The Wanabees

Kiddie Korner – 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Gift Basket Raffle, 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)

More Information, call Mari or Holly at 570-207-0825

Proud of our Partnership with the Scranton District Dental Society

The Scranton District Dental Society and The Arc-NEPA has worked together for 24 years to prepare dental health bags for National Children's Dental Health Month (NCDHM) each February. The Arc's consumers fill over 5,000 educational bags with children's tooth brushes, McDonalds coupons, and tooth paste.

The SDDS is an education and service based organization comprising approximately 150 local member dentists. It is a constituency of the American Dental Association (ADA), the largest and oldest national dental society in the world, and the Pennsylvania Dental Association (PDA). The SDDS oversees activities like Children's Dental Health Month, public education, school visitations, and continuing education for dentists.



L to R: Alphonse Matrone, (SDDS Golf Committee Chair), Thomas Langan Jr. (SDDS Treasurer), Joseph Legg Jr. (SDDS President-Elect), Caitlin Libby (SDDS President), Joseph Kelly Jr., Kurt Wadsworth, Erica Francis (ARC Coordinator of Community Vocational Services), and Amy Craig (Arc Manager of Adult Day Services).

DSP WEEK

Our DSPs are the sweetest!

MONDAY - September 14

***Start the week with
A Scoop of Appreciation!***

Wear your favorite color shirt to kick off DSP Week!

TUESDAY - September 15

Two-Scoop Tuesday!

Two scoops are better than one!
Grab a coworker and dress alike for Twin Day!

WEDNESDAY - September 16

Sprinkles of Experience!

Experience makes everything better!
Wear your oldest Arc shirt you own!

THURSDAY - September 17

Thankful Thursday!

We're thankful for you!
Join us for an employee luncheon with a catered Mac & Cheese Bar!

FRIDAY - September 18

Cherry on Top Friday!

You are the cherry on top!
Wear red or pink and enjoy a sweet cherry treat!



DATE: August 18, 2026
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Contact: Cynthia Cox
Phone: (570) 498-9115

SDDS Golf Tournament Continues Longtime Partnership with The Arc-NEPA, Raises \$2,500

(Scranton, PA) The Scranton District Dental Society (SDDS) presented a \$2,500 donation to The Arc-NEPA following its annual golf tournament at The Country Club of Scranton, continuing a longstanding partnership between the two local organizations. Drs. Alphonse Matrone (Golf Tournament Chair), Caitlin Libby (SDDS President), Joseph Legg Jr. (SDDS President-Elect), Thomas Langan Jr. (SDDS Treasurer), Joseph Kelly Jr., and Kurt Wadsworth took part in the check presentation at the conclusion of the tournament.

"Our relationship with The Arc is one of the community partnerships we value most," said Dr. Alphonse Matrone, SDDS Golf Tournament Chair. "Their team has worked alongside us for many years during National Children's Dental Health Month, helping prepare thousands of oral-health kits for local children. Supporting The Arc through our golf tournament is a meaningful way for SDDS to give back to an organization that does so much for individuals and families throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania."

The Arc-NEPA promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and supports their full inclusion and participation in the community. The organization provides a range of programs and services for children, adults and families throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania.

SDDS is a voluntary professional organization representing approximately 150 local dentists and is a component of the Pennsylvania Dental Association and the American Dental Association. SDDS provides continuing education and member programs while supporting community initiatives including National Children's Dental Health Month, public education and school outreach.

For more information about SDDS and its community programs, visit www.scrantondental.org.

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BUDDY WALK OF NEPA

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Registration begins at 12:00 noon

Walk starts at 1:00 pm

Adults: \$15.00...15 & under \$5.00

Free for Individuals with Down Syndrome

**PenFed Field at Veterans Memorial Stadium at
Scranton High School
816 Providence Road, Scranton**

Please register at:

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*This event raises
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Syndrome and their
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Jon Meyer - EMCEE

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Performance by the PRIDE Squad Cheerleaders

Included in Price: Tee Shirts, Music by EJ the DJ, Juggler, Emergency Vehicles, Character Appearances, Alpaca's!, Bounce House, Face Painting, Yard Games ...

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**The Buddy Walk® was established in 1996 by the National Down Syndrome Society to celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness.
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