



The Archive

The Arc of the Ozarks

Work underway on new training kitchen

Work has started on a complete kitchen overhaul at the Timothy Grant Newport Activities Center. Renovations, scheduled to be completed by August, will vastly improve accessibility and efficiency.

“The kitchen will allow us to do more hands on training to teach people food preparation methods that encourage healthy eating habits,” says President and CEO John Foley. “It will also help immensely with activities held at The Arc such as Summer Recreation and fundraiser events.”

The Arc has taken on the funding for the project with support coming from community businesses such as Harry Cooper Supply and Metro Appliances and More, which donated appliances for the kitchen.

Designs for the kitchen were done by H Design Group and renovations are being completed by Adam Pyle and Associates.

Following the completion of kitchen renovations, work will begin on Phase II of the new addition with a goal of all work being completed by the end of the year.

“We are at a juncture where every bit of space is helpful,” says Foley. “As we continue to grow and improve our services it is important that our facilities are able to handle this demand. This growth is only possible with the support of our community.”

If you are interested in providing financial support to help with new renovations please consider a donation. The accompanying envelope can be used to mail donations directly to The Arc. YOP Tax Credits are available for larger donations. Please contact Julie at (417) 864-7887 with any questions about donations or YOP credits.



Save the date! The Arc will be holding a dedication ceremony for our new addition on Sept. 12 at 1pm.

Summer camp breaks down barriers

No Limits Summer Therapeutic Recreation kicked off for the summer on June 7, starting two months of fun activities. Through the camp, children and young adults with disabilities are able to participate in a variety of fun summer activities, including daily field trips to sites around Springfield. Field trips taken during the first session included a tour of the Springfield Cardinals stadium, a trip to a fish hatchery, swimming at the Republic Aquatic Center, and many more.



“Each day offers something new for the campers. We don’t want to just go through the motions. We’re not baby sitters,” says Education and Recreation Director Mary Margreiter.

The camp is open to children and teenagers with developmental disabilities and is designed to foster growth opportunities for all involved. By allowing each individual to progress at a pace that is best for them, the camp helps kids break down barriers to social interaction and fun opportunities. Summer camp at The Arc originated over 30 years ago and has constantly evolved to reach its current format. Margreiter and her staff hope the event continues another 30 years of successful work.



From the desk of John H. Foley



The halls are alive with laughter...

Our therapeutic summer recreation program is in full swing. Kids are splashing in the pool, playing games, going on field trips and generally doing those activities you'd expect at a summer day camp. The big difference here is that each child has goals such as working on muscle tone and development; socialization skills; eye-hand coordination, and independence. The Arc staff helps each one work toward these goals. Just one reason the program, called "No Limits", is so valued by the children and their families.

John Foley, President/CEO

I am pleased to report that The Arc finished its fiscal year with a black bottom line. It is important that we provide quality support services to all our clients and be good stewards of the funding we receive not only from the state but from private foundations, corporations and

individuals. We look ahead to a challenging year, as funding sources must consider the tight economy and fewer dollars. All the more reason that we do all we can to control expenses without curtailing needed services.

The need for controlled expenses became increasingly more important as Missouri Governor Jay Nixon recently announced funding cuts. The Arc expects to face a 2 percent cut in government dollars during the next year, with more cuts possible. We have boosted fundraising efforts at The Arc to help ensure no program suffers. Community support is important to making these efforts successful.

I want to take this opportunity to say how exceptional are the employees of The Arc. They are dedicated to their work and very creative in helping individuals with disabilities as they learn to be more independent. It is a pleasure working with them.

Don't forget to support The Arc online

In addition to our website (www.thearcoftheozarks.org), The Arc is using other online tools to keep our supporters informed and also to help raise funds.

By following The Arc on Facebook you can see exclusive photos, receive program updates and news on special events. Employment Solutions, Community Connections and Education and Recreation departments also have Facebook pages to keep you up to date on happenings in those departments. Visit Facebook.com and search for The Arc of the Ozarks.



The Arc recently launched a Twitter account as well. You can find The Arc at www.twitter.com/arcoftheozarks.



GoodSearch.com is a search engine which shares its revenues with not-for-profit organizations. You use GoodSearch.com as you would any other search engine. The money GoodSearch.com donates to your cause comes from its advertisers. This means the users and charities do not spend a dime.



Grants received

\$1,000 from the Musgrave Foundation to support No Limits Summer Recreation.

\$1,200 from Second Baptist Sunday School class and The Arc Board members for No Limits camper scholarships.

YOP tax credits support growth at The Arc

Growth related projects at The Arc, such as the new addition at the Jim D. Morris Campus, are funded in part by the purchase of YOP 50 percent tax credits. While many of these credits have been purchased, opportunities will remain available through Dec. 31, 2010. The sale of the remaining funds will help with projects such as the kitchen remodel seen on page one, and the completion of the second floor of the new addition.

Tax credits, normally in \$1000 increments, allow the donor to take the normal charitable deduction on the federal return, which then flows through to the state, allowing the normal deduction, plus granting 50 percent of the original gift as a tax credit.

"This is The Arc" in photos

Staff and clients at The Arc were given a challenge to help show the world what The Arc is all about, using photos. Over 20 photos were submitted; the top photos are shown here. Visit The Arc's website (www.thearcoftheozarks.org) or our Facebook page to see all photos submitted.



First Place

Wesley enjoys feeding the birds at his home. Staff at The Arc encourages everybody to pursue their favorite hobbies.



First Runner Up

Brad does not like getting shots so Nurse Carolyn made the experience fun.



Second Runner Up

Galen enjoys animals. Here he is seen with a puppy.



Honorable Mention

Bob and Michael enjoy the Monett Valentine's Day party while sporting some cool eyewear.



Honorable Mention

Jerry and others from the Monett Community Connections Group took advantage of the snow to build a snowman.

Kickball tournament a bouncing good time

On Saturday May 22, thirteen teams joined several area sponsors and a group of talented young musicians to show their support for The Arc's No Limits Summer Recreation Program. The inaugural Just Kick It event offered a fun and competitive opportunity for friends or coworkers to go back to the glory days of grade school recess. Teams traveled from as far as Monett to Summers at the River in Nixa to compete for the title of the area's top kickball team.

Each team played at least two games and received a t-shirt featuring the Just Kick It logo and the day's sponsors. The top three teams went home with prizes from Fox and Hound, The Skinny Improv, and the Springfield Cardinal's respectively.

"I think everybody had a great time and really enjoyed the atmosphere of the day," said Education and Recreation Director Mary Margreiter. "Teams have offered excellent feedback for us and we are excited for round two next year."

Music for the day was provided by the bands of Pellegrino's School of Music and Art, and they had everybody rocking out and enjoying a great time.

Team Kickin' Wings took home the top prize for the day with Playground Bullies and TAG Magazine in second and third respectively.

The event raised just over \$2,500 for summer camp.

"These funds allow us more financial stability to provide field trips and other opportunities for the kids," says Margreiter.

Make sure to save the date for the Second Annual Just Kick It Tournament on May 21, 2011.



Kickin' Wings took home the first place trophy for the inaugural event and plan to defend their title next year.

Not able to make the event but still want to help? **Pick up a Just Kick It t-shirt for only \$7!** Call Nate for more information - 417-864-7887. You may also donate using the accompanying envelope.

Faces in the crowd

Every day, hundreds of individuals come to work at The Arc with a passion for making a difference in the lives of the people we serve. We highlight the accomplishments and dedication of some of these individuals through our Employee of the Month program. However, just a name and title doesn't do justice to our wonderful employees and the great work they do here at The Arc. Each quarter we will use "Faces in the crowd" to highlight different employees and their duties at The Arc.

Tim Dygon named director of Renovations

In May The Arc announced Timothy Dygon as the new director of Renovations. Tim started working part time at The Arc while attending college at Evangel before going full-time after graduating. For the past two years Tim had served as assistant program director for Renovations. He received his masters in counseling psychology from Evangel in May.

"Tim has eagerly jumped on the additional responsibilities and we look forward to growing this program under his leadership," says The Arc's President/CEO John Foley.

The Renovations program provides services for individuals with a dual-diagnosis of developmental disability and a co-existing psychiatric disorder. Work within the program is based on developing intensive inter-personal relationships with residents served. The Renovations program supports over 60 individuals (male/female), in the Springfield and Joplin areas, with a staff of over 150 individuals who have been specifically trained to focus on interpersonal relationships.

When not working diligently at The Arc, Tim is usually spending time with his wife of four years. He also enjoys sports and is especially fond of the Dallas Cowboys. Be sure to congratulate Tim on his promotion and thank him for his hard work.



*Tim Dygon,
Director of Renovations*

Board member receives doctorate

The Arc of the Ozarks Board member Kerri Duncan graduated in May from NOVA Southeastern University with a doctorate in education with an emphasis on special education and autism. Dr. Duncan is the director of the Rivendale Institute of Learning and has served on The Arc's Board since 2007. In addition to continuing her education and serving in the community, Kerri is a mother of three teenage daughters. Kerri also enjoys running, aerobics, reading and having wine and dark chocolate whenever possible. Her favorite past time is playing with her dogs, Freckles and Gracie. Congratulations Dr. Duncan.



*Board Member Kerri Duncan
received her Doctorate in May.*

Employees of the Month

Springfield:

April - Matt Young , Bolivar ISL Shift Supervisor

May - Nick Kimes , Renovations 2 Program Supervisor

June - Amy Galbraith, Sagamont II ISL Direct Support Professional

Monett

April - Samantha Patton , Pierce City Direct Support Professional

May - Nancy Gregory , Summer Hill Team Manager

June - Jean Hartman, Sixth St. Community Integrations

Home Spotlight: Nichols Home

Nichols is a four bed female group home located in central Springfield. The ladies who live at Nichols are involved in the Renovations Behavioral Support Program at The Arc. These ladies range in age from early 20's to early 30's and are very active in their community. They enjoy frequenting the pool, library, parks, and shopping. All of the ladies participate in volunteer work in the community, most recently at the Humane Society. All of the ladies are encouraged to be active members of their household and take responsibility for their health and wellness. The staff encourages everyone to look to their future, focus on their goals and actively pursue the kind of life they want to live.



Golf tournaments raise funds for The Arc

Golfers had two opportunities to take up their clubs in support of The Arc this summer. On May 7, seventeen teams joined twenty-two sponsors recently for a golf tournament supporting The Arc of the Ozarks in Monett. The event raised \$3,500 which helps The Arc provide support services for people with disabilities in Monett and Cassville. Proceeds from this benefit will be placed in The Monett Arc fund at the Monett Community Foundation.



“We are very pleased with this year’s tournament. All of our teams braved the initially cold weather and made for a very competitive tournament,” says event coordinator Doug Wallner. “The sponsors this year were fantastic and deserve special thanks for their support as well.”

The tournament was divided into two flights with the team of Dennis Scholl, Jerry Swartz, Mark Guillford and Scott Smith taking home the grand prize. The team from Community National Bank took first in the B-Flight. Each participant received a gift from The Arc in appreciation of supporting The Arc in Monett.

The date has been set for the 8th Annual Monett Shootout for The Arc of the Ozarks. The event will take place Friday May 6, 2011 again at Windmill Ridge Golf Course.

Exactly one month after the Monett tournament, on Monday June 7, golfers in Springfield came out to show their support for The Arc Foundation at the Foundation’s annual Golf Classic. Twenty teams took part in the tournament, now in its tenth year. This year’s tournament was sponsored by Empire Bank and Central Trust and Investment Company and raised approximately \$7,000 for The Arc Foundation.

New this year was a pre-tournament party held on Sunday evening. The pre-party allowed golfer’s, friends and families an opportunity to participate in a silent auction, purchase 50/50 raffle tickets, and learn more about The Arc of the Ozarks.

The team entered by Jackson Brothers of the South came out victorious in the Championship flight, Office Concepts Team #1 took first in A flight and the team from G.L. Moore Tire won the B Flight. The team from Central Trust/Empire Bank won the women’s championship with J. Harris team taking home the ladies’ A flight.

Shooting tournament to help purchase new van



The Arc is in full planning mode for its first ever Sporting Clays Shoot on August 14 at Ozark Shooters in Branson. This 100 bird sporting clays event will be scored using Lewis Class scoring in three divisions, providing every participant with a chance to win. Early bird entry fee for the event is \$65 per person. After August 1 the entry fee becomes \$75 per person. Included with participants fees are 100 targets, lunch, a t-shirt, and an opportunity to win door prizes. All early bird entrants will be entered for a chance to win a case of shotgun shells.

In addition to opportunities for shooters, sponsorship opportunities are also available. Sponsorship includes a shooter in addition to other perks.

To register as a shooter or sponsor please cut off the registration form below and mail back with a check in the accompanying envelope. Call for credit card registrations. Cash registrations accepted at Ozarks Shooters.

For more information call Nate at The Arc (417-766-7723) or Peggy at Ozark Shooters (417-443-3093).

Funds will be used to purchase a wheelchair accessible van. Please help give the gift of transportation to people who cannot get that gift on their own.

Sporting Clays Shoot Registration

Name: _____ T-shirt Size: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____





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Of Rehabilitation Facilities



\$25 could net you a Ford Mustang

This could be your chance to own a **2010 Ford Mustang** or \$10,000 in cash for just \$25.

25 bucks! Your name also goes into a daily drawing for \$25 gift certificates to area restaurants and merchants.

The best part is that entire \$25 comes back to The Arc to support our Education and Recreation program. As part of the **Price Cutter Charity Classic** golf tournament, we have raffle tickets for the Mustang. In addition to being entered into the drawing, your \$25 also gives you admission to watch four days of golf Aug.11-15.



We have a limited number of tickets so send us an email or give us a call today. Julie Guillebeau, 417-864-7887 or jguillebeau@thearcoftheozarks.org. All tickets will be sold by Aug. 1.

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Mission Statement

Our mission at The Arc of the Ozarks is to support individuals with disabilities in directing their own lives as valued members of the community.

The Arc believes every person should have the opportunity to achieve the highest level of independence.

We, at The Arc of the Ozarks, are committed to assisting you or your loved one in reaching that level.