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Summer 2018



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Arc Strong:
Achieving Dreams
RUN, WALK & ROLL

Registration Now Open!

Join us on Sunday, July 15th, at the Holiday Inn of Taunton in the Miles Standish Industrial Park for our Annual Arc Strong: Achieving Dreams 5k Run Walk & Roll. To register, visit www.arcnbc.org and once again celebrate the hope and dreams of thousands of individuals and families we serve.

A special thank you to Event Sponsor Bristol County Savings Bank, to Empowerment Sponsor G. Lopes Construction, and to Team Sponsors FBinsure, Rich Harwood – Baystate Financial, Economised Time Services, Mallard Printing, The Milford National Bank & Trust; and Tasco. More information is available on The Arc's website www.arcnbc.org.

As part of the event this year, we will be announcing the winner of the Arc Strong Scholarships. You can download the application at www.arcnbc.org. **The deadline has been extended to July 1st for entry.**



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Welcome



Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you find some respite during these warm summer months. I am delighted to share many of our recent updates and upcoming events with you. As you will see throughout this newsletter, we have had a busy Spring period as we finalized our Licensing and Certification processes in both Massachusetts and the State of Rhode Island. I am delighted to report that our team did an exceptional job and that we have been relicensed in both states.

In addition, we have busy with building moves. I am delighted to announce that we purchased a new building at 16 Hillside Avenue, Attleboro, MA. This purchase has enabled us to redesign some space at 141 Park Street in order

to open a new Day Habilitation program in Attleboro. Our newest space at Hillside will house our training, administration and other day services. We are very excited about these changes and hope to schedule an open house later this fall. In addition, we also have built a new home in Swansea to support individuals with Acquired Brain Injury. This is a new expansion of our services and we sincerely welcome our newest participants and their families. We are truly honored that they have chosen our agency for their support and services.

In the area of innovation, we have joined our partners in the Attleboro/Norton area to launch an UBER pilot targeted to individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and elders. The project will run through October and is aiding with eliminating barriers to employment and socialization.

We are also excited about the many upcoming events this summer leading into early fall. We started with our recent Golf Tournament in New Bedford in June, our Arc Strong Walk/Run/Roll on July 15th, our Annual Celebration in September, Taunton Pancake Breakfast in October, and proAbility Auction Gala in November. I sincerely hope that you can join us for some of these amazing events and look forward to seeing you.

Until then, best wishes for a great summer season and be sure to follow us on Facebook and check our website for updates at www.arcnbc.org.

Sincerely,

Michael Andrade
President and CEO

Attleboro & Norton Area Social Responsibility Alliance C.A.R. Pilot Program

The Arc recently joined other area agencies in the C.A.R. Pilot program. The program is designed to collect data to better understand and address the growing need for access to transportation during periods of time when public transportation is not available. The pilot will run from May 1, 2018 to October 31, 2018.

As members of the pilot program, The Arc can access rides through Uber for individuals and families for specific needs such as medical appointments, employment opportunities, and more. Arc staff will facilitate the coordination of the transportation for the program.

Staff is currently working to establish parameters to guide the coordination as well as learning the data collection system.

Through the experience of the pilot program, The Arc will gain the

knowledge and experience needed to potentially create a program that can be sustained after the pilot program ends. We look forward to announcing the results of the pilot later this year.

UBER

First ABI House Now Open

The Arc is excited to announce that its first home to service individuals with the diagnosis of Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) in a residential setting has now opened. In the Spring issue of Achieve we published this new service that allows individuals the opportunity to live in a community setting rather than a nursing facility.

The newly constructed home on a beautiful setting in Swansea, and along with being fully accessible, provides a more comfortable living arrangement for residents. The home has a family-like atmosphere, with all the comforts. Residents and their families were treated to an open house in May and were thrilled to see their new home. Residents began moving in the first half of June, with the fourth resident moving in by the end of the month.

What makes this home unique is The Arc's partnership with Comcast to offer innovative technology solutions to promote independence for the individuals living in the home. We

are thrilled for the four men and their families as their future unfolds in the coming months and years.



Announcement of New Director of Development and Public Relations

Ann Buono has been appointed as the Director of Development and Public Relations for The Arc of Bristol County



where she will direct the organization's fundraising, development, and public relations initiatives. Prior to joining The Arc, Ann was the Director of Development for Saint Antoine Community in North Smithfield, RI, and Vice President of Development and Public Relations for twelve years at Kennedy-Donovan Center in Foxboro. Previously, Ann was the Director of Development at The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region and Executive Director of The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region Foundation in Harford County, Maryland. Ann began her position with The Arc of Bristol County in January.

Save the Date: Pancake Breakfast Saturday, October 20th

Portuguese American Civic Club
175 School Street
Taunton, MA

To benefit Taunton Area Resource Center & Project Rec Connect
Call 508-884-2917 for information

**Chefs
Needed!**



Employee of the Quarter

Wendy Allard

Wendy Allard has been a full-time Direct Support Professional for proAbility since 2014.



Wendy truly cares for the people she supports and shows it in her interactions every day. She has helped develop and launch proAbility's Farm to Table Café which is running three days a week. Food is prepared by individuals in the day program and enjoyed by proAbility staff. Wendy also works to develop artwork, crafts, and gifts that are sold at the local farmers markets and at the proAbility Auction event.

Wendy is always diplomatic and never appears overwhelmed or stressed. She truly deserves to be recognized for all her hard work and commitment.

Training from Hope Hospice Receives Positive Response from Staff



Thank you to Hope Hospice & Palliative Care of Rhode Island for coming to our May all staff meeting. Over 40 staff from The Arc were trained on end of life care service options and hospice services available from their agency.

Join us for the presentation of the Arc Scholarship Awards

Sunday, July 15th

**Arc Strong: Run, Walk & Roll event
Holiday Inn of Taunton**



Recognize someone who's provided extraordinary dedication to those served by The Arc...

If you know a person, family, or organization that has made a difference in support of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families; please consider nominating them for any one of The Arc of Bristol County's 2018 Annual Awards listed below:

- ◆ **Self Determination Award:** honors an individual with a disability who has demonstrated exemplary self advocacy skills for themselves or on behalf of others.
- ◆ **Family Leadership Choice Award:** pays tribute to the commitment of our organization's founders. The award honors an individual and/or family member who has provided exemplary support, guidance, and advocacy to and on behalf of families.
- ◆ **Community Excellence Award:** recognizes outstanding accomplishments by community members who embody practices that promote inclusion and integration. This award is presented to an individual or community organization that has shown an outstanding commitment to the principles of The Arc.
- ◆ **Arc Spirit Award:** recognizes a volunteer and/or employee who has advanced the mission of the organization. An individual's contribution must have a large impact for those supported by the organization.

Awards will be presented at The Arc of Bristol County's upcoming Annual Celebration to be held on **Wednesday, September 12, 2018** at The Holiday Inn, Taunton. *We ask that all award recipients be available to attend this event.*

Nominations must be received by **August 1, 2018** (please complete form on reverse side or complete online form at www.arcnbc.org). If you have any questions, please contact Janice Rorke at (508) 226-1445 ext. 3108 or info@arcnbc.org

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2018 AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

The Arc of Bristol County Annual Awards

To be presented on September 12, 2018

Please print or type clearly:

Name of Nominee: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Company: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Nominator: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Award Category: *(please check one)*

- Self Determination Award
- Family Leadership Choice Award
- Community Excellence Award
- Arc Spirit Award

Instructions:

Please complete this form and submit with a letter of nomination by August 1, 2018. Letters of nomination must include specific examples of how and why the candidate qualifies for this award. Please limit all letters of nomination to one (1) page. Candidates will be evaluated on the basis of how they consistently demonstrate excellence, creativity and commitment in the award category.

This form can be reproduced or recreated, but please send the information requested.

Mail, fax, deliver or email nomination by **August 1, 2018** to:

The Arc of Bristol County
141 Park Street, Attleboro, MA 02703
Fax: (508) 226-1476
info@arcnbc.org

Save the Date

National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week is September 10 – September 14, 2018.

Join us in recognizing the dedication of our extraordinary staff. We will be announcing activities in an upcoming newsletter.



New Program and Administrative Center Acquired in Attleboro

With the growth of new and existing programs and related staffs, The Arc has been on the hunt for additional space to purchase in Attleboro to meet these growing demands. We are pleased to announce that with the use of an interest free Bond, The Arc of Bristol County was able to purchase a new building just minutes from the 141 Park Street facility in Attleboro. The new building is located at 16 Hillside Avenue and is a two story, 12,000 square foot facility.

The most immediate usage for the new space will be to house administrative staff, including Finance,

Development and Public Relations, and the President/CEO. Administrative departments have already relocated to the new space. In the long term, the new facility will be utilized as both administrative, training center, and program space. The first floor will be used for some of our adult day programming, and the second floor will be renovated to accommodate administrative staff, and a new training center. This will free up space at our 141 Park Street Center for new adult services. Stay tuned for information on an upcoming open house in the Fall.

proAbility

presents

7th Annual
Gala and
Auction
Fundraiser

Saturday, November 3
6:00 - 10:00 PM

Clarion Inn Seekonk
Grand Rose Ballroom

Stay Tuned for
More Information

Administration Office

141 Park Street
Attleboro, MA 02703
Tel: (508) 226-1445 • Fax: (508) 226-1476
Toll Free: (888) 343-3301
Web: www.arcnbc.org

Day Habilitation Services

5 Mill Street
Middleboro, MA 02346
Tel: (508) 946-2121 • Fax: (508) 946-2195

Hillside Adult Day Health Care

50 Walton Street
Attleboro, MA 02703
Tel: (508) 226-6150

proAbility

25 Thurber Blvd.
Smithfield, RI 02917
Tel: (401) 233-1634 • Fax: (401) 233-1674

Taunton Area Resource Center

437 Bay Street
Taunton, MA 02780
Tel: (508) 884-2971 • Fax: (508) 884-2964

The Arc of Greater Fall River

182 North Main Street
Fall River, MA 02720
Tel: (508) 679-0001 • Fax: (508) 679-9375

The Arc of Greater New Bedford

412 B County Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
Tel: (508) 996-8551 • Fax: (508) 996-8553



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A celebratory graphic with a yellow background, scattered confetti, and a cluster of colorful balloons (red, orange, yellow, purple, blue, white) on the left side.

***Join us as we celebrate
our 59th Anniversary***

Wednesday, September 12, 2018
Holiday Inn Taunton
700 Myles Standish Blvd., Taunton, MA 02780

- ◆ **Cocktail Reception at 6:00 pm**
- ◆ **Dinner at 6:30 pm**
- ◆ **Annual Awards Celebration at 7:00 pm**

Dancing following the Awards Celebration

RSVP by September 1 to info@arcnbc.org or call 508.226.1445 ext. 3100