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President's Message

Philip A. Fina

The Arc of Monmouth is offering a number of interesting free learning opportunities for family members of persons with developmental disabilities during the next several months, and we hope you will join us for one or more of them. The first is on March 15 at 7:00 p.m., with attorney Ira Fingles speaking about guardianship procedures handled in a group. When done in a group, families may save money when seeking guardianship of a person with a disability. Then on April 16, at 7:00 p.m., an informational meeting will be held on the topic of "Aging in Persons with Developmental Disabilities" with Lucy Esralew, Ph.D. as the presenter. On May 9, a meeting starting at 4:00 p.m. will cover issues related to identity theft, with Dave Delaney of the Social Security Administration speaking. The presentation at our Annual Meeting on the evening of June 26 will cover Creative Strategies for Housing with attorney Paul Prior as the speaker. Just contact Stephanie Sullivan at 732-493-1919, ext. 123 to RSVP for one of these meetings.

Please remember that these programs are open to all, however, if you are not a member of The Arc of Monmouth, you may not know that these programs are available. Membership is important, not only to boost our political power in the state, but also to reach out to families about Arc programs on a timely and informative basis. Please reach out to your friends, neighbors and coworkers to join The Arc of Monmouth.

Also keep in mind our second largest fundraiser of the year, the Step Up for The Arc walkathon. Save the date of Saturday, May 19 for this enjoyable day. We'll be at a new park in Tinton Falls this year, not far from the Arc Center. Watch for more details nearer to the date.



Highest Level of Accreditation Achieved

The Arc of Monmouth is proud to announce that the organization has been accredited for a period of three years by CARF for the following services: Employment Services: Community Employment Services: Job Development, Job Supports, and Job-Site Training; Employment Services: Comprehensive Vocational Evaluation Services, Employee Development Services and Organizational Employment Services; and Community Services, Community Integration.

This accreditation outcome represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows The Arc of Monmouth's substantial conformance to the standards established by CARF. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation outcome has put itself through a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable, and accountable.

CARF is an independent, not-for-profit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.



A Rich History
Celebrated at
40th Winter Glow Ball
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Executive Director's Report

Mary E. Scott

Employees of The Arc of Monmouth have made me extremely proud once again. We have had wonderful feedback from recent reviews of our agency and services. You will read about our CARF accreditation in this newsletter. The programs of The Arc of Monmouth that underwent the accreditation survey last fall received a three-year accreditation from CARF, the highest level available. The staff of the Work Opportunity Center, Employment Services and Adult Services are to be applauded for their efforts to maintain the high standards that national accreditation demands. The work of other departments, including Human Resources, Accounting, Development and Social Services, was also important in achieving accreditation. I was very happy to learn that the surveyors had no recommendations at all for improvements in the programs they reviewed. This is truly remarkable!

Our group homes and supervised apartments underwent an annual Licensing Inspection from the state throughout the month of November. We do not have an official report yet as of the date of this writing, but the surveyor was very complimentary in the exit conference about Arc employees' helpfulness during the inspections, and the manner in which they care for persons with complex and multiple needs.

We also recently underwent a certification process for the United Way of Monmouth County (UWMC). We submitted the required information about the agency and our policies and procedures, and had a site visit and interview with United Way volunteers and staff. We are pleased to have been approved as a Certified Agency Partner of UWMC. We have a long history with United Way, have received funding for mental health services for people with developmental disabilities from them in recent years, and hope to continue our relationship far into the future.

Please join me in congratulating all the Arc employees who on a daily basis work to assure that people with cognitive disabilities receive good supports and services, as well as meeting all of the regulatory and other demands of the job. Bravo!



Ask The Advocate Day

The special education system can feel overwhelming at times. Don't do it alone! The Arc of Monmouth will once again host its "Ask the Advocate Day" on Thursday, March 29 at the Arc Center in Tinton Falls. Stephanie Kramer, The Arc of New Jersey Coordinator of Special Education, will answer questions and concerns regarding your student's educational plan from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact Sarah Logan at (732) 493-1919, ext. 665 to schedule your half hour appointment.

HELP THE ARC OF MONMOUTH'S FUTURE

Planning for the future is not always an easy task. The Arc of Monmouth is looking toward tomorrow and we need your help to ensure the future of our services. You can contribute by giving a gift of cash, securities, real estate or insurance, or naming The Arc of Monmouth in your will. Your support will help build Arc's Endowment Fund and strengthen The Arc of Monmouth for a brighter tomorrow. The Arc of Monmouth needs you. Help ensure that The Arc will be there for the next generation of families that needs us. For more information, contact Director of Development Victoria Stelmach at 732-493-1919, ext 120.

Find The Arc of Monmouth Logo



(This one counts!)

Hidden throughout this issue of *The Turning Point* are Arc of Monmouth logos. Be one of the first three people to find and count them all, mail in your entry and you could win:

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(Employees of The Arc of Monmouth are not eligible to win.)

Arc of Monmouth Book Club & Trainings



The Arc of Monmouth's Health Services department is starting a book club for families and caregivers. The club will meet bi-monthly beginning in March to discuss books on various topics related to intellectual disabilities, family struggles related to developmental disabilities, and general information. A recent best seller, *The Memory Keeper's Daughter*, may be of interest for the group to read and discuss. It is the hope of The Arc of Monmouth that this book club will bring together families and caregivers, and generate conversation, support and new friendships in the process.

In addition, last year the Health Services department received input from many families and caregivers regarding their need for more information on mental health and behavioral issues. As a result the department would like to schedule trainings and information sessions in these areas.

The Health Services department would like to make every effort to schedule around those that are interested. Please take a moment to fax or send this form back to Kristen Creed, Director, Health Services. Thank you! We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Interested In: (Circle one or both): Book Club Trainings

Best days/nights for your availability (list as many as you like):

Mail to: Kristen Creed, Director, Health Services, The Arc of Monmouth, 1158 Wayside Road, Tinton Falls, NJ 07712 or fax to: 732-493-2413.



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For information please contact
Development at 732-493-1919 or
development@arcofmonmouth.org.

Did you know?

A massive new tax law aimed at strengthening pension funds and providing a multitude of other tax charges was signed into law by the President on August 17, 2006. One provision of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 relates to individual retirement Account (IRA) donations. The Act allows taxpayers over 70.5 years old to donate money to charity directly from their IRA account. The distributions will be tax-free and avoid the penalty on early withdrawals. Taxpayers are allowed to donate up to \$100,000 per year from their IRA. Since the distribution will not be included in taxable income, individuals will not be able to claim a tax deduction for the charitable contribution. This provision will only be effective for the years 2006 and 2007.

Please Join the Family Advocacy Program

Unless we act now, the supports and services your family relies on today may not be there tomorrow. We need to work together toward a positive future for people with cognitive disabilities. Join the statewide Family Advocacy Program today!

The mission of the new Family Advocacy Program of The Arc of New Jersey is to empower families to become more actively involved with public policy advocacy on a statewide and national level. We need your help, now more than ever to ensure the continuation and expansion of vital services for your loved ones. We need family members of individuals with developmental disabilities to help guide our efforts and priorities, and to speak directly to New Jersey's legislators about the issues. The Family Advocacy Program makes public policy advocacy quick and easy. The program provides you with the information and support you need to take action toward positive change.

Go to the website at
www.arcfamilyadvocacy.org
to find out more. You can sign up online to become a part of our Families Network. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Denbigh Dixon at 732-246-2525, ext. 49 or send an email to FAP@arcnj.org.

*Together we can
make change happen!*

Welcome New Members

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Donna Johnson
Lawrence E. Johnson



Meet Elkin

When a good worker finds a job that is a perfect fit, everyone benefits. This was the case for Elkin, a Freehold man who obtained employment at the Cornerstone Café in his hometown through Arc Resources, part of The Arc of Monmouth's employment services.

"This job was the perfect match for Elkin," said Thea Strong, Director of Employment, adding, "People like Elkin. His supervisors and the customers, especially the 'regulars,' are very happy with his work."

Elkin began his work at Cornerstone with the assistance of his job coach, Paulina Olech. Initially, he learned his basic job duties, and it was a very short time before his initiative to take on new tasks began to shine through. A rapid learner, Elkin quickly earned the nickname of "Radar," taken from the char-

acter on M*A*S*H*, due to his quick and accurate memory.

According to Thea, the secret of Elkin's success was a combination of his personality and the fact that he was receiving acknowledgement for his good work. "If no one gives that acknowledgement, it is very hard for people," Thea said. "Workers need motivation in order to be a success." She said that working through Arc Resources, Elkin received recognition for his efforts and as a result began taking on new responsibilities as well as developing relationships on the job.

Arc Resources, part of Arc's Employment department, prides itself on finding the right position for the right person. A people person such as Elkin likes to be visible and to get a chance to work with the public. Customers respond favorably to Elkin's courteous "Good afternoon, how are you?" One customer raved about Elkin's initiative to pull out her chair for her at the table, adding that she hadn't received that kind of service in years.

Paulina Olich described Elkin's work as "excellent." "Elkin's supervisor never has to tell him what to do," Paulina said. "He's very independent. He looks around for things to do, and his boss never has to direct him, or repeat a request."

Paulina explained that Elkin quickly became comfortable with his stated job duties, those of a busperson, when he started his job last summer. His skills led to an expanded repertoire and variety in his workday.

According to Paulina, Elkin now greets and seats customers—"there are a lot of regulars who know him, and he feels good about that," she said—and makes deliveries to adjacent offices. "These were not his original responsibilities," Paulina explained, "but now the wait staff consider Elkin a full-fledged member of the team."

He continues with his original duties as well, quickly and efficiently busing and cleaning tables. The positive responses of his supervisor, co-workers and customers provide the inspiration for Elkin to continue to provide top-notch service. Paulina echoed Thea in describing Elkin's employment at Cornerstone as a perfect job match.

Elkin's placement is a shining example of the services that Arc Resources provides, which prove beneficial to served individuals, employers in the community...and patrons such as those at Cornerstone Café, who look forward to enjoying Elkin's graciousness and efficiency.



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The Arc of Monmouth's 2006 Annual Report

“Strengthening Ties to the Community”

Arc's Mission

The mission of The Arc of Monmouth is to improve the lives of persons with mental retardation and their families. This is accomplished through advocacy, services, and supports, cooperation with community partners and community education. The Arc of Monmouth also works to prevent the causes and effects of mental retardation.

Adult Services

The Adult Services department operates five adult training centers funded by the New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) and four cleaning crews. The centers and crews provide work and volunteer opportunities for served persons, as well as skill-building, social and recreational activities. This department also oversees the transportation system that brings about 350 persons to the centers and to the Work Opportunity Center each day, through contracts with Monmouth County and with a private transportation company. Centers kept their focus on strengthening ties to the community in 2006, with individuals doing volunteer work such as clutter control at local parks and delivery of Meals on Wheels; completing paid work contracted from local businesses; providing laundry services to local citizens; and taking community trips to events such as a Blue Claws baseball game and plays at the Algonquin Theater. Individuals at centers also participated in safety, socialization, music and self-advocacy groups, dental and podiatry clinics, job club, and hands-on training on computers.

Employment Services

During 2006, the Employment Services Department strengthened ties to the community by continuing its work of assisting persons with disabilities to find and maintain jobs. The department operates employment programs for people with disabilities from offices in Red Bank and Freehold, serves persons moving from welfare to work, and runs an afternoon respite program in Freehold. In FY 2006, 34

The Arc of Monmouth has operated in Monmouth County for more than fifty-seven years, beginning with a few families who joined forces in 1949 to provide an education to their children with mental retardation before such services were available to them in local schools. Services have expanded greatly since the agency's inception. People with cognitive disabilities increasingly live in the community throughout their lives, rather than in large institutions. During 2006 The Arc of Monmouth served more than 1500 community members with developmental disabilities. More than 91% of these persons had a primary disability of mental retardation. Persons with other types of developmental disabilities, including autism and cerebral palsy, were also served. The Arc of Monmouth continues to be dedicated to improving the lives of persons with mental retardation and their families. More and more we seek to have people with cognitive disabilities be connected with others in their communities and neighborhoods, in roles such as employee, volunteer, audience member, and customer. This Annual Report provides information on the activities of a busy 2006 for the organization, during which we were working to keep strengthening ties to the community.

Implementation of the board-approved Strategic Plan for the agency began in 2006, providing direction for the activities and growth of the agency through the next several years. Arc also started offering services through the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Real Life Choices (self-directed services) program. A new Technology Plan was drafted, which includes an objective of increasing the access of served individuals to computers and other technology. Advocacy on issues of importance to members of The Arc continued. During FY 2006 members of The Arc of Monmouth community were part of 47 advocacy efforts, responding to Action Alerts for e-mail, letters or calls to legislators and officials, and visiting them to discuss needs of persons with mental retardation and their families. Federal issues included funding for Supported Employment, Medicaid and transportation. State issues included the need for more funds for family support, waiting list services, employment and vocational training, and transportation services.

new persons with disabilities were assisted to achieve employment, and another 22 persons assisted to find new jobs. In addition, the Employment Resource Center helped 85 persons move from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families to a job. Employees also completed 84 Access Link/New Jersey Transit evaluations, enabling persons with disabilities to qualify for transportation assistance. The Afternoon Respite Program increased enrollment to 13 persons, who continued their involvement in community-based activities.

Health Services

2006 was a year of changes in the Health Services Department. At the start of 2006, many patients of the Ambulatory Care Center whose medications were previously covered by Medicaid were switched to Medicare Part D, and had to choose a prescription plan. A number of trainings were held for consumers, families, caretakers, and employees to prepare for this change. In many cases new prescriptions for different medications were necessary due to the formulary of the person's selected prescription plan. Arc employees handled a large volume of paperwork related to the initiation of this drug coverage. Another change came when DDD ended the Integrated Therapeutic Network (ITN) as of the end of 2005. Arc had been the local agency providing mental health services through that network. Arc is not a provider in the regionally based Community Professional Support and Training Program (CPST) that replaced the ITN. CPST is described by DDD as a service model that focuses on providing professional support and training rather than direct service delivery. Health Services continued to offer ambulatory medical care, to coordinate Mobile Dental Clinic services at various Arc programs, and to offer mental health services, including psychiatric care, psychological evaluations, therapy groups (one of three new ones focuses on substance abuse), and individual counseling. Training on several mental health topics was also offered through this department.

Dorothy B. Hersh High School

Hersh High continued its emphasis on preparing its students for the world of work after graduation, again strengthening ties to the community. More than 15 employers, including several new ones, gave job opportunities to students as part of their preparation for adulthood. School employees supervised students in part-time jobs, volunteer work, and job trials. Some students spent time at Arc's Work

Opportunity Center. Of course, academics also got attention, with reading/language skills and math skills improving by 35% and 50% respectively. The students also found time to have fun, with visits to the Algonquin and Count Basie theaters, Jenkinson's Aquarium, Sandy Hook, a Blue Claws game, and a picnic at Holmdel Park.

Social Services and Independent Living

The Social Services department serves as a resource for families and others seeking information about the service system for persons with developmental disabilities. Seven sessions of training for families on individual education plans were offered in FY 2006, and education advocacy services provided to more than 40 families. Employees documented 226 inquiries about services during the fiscal year. Many questions concerned vocational and employment services, and others requested information about residential services, education advocacy, legal resources, health care services, and other issues. Social Services also supports other Arc departments by offering training for employees on such issues as gentle teaching and obsessive-compulsive disorder. Department staff coordinated a food collection drive for Thanksgiving, serving 60 families. Staff obtained gift certificates for 12 served persons at Christmas, and collected donations for the United Way School Time Wishes Project. Transitioning students also get attention from this department, which published three issues of the Working Papers newsletter for high school students with disabilities in FY 2006, sponsored Transition Night, and made presentations at nine local schools. This department also provided job skill training through conducting Job Clubs for these students.

The Independent Living Program in this department provides supports to persons with developmental disabilities living in the community who need additional assistance to maintain their current independent lifestyle. Funded by DDD, this service assists people with money management, meal planning and cooking, securing Social Security and other benefits, getting quality health care, using transportation systems, managing personal medical care, and more. In 2006, the department helped one of its 20 served persons take a vacation, assisted another to connect with a family who invited her to ball games and other outings, and got one man involved with Literacy Volunteers to improve his reading and gain computer skills. The department truly helped people strengthen

ties to their local community.

Recreation

This department offers a great variety of leisure time opportunities for persons with disabilities, many of them in conjunction with community partners, and all involving use of community volunteers. The department offered a three-day trip to Connecticut in May 2006, with non-disabled family members pleased to be included. Two fitness classes were offered, increasing the number of persons who could be served. Young adults were offered three programs, and teen programs continued to be provided. Other trips during the year included a bus trip to New York City, vacation time in Wildwood, and a trip to a resort in Jamaica. The Circle of Friends club coordinated by the department was a part of many community service projects, including collecting toys for tots, school supplies for local families, and books for military personnel overseas. The club adopted a family through a local church at the holidays, volunteered for a planting day in Bradley Beach, and hosted an event to raise funds for the St. Luke's Food Pantry. Clearly they were strengthening ties to the community.

Residential Services

Eighty-six individuals were served in group homes, supervised apartments or supportive living during FY 2006. Eighty-seven percent (87%) of these persons were age 41 or older. Seven persons were older than age 71. This department is dealing with many of the same concerns that families face as their family member with a disability ages. Conditions including diabetes, Alzheimer's disease, and impaired mobility have increased. Dietary changes and modifications to food texture have been needed, use of wheelchairs is more prevalent, and more medical care is required. The employees of this department continue to provide high quality services despite obstacles such as open staff positions and increasing demands. All homes maintained full licenses from the state. Family members and served persons rated Arc's residential services highly on annual surveys. Many opportunities for connecting to the community were provided to persons served in homes and apartments.

Work Opportunity Center (WOC)

The Work Opportunity Center lived up to its name in 2006, helping secure community employment for six individuals, offering Job Club training to twenty-three persons, and providing twenty-two job sampling opportunities for served persons. Ninety-three percent of surveyed served individuals at WOC said they had learned a new skill there during the last year, and seventy-six percent said WOC always helps them reach their personal goals. WOC, along with Employment Services and Adult Services, worked hard to prepare for the CARF accreditation survey held in October 2006. A three-year accreditation was awarded to The Arc of Monmouth for seven of its services.

Other Important Arc Departments

Accounting continued to provide high quality financial data to Arc's board of directors, management, and funding sources.

Administrative Support employees throughout the agency maintained databases and files, typed, copied, and faxed documents, and did all the myriad tasks required to help complete all the paperwork responsibilities of an agency such as Arc.

Development raised funds for Arc programs with the assistance of hundreds of volunteers, who planned and attended the Winter Glow Ball, Golf Classic, and Step Up for The Arc Walk, and donated time to

our two thrift shops. This department also prepared agency newsletters, kept the website up to date, sent out press releases, and handled other public information duties.

Human Resources continued their extensive efforts to recruit quality employees for Arc positions, recognize achievements of current employees, and offer a wide variety of training to staff members. The Lead Agency Training staff conducted 220 pre-service training sessions for employees of 30 provider agencies in Monmouth and Ocean Counties.

Facilities Maintenance employees helped keep all Arc buildings in safe operating condition, completing many maintenance tasks themselves, and using local vendors when necessary.

ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS, MONMOUTH UNIT, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Support and revenues:				
Federal and state financial assistance	\$ 10,860,342	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,860,342
Local municipal government school board fees	1,078,184	-	-	1,078,184
County grants	394,710	-	-	394,710
United Way of Monmouth County	45,333	-	-	45,333
Donated services, materials and facilities	141,855	-	-	141,855
Contributions	253,346	27,197	-	280,543
Other governmental fees	114,441	-	-	114,441
Program revenue	1,588,117	-	-	1,588,117
Thrift shop sales	264,172	-	-	264,172
Special events revenue	403,160	-	-	403,160
Rental revenue - HUD group homes	556,732	-	-	556,732
Investment Income	361,275	-	-	361,275
Membership dues	18,976	-	-	18,976
Other revenue	11,362	-	-	11,362
Net assets released from restrictions	47,779	(47,779)	-	-
Total - support and revenues	16,139,784	(20,582)	-	16,119,202
Less: Adjustment for revenues generated by interdepartmental billings	(159,368)	-	-	(159,368)
TOTAL ADJUSTED SUPPORT AND REVENUES	15,980,416	(20,582)	-	15,959,834
Expenses:				
Program services	13,282,573	-	-	13,282,573
Support services	1,973,601	-	-	1,973,601
Total - expenses	15,256,174	-	-	15,256,174
Less: Adjustment for expenses incurred for interdepartmental services	(159,368)	-	-	(159,368)
TOTAL ADJUSTED EXPENSES	15,096,806	-	-	15,096,806
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	883,610	(20,582)	-	863,028
RECLASSIFICATION OF NET ASSETS	1,941		(1,941)	-
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	13,269,159	456,289	240,900	13,966,348
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 14,154,710	\$ 435,707	\$ 238,959	\$ 14,829,376

The statement of activities presented above has been extracted from the consolidated financial statements audited by Amper, Politziner & Mattia, PC (Certified Public Accountants and Consultants) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006 on which an unqualified opinion was expressed dated September 15, 2006. The statement of activities should be read together with the complete consolidated financial statements in order to have a better understanding of the organization's financial position and the results of its activities.

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ARC OF MONMOUTH WINTER GLOW BALL

The Arc of Monmouth held its 40th Anniversary Winter Glow Ball on Friday, December 1st at the Shore Casino in Atlantic Highlands. The evening's theme was "Celebrating our History" and celebrate they did. The room was filled with over 300 guests reminiscing about old times and traditions. Throughout the evening photos of the last 40 years flashed on video screens and a five-foot wall of photos drew the attention of patrons both old and new.

A break in the festivities was taken to honor Countess Anatole Buxhoeveden, the founder of the Winter Glow Ball in addition to past committee members, chairpersons and honorees. Current chairperson Anita Roselle of Wall Township then called her current



Countess Anatole Buxhoeveden and her daughter, Anabel

committee of tireless women to the forefront and thanked them for all of their hard work putting this special gala together. In turn the "Tuesday Group," as they are called, presented Mrs. Roselle with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and gift for her 17 years of service.

"I am truly touched to receive this. The ball wouldn't be what it is without these women," Mrs. Roselle said.

Held every year, the Winter Glow Ball is the largest fundraiser for The Arc of Monmouth. This year proceeds totaled over \$300,000 for the agency. "The Arc of Monmouth is grateful to Mrs. Roselle and her committee for all of their hard work and support," said Executive Director Mary Scott.



Dancing the night away...

Focus On ... Bergerville Group Home...

Bergerville Group Home is one of ten group homes run by The Arc of Monmouth. It opened in April of 1987 and houses six individuals, three of whom are original residents. Bergerville is a small family. Everyone enjoys each other's company, residents and staff alike.

The residents look forward to their weekly bowling league with the Mighty Monarchs as well as family visits and arts and crafts. American Idol is a favorite of everyone in the house, and they love to sing along with the contestants. When the weather permits, the group enjoys going to the boardwalk and Lakewood Blue Claws games. Each year the house hosts a



Bergerville Group Home

Family Day and a Halloween Party that is attended by other people living in group homes in the area.

There are a lot of activities planned for this year. One resident is planning a trip to Disney in May and another is looking forward to her annual camping trip where she meets up with her pen pal. Bergerville residents are also big fans of the Strand Theater in Lakewood and will be attending a musical entitled "Black Journey" celebrating Black History Month. Trips to the Keyport Fire Museum and possibly the State Police Museum are planned. In May they will go to see the Brookdale Dance Ensemble and all are interested in visiting Jenkinson's Aquarium and International Day at the PNC Bank Arts Center. It's a busy year ahead.

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The Arc of Monmouth's 9th Annual Walk

Rain or Shine

Saturday, May 19, 2007
Liberty Park II, Tinton Falls, NJ
Registration 9 a.m. Walk 10 a.m.
Food, Fun, Children's Crafts

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NEW LOCATION

In addition, Master Foods USA, makers of M&M's Chocolate Candies will be serving up the goodies .

For the last couple of years, walkers have been using personalized fundraising web pages with huge success! Through an organization called FirstGiving.com, you too can develop your very own web page and email it to your friends and family who can then sponsor you directly over the Internet. What a great way to reach out to far away family and friends! The top five fundraisers will be listed on The Arc of Monmouth's FirstGiving page. Visit www.firstgiving.com/arcofmonmouth for instructions on how to set up your page, and get started.

**For more information, a registration form or sponsorship opportunities, call the Development Department at 732-493-1919, ext 122.
We hope to see you there!**

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Save the Date

The Family Support Council #6
Annual Public Forum
& Provider Fair
Thursday, March 22, 2007
at The Children's Center
1115 Green Grove Road
Neptune, NJ
7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Topics

- ◆Real Life Choices (One year later)
- ◆Transition from High School
- ◆Monmouth & Ocean County Recreation

Meet disability service providers

*Complete the
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The Family Support Planning Council #6 holds public forums to obtain input to improve family support provided by the Division of Developmental Disabilities.

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Step Up For The Arc of Monmouth Walk May 19, 2007

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- March** 15 Membership Meeting: Guardianship Presentation by Ira M. Fingles
29 Ask The Advocate Day
- April** 6 Agency Closed for Good Friday
16 Membership Meeting: Aging in Persons With Developmental Disabilities Presentation by Lucy Esralew, Ph.D
- May** 9 Membership Meeting: Identity Theft Presentation by Dave Delaney
19 2007 *Step Up For The Arc Walk*
28 Agency Closed for Memorial Day
- June** 26 Annual Meeting: Creative Strategies for Housing Presentation by Paul Prior
- July** 4 Agency Closed for Independence Day
30 31st Annual Arc Golf Classic

For more information call 732-493-1919 or go to www.arcofmonmouth.org.

March is Arc Awareness Month

Throughout the month of March, The Arc of Monmouth joins 20 chapters of The Arc around the state in a media and public awareness campaign aimed at bringing attention to issues concerning people with developmental disabilities and their families for the 28th consecutive year! Look around the county for displays at local libraries. March has been declared Arc Awareness Month for the year 2007 in Tinton Falls by a Proclamation read by the Mayor at the February 7 Public Council Meeting.



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