



The Arc Advocate Newsletter April 2021 Edition

Helping Extraordinary People Lead Extraordinary Lives
Advocacy & Programs
for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)

EMPOWERMENT...INNOVATION...INCLUSION



LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

Dear Arc of Greensboro Community,

As most of you are aware, Craig Lloyd resigned from his position as Executive Director effective March 19th. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Craig for his service to The Arc of Greensboro. Craig successfully led the organization through the COVID-19 pandemic and we wish him well in the future.

I am pleased to announce Bridget Watson has been named the Interim Executive Director, effective immediately. Bridget is a highly-skilled professional with 28 years of experience working with children and adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Bridget has served as the Vocational and Community Navigator Director for The Arc of Greensboro for 12 years. In this role, Bridget supervises the day-to-day activities of The Arc's Supported Employment and Community Navigator staff as they assist clients and families with on-the-job support, advocacy, resources, and public

awareness. Additionally, Bridget ensures collaborative efforts with Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Sandhills Center, United Way, Grantors, and other community partners.

The Arc of Greensboro is fortunate to have such a knowledgeable and capable internal leader guide our organization in this time of transition. Please welcome Bridget warmly as she takes on this new role.

The Board has retained a search firm to help us identify a permanent leader. We anticipate the search taking 4-5 months and will keep the membership informed as we complete this process.

Warm regards,

Robert Hickling
President of the Board
The Arc of Greensboro

SAVE-THE-DATE

5-18-2021

ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS

We are currently accepting awards nominations. If you know someone who deserves recognition in our community for any of the following characteristics, we want to hear from you! See form below...



THE ARC OF GREENSBORO, INC.

2021 Awards Nomination Form

The Arc of Greensboro has an annual opportunity to acknowledge outstanding contributions made by individuals or groups on behalf of children and adults with intellectual and related developmental delays.

The categories of awards listed below are definitive of persons or groups who have enhanced the quality of life, services and programs for individuals with intellectual and related developmental delays. The Arc Awards Committee will review each nomination very carefully. The Arc award winners will also be nominated on the state level. The Arc/NC award winners will in turn be nominated for national recognition.

Please review each award category carefully and submit, using the nomination form on the reverse side of this flyer, your choice for a candidate(s). Please feel free to submit more than one nomination.

The Arc Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021

AWARD CATEGORIES

The Marina Wilder Award for Distinguished Service - To honor an individual or organization that has contributed, in a distinguished manner, to the promotion of rights of and/or services to North Carolina citizens with developmental disabilities.

Employer of the Year - To recognize employers having exceptional records of providing inclusive competitive employment opportunities for people with developmental disabilities.

Distinguished Educator Award - To recognize an educator (special or general education, preschool, K-12, private or charter, or higher education educator) who has demonstrated excellence in teaching students with developmental disabilities, working in or toward more inclusive education.

Volunteer of the Year - To recognize a volunteer who has given generously of time and talents to accomplish the mission of The Arc.

Sibling Award - To recognize the sibling (adult or child) of a person with I/DD whose actions and efforts at home and in the community, have made a positive impact on that sibling and his/her family.

Ruth Edwards Award, Direct Support Professional Award - To recognize extraordinary commitment by an individual employed to provide direct support, or service, to a person/people with developmental disabilities. This award honors a person whose support fosters growth, independence, community inclusion and dignity.

Consumer of the Year Award - To honor an individual with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities who is an achieving integrated member of his or her community.

Victor Hall Leadership Award - To recognize leaders in the self-advocacy arena, The Arc of Greensboro is requesting nominations of outstanding leaders in the self-advocacy field. We are looking for people who are actively advocating, organizing, collaborating and/or working to increase the voice and power of people with disabilities.

I/DD Professional Award - To recognize an individual employed in community developmental disabilities services or supports (mid-level manager, QP, for example) who has demonstrated sensitivity and the ability to provide outstanding support which results in increased independence for people with developmental disabilities.



April Meeting

Our April meeting will be taking place on April 27th at 5:30pm. Invites will be mailed out, stay tuned!



arcBARKS will be attending "UNITE" on April 18th from 2-4pm. This event is hosted by Family Support Network of Central Carolina. This year, they're hosting a social-distant version of the event with a drive-thru! The event will be in downtown Greensboro on N. Davie Street between Center City Park and LeBauer Park. Come see us!

UNITE DOWNTOWN GREENSBORO

Understanding Needs of Inclusion Takes Everyone

SUNDAY APRIL 18 | 2-4 PM
DRIVE-THRU



UNITE Downtown Greensboro is a day for our community to come together to celebrate the inclusion of people with special needs, as well as showcase the many programs provided by local non-profits and the City of Greensboro serving individuals with special needs and their families.



Our new retail locations added in March are:

- Herban Botonicals Apothecary - Stuart, FL
- The Great Gift Box - Slate Hill, NY
- Embrace Your Grace Boutique - Richlands, NC
- Wish Upon A Monogram - Columbus, GA
- The Shack Local Mercantile - Leonia, NJ
- Burnette Farms Market - Pelham, AL

Thank you all for supporting, arcBARKS!



BAKER OF THE MONTH

Our Baker spotlight for April is Seth Dickinson, Seth loves making our mini size treats and he is a PRO! Seth is always eager to help a fellow baker and will oftentimes bring dough to his good buddy Jordan. His favorite task at arcBARKS is operating our oven, and he loves it even more now that we finally have our **brand-new oven** installed and operating!

Shop arcBARKS Dog Treats
Online

Community Navigator Resources



APRIL RESOURCES

- [Summer Camp 2021 Directory](#)
- [Day Trip Ideas for Triad Families](#)
- [Discover Greensboro Summer 2021 Edition](#)
- [Parks Passport - Greensboro Parks and Rec](#)
- [iCanShine-iCan-Swim-Greensboro](#)
- [UNITE Downtown Greensboro/ * Drive-Thru
4/18/21](#)
- [National Parks Access Disability Pass/ Free *
Triad pick up location: Guilford Courthouse
National Military Park](#)
- [Vaccines/find-your-spot-take-your-shot
Covid19.NCDHHS Information](#)
- [NC Gov. Cooper: Gov. Cooper Announces North
Carolina Will Relax Some COVID-19
Restrictions](#)



[Click here for information about the Disability Policy Seminar!](#)

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT



This month we would like to recognize a successful employment hire and his story! Shalom is a senior at Page High School. Shalom was hired by NC A&T in Williams Dining hall as a utility worker. Shalom is dedicated and a fast learner. Shalom was able to quickly grasp the concept of the job and scheduled tasks. Shalom has received several compliments from his coworkers on how well he is doing as a new employee. The job hours are flexible which is a perfect match for Shalom as a student. Shalom manages to maintain good grades in school along with working several hours a week. Shalom plans to continue to work hard and sustain his independence.

SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH

CONSUMER OF THE MONTH

Daniella

Daniella transitioned from Project SEARCH to job development. Since then, Daniella has been hired by Harmony at Greensboro.

PARTNER OF THE MONTH

Woodmen Life Impact

The Arc would like to recognize The Woodmen Life Impact fundraising platform, as our spotlight partner agency of the month, for allowing arcBARKS

Daniella has been experiencing cross training from dishwasher to a server in the dining room. Daniella has shown tremendous growth from her work skills to communication skills with job coaches. Daniella's supervisor reports that Daniella is a fast learner. Daniella reports to work on time as scheduled. Daniella has also been described as easy to work with and reliable. Daniella has learned to work independently in the dish room and enjoys making her own money. Daniella was able to purchase a new cell phone this month with the money she earned at Harmony. Way to go Daniella!

the impactful opportunity to raise enough money to get a NEW OVEN for baking ALL those doggie treats! This new oven is giving the chefs at arcBARKS a more efficient and more enjoyable baking experience while at work! We would also like to extend our gratitude and a job well done to our Graduate Assistant, Maddie Ward, for being so instrumental in getting this successful fundraiser set up and rolling. There are many others of you we thank from the bottom of our hearts. We could not have done it without you all!



Donate to The Arc of Greensboro Today!

"If we are to achieve a richer culture, we must weave one in which each diverse human gift will find a fitting place." Margaret Meade



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