



**THE PYRAMID**



**Annual Meeting Board of Directors Election**  
**May 11, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.**

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | President: TBD (2021-2023)        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Vice President: TBD (2021-2023) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Director: Linda Junod (2021-2023) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Director: TBD (2021-2023)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Director: TBD (2021-2023)         | <input type="checkbox"/> | Director: TBD (2021-2023)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Director: TBD (2021-2023)         |                          |                                 |

Nominations from the floor: \_\_\_\_\_

*Nominations from the floor will be accepted before the election. The person nominated has to be present and accept the nomination.*

**WE NEED YOU!**



Please renew your membership to the Arc Downriver. Your membership keeps our Advocacy programs and services available to those in need.

Please see pages 4 & 5 for member's that have an expired date. The organization really does rely on it's members during trying times like these to keep the organization running. Please renew as soon as possible!  
*Thank you!*

*Fill out the membership form on page 10 in the newsletter, include your payment and mail it to The Arc Downriver Office, 1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192. You can also call the office, leave a message to pay over the phone or on our website at [www.downriverarc.org](http://www.downriverarc.org).*

# Mission Statement

To advocate for individuals with intellectual and/or developmentally disabilities, have cognitive impairments and their families by promoting choices, creating opportunities, and providing support needed to *fully participate* in the community.

**The Arc Downriver**  
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**Office Hours:**

*Please call before coming to the office to make sure that someone is at the office to assist you, thank you!!*

## The Arc Downriver Board of Directors

### OFFICERS

President: Dennis Glinski  
Treasurer: Kevin Martin  
Secretary: Carla March

### DIRECTORS 2019-2021

Mike Herbst/ Terey DeLisle /  
Beverly Witchelhouse /  
Linda Junod / Gerald Morello

### DIRECTORS 2020 - 2022

Rozi Keller / Tom Moody/ Jerry Swindle

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Kevin McGuckin

Proudly serving children and adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities since 1954.

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If your name is missing from the birthday list, it may be because you may not have given us the information. If you wish to be on the list, contact the office at 734-283-0710.

# May Birthdays

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



### **Advocates:**

Working to fulfill the mission in accordance with the Arc of the United States, advocating for individuals who are intellectual developmentally disabilities and/or cognitively impaired and their families by promoting choices, creating opportunities and providing support needed to fully participate in the community.

Kenneth Beard III  
Jeffrey Bertolino  
Noah Clarke  
Joseph Doherty  
Chaz Douglas  
Cameron Galindo  
Linda Harter  
Tim Luciani Jr.  
Danielle Mayville  
Isabella McManus  
Tyreece Perkins  
Ryan Pluchino  
Christine Robb  
Mark Tabor  
Dawn Zagorski  
Chris Zaguroli

Serving eighteen communities in the Downriver area for 65 years:  
Allen Park, Brownstown Township, Ecorse, Flat Rock, Gibraltar,  
Grosse Ile, Lincoln Park, Melvindale, New Boston, River Rouge,  
Riverview, Rockwood, Romulus, Southgate, Taylor, Trenton,  
Woodhaven and Wyandotte.

# President's Report

By Dennis Glinski,  
President Board of Directors

As announced back in March, I will step down as President of the Arc Downriver effective at the end of my current term on June 30, 2021. It has been a wonderful experience serving in this capacity over the last 2 years. I will continue to support the Arc Downriver through continued membership, coaching sports, and with fundraising efforts.

With my exit, along with several other departures of long-time board members, its time for a new generation of parents, guardians, and supporters to step up to the plate. While this will be a time of transition, several people in key positions will remain, including Beth running the day-to-day operations and office, Treasurer Kevin, Secretary Carla, and Directors Rozi, Linda and Tom. Our Advocacy team remains in place, and I will fully support the transition as well.

## **Four (4) Board of Director positions and the role of President will be open, with no candidates currently identified.**

The election will take place at the Board meeting on May 11, 2021. Time commitments for BODs can be as little as 5 hours per year (attending the BOD meetings).


Please strongly consider a two-year term as a member of the Arc Downriver Board of Directors. This will ensure that your voice is heard, that you understand what it takes to run the organization, that you can advocate for the needs of the clients & athletes, and can help guide the Arc Downriver towards the future.

Contact the Arc office, current board members, or myself to answer any questions you may have on the open positions.

Regards,

Dennis Glinski

Terey Delisle from the STEP Program honored Dennis, our Board President, with this very "large" check last week. STEP was able to donate \$750.00 from all the patrons that shopped their store in March and April. Absolutely amazing!!

"*THANK YOU*" to STEP and all who shopped at the STEP Thrift Store to help raise money for the Arc Downriver!! We can't do what we do with out people like you! 



## ***A Friendly Reminder:***

If you see your name on the list below —  
**PLEASE RENEW, Thank you!!**

Jackie	Abler	10/31/2020	William	Galloway	10/31/2020
Sheri	Alley	5/31/2020	Kimberly	Garner	7/31/2020
John	Atanosian	7/31/2020	Spencer	Garner	8/31/2020
Dave	Barbarich	2/28/2020	Charlotte	Girard	8/31/2020
Debbie	Bardoni	11/30/2020	Cindy	Gourlay	1/31/2021
Patricia	Barrett	1/31/2020	Douglas	Gourlay	1/31/2021
Mickaela	Bartel	2/28/2021	Jason	Gray	1/31/2021
Barbara	Bator	5/31/2020	DeAngelo	Green	5/31/2020
Theresa	Beard	8/31/2020	Christopher	Gregory	1/31/2021
Carrie	Belcher	3/31/2020	Carlos	Gutierrez	1/31/2020
Rebecca	Benavides	1/31/2021	Emilia	Guzman	9/30/2020
Jeffrey	Bertolino	5/31/2020	Trevor	Hamm	10/31/2020
W. Raymond	Bice	9/30/2020	Helene	Harbison	5/31/2020
Kathleen	Bode	1/31/2021	Brittany	Harris	6/30/2020
Howard	Bodenmiller	2/28/2021	LeeAnn	Heasley	7/24/2020
Jirard	Bond	1/31/2021	Paul	Hengesbaugh	6/30/2020
Johnathon	Britt	3/31/2020	Jeffrey	Hoehner	4/30/2020
Robin Ann	Brunke	10/31/2020	Drew	Holewinski	12/31/2020
James	Buber	2/28/2021	Carnell	Holliman	1/31/2021
Kerri	Buhay	8/31/2020	Richard	Holloway	7/31/2020
Brian	Charboneau	3/31/2021	Sheri	Holt	11/30/2020
Thomas	Chenette	5/31/2020	Cheyenne	Horton	9/30/2020
Mary	Chiham	4/30/2020	Sheena	Howard	3/31/2020
Patricia	Ciullo	1/31/2021	Da'Avion	Humphrey	3/31/2020
Kara	Clarke	12/31/2020	Jessica	Hutchison	4/30/2021
Nancy	Cochren	11/30/2020	John	Hyatt	7/31/2020
Porcia	Coleman	7/31/2020	Stephanie	Jackson	12/31/2020
Kevin	Conaway	8/31/2020	Carla	Janiga	3/31/2021
Timothy	Cooke	10/31/2020	Mary	Jarvis	9/30/2020
Lauren	Coulter	4/30/2020	Brenda	Jejina	4/30/2021
Patricia	Csatari	1/31/2021	Crystal	Jennings	6/30/2020
Dennis	Cullinan	11/30/2020	Emmanual	Jimmenez	7/31/2020
Michael	Curren	11/30/2020	April	Jordan	10/31/2020
Sophie	Daigle	3/31/2021	Glen	Justice	10/31/2020
April	Davey	7/31/2020	Joseph	Keller	5/31/2020
Pamela	Dibble	7/9/2020	Rosemary	Keller	5/31/2020
Chaz	Douglas	9/30/2020	Gordon	Kerr	12/31/2020
Amy	Douglas	10/31/2020	Dave	Klotz	8/31/2020
Natalie	Egler	7/31/2020	Dennis	Kotlarek	9/30/2020
Walid	Elmokdad	11/30/2020	Darin	Kowalewski	8/31/2020
Desiree	Estrada	3/31/2021	Fritz	Krueger	6/30/2020
Sarah	Felty	10/31/2020	Robert	Labadie	5/31/2020
Janice	Finley	9/30/2020	Maria	Ligenza	7/31/2020
Deborah	Galinac	2/28/2021	Dino	Lividini	3/31/2020
Cameron	Galindo	11/30/2020	Carly	Lobbestael	4/30/2020
George	Gallagher	4/30/2021			



## ***A Friendly Reminder:***

**If you see your name or know someone on the list below – PLEASE RENEW, *Thank you!!***

Tim	Luciani Jr.	8/31/2020
Karen	Lucy	5/31/2020
Pedro	Lugo	4/30/2020
Miriam	Malonga	6/30/2020
Vito	Manzari	11/30/2020
Delia	Martin	4/30/2020
Jessica	Martin	3/31/2021
Tristan	Mazglad	3/31/2020
Joshua	McCarrall	11/30/2020
Dave	McFarlane	2/28/2021
Edna	McKeen-Grimm	1/31/2021
Isabella	McManus	3/31/2021
Shirley	Mead	2/28/2021
Mary	Meyers/Schaufler	5/31/2020
Jake	Montgomery	10/31/2020
Patricia	Montgomery	1/31/2021
Jerry	Nantais	7/30/2020
Karen	Nicksich	10/31/2020
Angie	Palazzolo	10/31/2020
Kathleen	Paulbeck	9/30/2020
Mark	Perez	7/31/2020
Tyreece	Perkins	3/31/2020
Tamra	Perkins	1/31/2021
Joseph	Piasecki	11/30/2020
Ryan	Pluchino	7/31/2020
Teresa	Podbielski	10/31/2020
Mark	Proctor	11/30/2020
Brian	Pullum	10/31/2020
Ellen	Rees	8/31/2020
Shane	Rickard	1/31/2021
Eda	Risk	5/31/2020
Matthew	Rogers	4/30/2020
Tessann	Rondeau	1/31/2021
Dominic	Rosati	2/28/2021
Elinore	Rose	7/31/2020
John	Sabat	6/30/2020
Amanda	Salinas	3/31/2020
Rebecca	Salinas	10/31/2020
Sandra	Samuels	1/31/2021
Kelly	Sass	11/30/2020
Ben	Scheinfeld	9/30/2020
Theresa	Sisco	3/31/2020
Kyle	Springstead	8/31/2020
Thomas	Stone	4/30/2020
Robert	StoneBraker	5/31/2020
Colin	Straub	3/31/2021
Daniel	Swisz	1/31/2021

Brenda	Szubeczak	2/28/2021
Mark	Tabor	4/30/2020
Christina	Taeckens	4/30/2020
Nicholas	Tamsen	7/31/2020
Chyann	Teagle	10/31/2020
Gloria	Thompson	5/31/2020
Shelby	Thompson	10/31/2020
Edward	Tilk	4/30/2021
Anna	Trionfi	1/31/2021
Frank	Vargo	1/31/2020
Susan	Votry	3/31/2020
Dennis	Weber	1/31/2020
Dennis	Whalen	10/31/2020
Justin	Wicker	10/31/2020
Jacquelyn	Williams	9/30/2020
David	Wood	8/31/2020
Larry	Woody	11/30/2020
Michelle	Workman	5/31/2020
Brenda	Yates	8/31/2020
Dawn	Zagorski	3/31/2021
Chris	Zaguroli	5/31/2020

### **Expired Organizations:**

<b>22nd Street Home</b>	<b>8/31/20</b>
<b>Anderson Home</b>	<b>1/31/20</b>
<b>Blair/Markell Home</b>	<b>5/31/20</b>
<b>Buchanan Manor</b>	<b>10/31/20</b>
<b>Cascade Home</b>	<b>1/31/20</b>
<b>Concord Home</b>	<b>9/30/20</b>
<b>Dawnshire Home</b>	<b>1/31/20</b>
<b>Farley Home</b>	<b>8/31/20</b>
<b>JJC Home</b>	<b>11/30/20</b>
<b>Keller, Wallace &amp; Bush Home</b>	<b>6/30/20</b>
<b>K.S. Home</b>	<b>10/31/20</b>
<b>Lake Home</b>	<b>1/31/20</b>
<b>Ranch Extended</b>	<b>4/30/20</b>
<b>Royal Circle</b>	<b>10/31/20</b>
<b>Strang/Reabe Home</b>	<b>9/30/20</b>
<b>True Dreams</b>	<b>7/10/20</b>
<b>Washington Group Home</b>	<b>7/31/20</b>
<b>Weddel Home</b>	<b>5/31/20</b>

## Memorial Information

We were informed today that **Regina “Jeannie” Roswell** passed away on Wednesday, April 7th, 2021 due to breathing complications. Jeannie lived a happy life. She was 90 1/2 years old when she passed. Jeannie was a member of the Arc Downriver since 2012. She resided at the Leroy House in Taylor. Jeannie loved Monday bowling, our dances and social activities. She had never ending energy. Jeannie will be missed.

Her family has asked that if you would like to donate to the Arc Downriver in her name Jeannie would really enjoy that. May she rest in peace!



*Memorial Donations In Memory of  
Patricia Ann Izzo-Kulczycki given by the following:*

**Carhartt, Inc.  
George & Charleen Beard  
Stan Kulczycki  
Donna Mlostek  
Doris Micheal  
Katherine Kamprath  
David & Anita Kasper  
Nancy Wietchy  
Elaine Redmond  
Deborah Helton**



## Donations Made to The Arc Downriver By:

**Alfieri Family  
Deborah Brown  
Deb Burry  
Clara Mae Franzen  
Cynthia Hetter  
The STEP Program**

**Generosity**  
changes everything

Thank You!  
😊





The State Special Olympics has raised \$550,000 from their Virtual Polar Plunge. We hoped some of you might have joined in on this fun event and you did. Our Spotlight this month is on Amy Litwinski!



We want to **THANK**  
**Amy Litwinski** for  
raising \$845.00 during  
the Virtual Polar Plunge.  
**Just amazing!!**  
**Hope you had fun!**

## **SPORTS PROGRAM INFORMATION**

The Downriver Arc will **NOT** be attending State Summer Games this year. This year, the games would only be for 1 day and the delegations would be for 25 people only, which would include athletes, coaches and chaperones. There are no buses or large vans allowed this year so transportation would be a problem.

We are looking forward to Summer Games 2022.

State Special Olympics is looking ahead to Fall Games and beyond. Sports mentioned are softball, soccer, golf, bowling and basketball. We will keep you updated when we hear something.

**The NEW required Special Olympic Physical Form is on our webpage. If you have an email the Athletic form can be filled out on line.**

**You can also go to [somi.org](http://somi.org), then click on the tab "Get Involved". Under that tab "Become an Athlete", follow it down and it will bring you to the online Physical form to be filled out on line.**

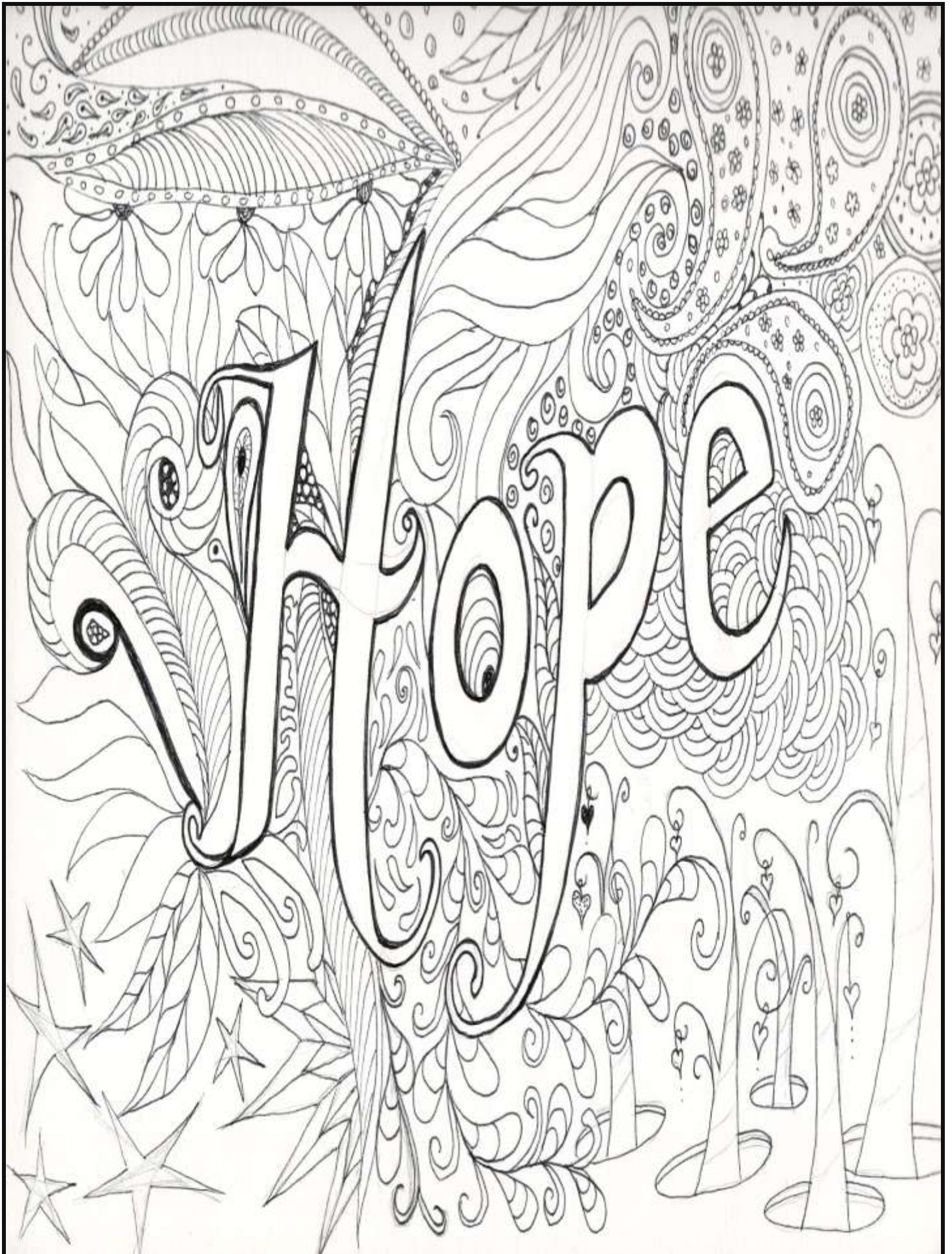
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Our 2019-2020 bowling banquet is scheduled for September 21, 2021, at Crystal Gardens in Southgate. Doors will open at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. Please sign up at the Arc Office. Bowlers are free and each guest is \$14.00. Be on the lookout for any news that will come out on either email or Facebook.

Stay Safe,

Mike Herbst

**Watch for more information on our Face Book Page.** Our page can be located at **TheArcDownriverOFFICIAL**. Please **LIKE** our page when you visit. You can also find updated information on our website at **[www.downriverarc.org](http://www.downriverarc.org)**.





**SUPPORT US  
THROUGH**



## **KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM - EVERY PURCHASE COUNTS!!**

The Arc Downriver is enrolled in the Community Rewards Program at Kroger. You can enroll using your Kroger Plus card following the steps below: If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, stop by the customer service desk at Kroger to get one before proceeding with the enrollment process.

- Register online at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com).
- Click on Sign In/Register and click on Sign Up Today in the New Customer box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address, creating a password, and agreeing to the terms and conditions.
- You will get a message to check your email account. Click on the link in the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter the NSP number for The Arc Downriver (**EL661**), select organization from the list, and click on to confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.

### **REMEMBER:**

- Purchases will not count for The Arc Downriver until you register your card.
- If you lost your Kroger Plus card and just use your phone number when checking out in the store, please call 877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- You must swipe your Kroger Plus card or use the phone number associated to that card when shopping for each purchase to count.



**The Advocates at The Arc Downriver** would really like to offer presentations and trainings to self-advocates, family members, education staff, agency staff and community members, but we simply do not have the funds to do so. The trainings/presentations would be on topics that relate to education (IEPs, suspensions, behavior interventions, etc.), independent living (how to obtain housing, recreation, access community supports, etc.), health issues (CPR Training, seizure training, etc.) and more! Lori, Linda and Kara would love to be able to share some of their knowledge, answer your questions and provide support.

**Please consider donating!** If you would like to support this endeavor through a donation, please write **for ADVOCACY Trainings** in the memo line of your check and mail it to: The Arc Downriver, 1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192. *Thank You!*

We could use another voice...yours. Please decide to help others. Join the Arc movement.

**\_\_\_\_NEW MEMBERSHIP OR \_\_\_\_RENEWAL APPLICATION**

Type of Membership (check one): \_\_\_\_ Individual \_\_\_\_ Family \_\_\_\_ Group Home

**INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP — Please fill out this section**

First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Participant's Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one of the following boxes:

Self-Advocate

Professional in the Field of Developmental Disabilities

Self-Determination Home

Parent/Relative of Person with Developmental Disabilities

**GROUP HOMES — Please fill out this section.**

Group Home Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Group Home Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Residents \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the group home residents below along with their birthday. Use an additional page if needed.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Fee (\$30 for individual, family, or group home) – **non-refundable**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Donation

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed

Arc Downriver  
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# May 2021

**PLEASE NOTE:** Photos and/or video may be taken at all of the Arc Downriver sponsored events (sports, art, etc.).  
 These images may be used in print and/or electronic media.  
 IF you would prefer that your image NOT be used, please contact the Arc Downriver office.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192 (734) 283-0710 arcriver@sbcglobal.net  <b>PLEASE CALL BEFORE            COMING            TO THE OFFICE.</b>				1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 	10	11 <b>Virtual            Membership            Meeting            Board of            Directors            Elections            5:30 pm</b>	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 					

**\*Participants in Adventure Club, Art at the Arc and the dances  
 MUST be current Arc Downriver members, have a signed Consumer Activity Policy on file, and  
 have a current Emergency Card on file. If you have not updated your Emergency Card lately,  
 renewed your membership or signed the new Consumer Activity Policy, please see the staff.**

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United Way  
Community Services

Occupant or



## **DATES TO REMEMEBER:**

- **Bowling Banquet Rescheduled for Tuesday, September 21, 2021.**

**Below are a few ways  
you can support us with  
very little effort:**

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Help us every time you shop Amazon. Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select 'Arc Downriver' as your charity of choice.



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TheArcDownriverOFFICIAL](https://www.facebook.com/TheArcDownriverOFFICIAL)