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THE PYRAMID



Congratulations to the Arc Downriver **“Stingrays”**. They won the “Gold Medal” at the Softball State Tournament.



Congratulations to the Arc Downriver **“Marlins”**. They won the “Bronze Medal” at the Softball State Tournament.



The Arc Downriver invites YOU to attend...

“A Holiday Concert”

performance by

“The Downriver Community Band”

Date: Friday, December 10, 2020

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Christ The King Lutheran Church, Southgate

This is a *FREE* concert for Arc Downriver members and guests. Please come and enjoy this wonderful fun filled performance by *“The Downriver Community Band.”*

The Concert is sponsored by Michigan Memorial Funeral Home.

See page 4 for more information.

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.

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Office Hours:
Monday -Thursday
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Friday Closed

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

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

Affiliated with The Arc of the U.S. and The Arc of Michigan.

A member agency of



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.

November Birthdays



Rebecca Belcher

Scott Berbynuk

Robin Brunke

Pamela Dibble

Santina Dionisi

Tommy Herbst

David Icenogle

Kimberly McKeen-Grimm

Lisa McQuade

Sarah Rosiak

Tricia Sabat

Adam Schaufler

Frank Webb

Joshua Wood

Vickie Yates

The Arc Downriver Board of Directors

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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.

Serving eighteen communities in the Downriver area for 65 years:
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 Riverview, Rockwood, Romulus, Southgate, Taylor, Trenton,
 Woodhaven and Wyandotte.



B.O.D News

By Linda Junod,
Vice President Board of Directors

Hello members!

- Things are finally starting to open up! Art in the Arc is now in full swing; however, we are still with a limited number being able to attend due to distancing for COVID.
- Our dance program will start up on Saturday, November 20th. Debbie Galinac has stepped up to coordinate the dance program.
Thank you, Debbie!
- Be on the lookout for more on the Adventure Club. We will open as soon as we have staff to run it.
- Our Christmas concert is on December 10, 2021, see page 4 of this newsletter.
- Please put our Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on your calendar for April 24, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Hope to see you there to support our programs.

You can keep track of any sports and other news that may be coming out by viewing our Facebook page frequently.



Donations In October from:

The Reed Family

Thank You!

The Straub Family

The Arc Downriver depends upon your continued support!



The Board of Directors and staff Thank all who have been so generous with your donations, time given and support of everything that is offered through The Arc Downriver!



You're Invited To...
"A Holiday Concert"

Performance by
"The Downriver Community Band"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Date: Friday, December 10th, 2021
Time: 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)
Location: Christ The King Lutheran Church
15600 Trenton Road
Southgate, MI 48195

◆ Refreshments will be provided by:

◆ 50/50 raffle will be held



This is a free concert for The Arc Downriver members and guests, group homes, and anyone else that wishes to attend this wonderful performance by "The Downriver Community Band".

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!



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 and Linda would *love* to be able to share some of their knowledge, answer your questions and provide support.

Welcome to the new Advocate Corner.

LET'S HAVE A CONVERSATION FOR YOUR FUTURE.



So last month we talked about getting the State ID and Power of Attorney. This month, let's talk about signing up for Social Security. If you have already done this, Congratulations! If not, let's work on it. Pack your patience and leave plenty of time to gather the information before you go online to apply or set up an appointment with the Social Security Administration. *If applying on line, you can save the document and go back as many times as you need to in order to complete it.*

- You can sign up for Social Security for your adult with a disability on line.
- Go to the ssa.gov website (scroll all the way to the bottom of the website to the small print that has Benefits, Resources, and Agency) STEPS:
 - Benefits
 - Disability
 - * Basics about Disability Benefits
 - * Information you need to Apply
 - * **Adult Disability Checklist** (find this in the body of the “Information you need to apply”)
 - Documents you need to provide
 - Apply for Benefits Online
- Before you begin the process, you will need specific information to fill out the application. There is an **Adult Disability Checklist** with the items you will need on the ssa.gov website. Print this out so you have the correct info you need and it will make your job much easier. **You will need a State ID and a Social Security Card. Don't begin this process without it.**
- If you would prefer to meet with someone in person, contact the Social Security Administration near you and they can help you to navigate this. You will need to set up an appointment with your local Social Security Administration office and you can find this number from the ssa.gov website. Make sure to take the person you are trying to get signed up with you to your appointment.
- If the person with the disability is working, the Social Security Administration will work with you to understand how collecting Social Security may affect them. **You can work and collect Social Security at the same time!**
- Note that if you choose to fill out the application on line, the application can be saved so you don't have to fill it out all at one time. You can go back to the secured site as many times as you need to in order to complete the application.
- Many of the questions you may have can be answered on the ssa.gov website. Take a few minutes to browse the site before starting the process.



**Our Dance Program will be starting back up on
Saturday, November 20th, 2021.
So get ready to Boogie!**

Debbie Galinac has graciously volunteered to head up the Dance Program for our members enjoyment! She and other volunteers will be there to share in the fun!

If you would like to purchase pizza, there will be a \$2.00 fee at the door.

You **MUST** be a member to attend. If your membership has expired, please contact the office at 734-283-0710 or go to our website at downriverarc.org to fill out the form and pay on line.

The program runs from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Arkay Building on Eureka Road.

**Please call the office to reserve your spot!
We will have to limit the amount of members, so do not delay!**

Please Help The Arc Downriver Achieve for the future of our Members

To help us reduce expenses and meet our Organization's mission we are in need of the items listed below. Should you have any of these items that are new (or in good condition/like new) and would like to donate them to our organization, please drop off at The Arc Downriver at 1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192 or contact the office at (734) 283-0710. With your donation and continued support of any item on this list, you are helping us fulfill our mission of providing programs, services and advocacy for people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities:

Items for Fundraising:

Fundraising is our main source of income for our organization so any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

- Tickets to Sporting Events
- Tickets to Entertainment/Cultural Events
- Collectibles
- Sports Memorabilia
- Gift Cards
- Money



Art Supplies:

- Bottled Water
- Craft Supplies (construction paper, glue, beads, markers, crayons, etc.)
- Gift Cards for Craft Supply Stores
- Glue Guns and Glue Sticks
- Plastic cups
- Water Based Paint

Art at the Arc News



ATTENTION PARTICIPANTS!

Please bring and wear your own mask while you are in the Arkay Building during all activities. We will also be following the CDC Guide Lines for Social Distancing.

Art at the Arc



Art at the Arc is a therapeutic acrylic painting class. The 4-week sessions takes place during Adventure Club hours (5:30-7:00 pm) and is taught by *Elroy Grandy*, one of Downriver's finest artists.

If you have an interest in art and enjoy working with students, **WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS** to come to the Arkay Building on Wednesday nights from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Please call the office at 734-283-0710.

If you have used greeting cards or Magazines with artistic pictures in them at home, you can drop them off at the office or bring them with you to class.

**Artist's please note that the first Wednesday of each month begins a new art session. Please pay by the end of each session so that we may plan accordingly as classes fill up quickly. You may pay at the Arc Downriver office or during Art at The Arc.*

The Art Class for **November** are full. Please do not go to the Arkay building if you have not already been contacted. **You MUST have an up to date Membership to participate.**

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

Due to a number of current art students enrolled in the Art at the Arc Program, we are unable to accommodate new students at this time. Hopefully, in the near future we may be able to accommodate new enrollees. In the meantime, we recommend anyone interested call the office to be placed on a waiting list for January. This will be on a first come basis by call in date. Thank you!

** Artwork completed throughout the year will be displayed when we have the Opening Reception for the Art at the Arc Exhibit.*

Adventure Club News

Unfortunately, we will NOT be able to open the Adventure Club at this time due to not having staff and/or the volunteers required to run the program.

Keep a look out for more information on our Facebook page (TheArcDownriverOFFICIAL).

A Friendly Reminder:

If you see your name or a friends name on the list below —
PLEASE RENEW to be able to participate, *Thank you!!*

Please note that your Membership is required and must be up to date to participate in the following: Adventure Club, Dances, Sports, the Arc Downriver events, Art at the Arc or receive your requested mailed newsletter.

Jackie	Abler	10/31/2020	Charlotte	Girard	8/31/2020
Sheri	Alley	5/31/2020	Dennis	Glinski	9/30/2021
Dave	Barbarich	2/28/2020	Douglas	Gourlay	1/31/2021
Debbie	Bardoni	11/30/2020	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
David	Beard	8/31/2021	Trevor	Hamm	10/31/2020
Carrie	Belcher	3/31/2020	Helene	Harbison	5/31/2020
Rebecca	Benavides	1/31/2021	Brittany	Harris	6/30/2020
Jeffrey	Bertolino	5/31/2020	Patti	Heitchue	8/31/2021
Johnathon	Britt	3/31/2020	Paul	Hengesbaugh	6/30/2020
Kerri	Buhay	8/31/2020	Drew	Holewinski	12/31/2020
Brian	Charboneau	3/31/2021	Carnell	Holliman	1/31/2021
Thomas	Chenette	5/31/2020	Richard	Holloway	7/31/2020
Mary	Chiham	4/30/2020	Sheri	Holt	11/30/2020
Patricia	Ciullo	1/31/2021	Ben	Honeycutt	12/31/2019
Kara	Clarke	12/31/2020	Sheena	Howard	3/31/2020
Nancy	Cochren	11/30/2020	Johnny	Huebner	9/30/2021
Marguerite	Coleman	6/30/2020	Da'Avion	Humphrey	3/31/2020
Timothy	Cooke	10/31/2020	Jessica	Hutchison	4/30/2021
Lauren	Coulter	4/30/2020	John	Hyatt	7/31/2020
Patricia	Csatari	1/31/2021	Stephanie	Jackson	12/31/2020
Michael	Curren	11/30/2020	Emmanual	Jimmenez	7/31/2020
Sophie	Daigle	3/31/2021	Gordon	Kerr	12/31/2020
April	Davey	7/31/2020	Dave	Klotz	8/31/2020
Terey	DeLisle	7/31/2021	Darin	Kowalewski	8/31/2021
Pamela	Dibble	7/31/2020	Jarret	Kronell-Becker	6/30/2021
Amy	Douglas	10/31/2020	Fritz	Krueger	6/30/2020
Walid	Elmokdad	11/30/2020	Maria	Ligenza	7/31/2020
Janice	Finley	9/30/2020	Robert	Litwinski	10/31/2021
Cameron	Galindo	11/30/2020	Dino	Lividini	3/31/2020
William	Gallaway	10/31/2020	Carly	Lobbestael	4/30/2020
Kimberly	Garner	7/31/2020	Pedro	Lugo	4/30/2020



A Friendly Reminder:

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

Miriam	Malonga	6/30/2020
Carla	March	8/31/2021
Tristan	Mazglad	3/31/2020
Joshua	McCarrall	11/30/2020
Dave	McFarlane	2/28/2021
Isabella	McManus	3/31/2021
Mary	Meyers/ Schaufler	5/31/2020
Jake	Montgomery	10/31/2020
Patricia	Montgomery	1/31/2021
Tom	Nankervis	9/30/2021
Jerry	Nantais	7/30/2020
Kathleen	Paulbeck	9/30/2020
Mark & Tammy	Perez	7/31/2020
Tyreece	Perkins	3/31/2020
Ryan	Pluchino	7/31/2020
Brian	Pullum	10/31/2020
Ellen	Rees	8/31/2020
Eda	Risk	5/31/2020
Tessann	Rondeau	1/31/2021
Dominic	Rosati	2/28/2021
Amanda	Salinas	3/31/2020
Rebecca	Salinas	10/31/2020
Sandra	Samuels	1/31/2021
Jacklyn	Santos	5/31/2020
Kelly	Sass	11/30/2020
Ben	Scheinfeld	9/30/2020
Rose	Shuryan	8/31/2021
Theresa	Sisco	3/31/2020
Robert	StoneBraker	5/31/2020
Brenda	Szubeczek	2/28/2021

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
Frank	Vargo	1/31/2020
Robert	Wielgosz	8/31/2020
Jacquelyn	Williams	9/30/2020
Larry	Woody	11/30/2020
Michelle	Workman	5/31/2020

Expired Organizations:

Buchanan Manor	10/31/20
Cascade Home	1/31/20
Concord Home	9/30/20
Dawnshire Home	1/31/20
Farley Home	8/31/20
High Grange	1/31/21
Keller, Wallace & Bush Home	6/30/20
K.S. Home	10/31/20
Lake Home	1/31/20
Montfaucon III Home	12/31/20
Northline II	3/21/21
Ranch Extended	4/30/20
True Dreams	7/10/20
Washington Group Home	7/31/20
Weddel Home	5/31/20

Please **renew** your membership to **support** the **many** programs and **services** offered by **The Arc Downriver!** Fill out the membership form in the newsletter and drop it off or mail it to **The Arc Downriver, 1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192.**

If you see your name by mistake or have any questions, please contact the office at 734-283-0710

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 _____

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

\$ _____ Additional Donation

\$ _____ Total Amount Enclosed

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1028 Oak Street
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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
	1	2 Office is Closed	3 Art at The Arc 5:30 - 7:00 pm	4	5 Fall Bowling at Indian Lanes 2:30-4 pm Office is Closed	6
7	8	9 Membership Board Meeting- All are welcome! 6:00 pm	10 Art at The Arc 5:30 - 7:00 pm	11 	12 Fall Bowling at Indian Lanes 2:30-4 pm Office is Closed	13
14	15	16	17 Art at The Arc 5:30 - 7:00 pm	18	19 Fall Bowling at Indian Lanes 2:30-4 pm Office is Closed	20 Dance Program 7-9 pm at the Arkay Building \$2.00 for Pizza MUST have up to date Membership to attend!
21	22	23	24	25 	26 Office is Closed 	27
28	29	30	 <div style="float: right; text-align: left;"> <p>1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192 (734) 283-0710 arcriver@sbcglobal.net</p> <p>PLEASE CALL TO THE OFFICE BEFORE ARRIVING TO MAKE SURE SOMEONE IS THERE TO ASSIST YOU! Thank you!!</p> </div>			

***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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Thank you!



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