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Please Help the Arc Downriver Achieve for the Future!

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 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 and Programs:

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

- Restaurant Gift Cards, Shopping Gift Cards, etc.
- Tickets to Sporting Events
- Tickets to Entertainment/Cultural Events
- Gift Certificates for Spa's, Hotels, Restaurants
- Sports Memorabilia
- Bottle Water
- Monetary Donation (cash, check or on our website at www.downriverarc.org)

Hygiene Closet at the Arc Downriver Office:

- Tooth Brushes
- Toothpaste
- New Combs and Brushes
- Shampoo/Conditioner (men & women)
- Soap & Body Washes (men & women)
- Deodorant (men & women)
- Laundry Detergent
- Hand Sanitizer
- Underwear (men & women sizes large and up)
- Socks (men and women)

Possible Sports Equipment/Needs:

- Assistant Coaches/Volunteers needed and necessary!
- See Brenda Zeqiri for more information on needs for the Sports Program

Art Supplies:

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

Mission Statement

To advocate for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental 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
1028 Oak Street
Wyandotte, MI 48192

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Phone: 734-283-0710

Fax: 734-283-9018

Email: arcriver@sbcglobal.net

Website: www.downriverarc.org

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/
TheArcDownriverOFFICIAL](http://www.facebook.com/TheArcDownriverOFFICIAL)

August Office Hours:
Monday and Friday – Closed
Tuesday - Thursday
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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

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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.

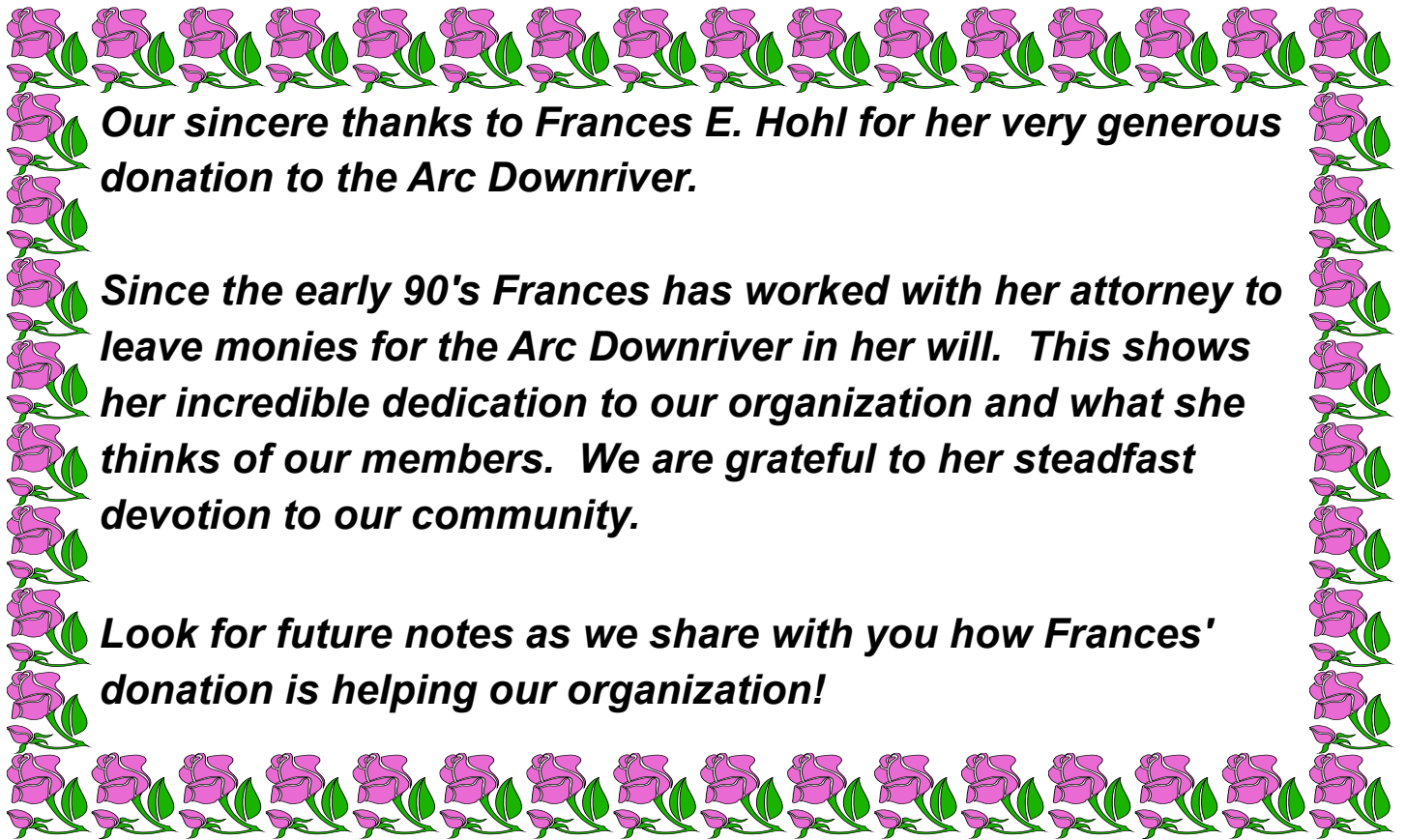
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*Memorial Donation for Eric Joseph Sarazin
Given by: The Litwinski Family*

*Memorial Donation for Michael May
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*Memorial Donation For Carnell Holliman
Given by: The Litwinski Family*



Our sincere thanks to Frances E. Hohl for her very generous donation to the Arc Downriver.

Since the early 90's Frances has worked with her attorney to leave monies for the Arc Downriver in her will. This shows her incredible dedication to our organization and what she thinks of our members. We are grateful to her steadfast devotion to our community.

Look for future notes as we share with you how Frances' donation is helping our organization!

Thank you so much for your July Donations:



- ◆ **Frances E. Hohl**
- ◆ **Our Monthly Donators: Craig Soubliere and Jean Dowis**
- ◆ **Michael and Lynda Bleser donated to the sports program in Scott Fritz's name.**

Art at the Arc News

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. **There is a \$25.00 fee per month.**

- ◆ Artists please note that the first Wednesday of each month begins a new art session. Please pay during class, not at the Arc Downriver office, on or before each session so that we may plan accordingly as classes fill up quickly. **We are limited to 16 this year**, make sure you register early each month.

Artwork completed throughout the year will be displayed, when we have the Opening Reception for the Art at The Arc Exhibit in November.



Art at the Arc Class Registration for the season (September 13, 20, 27)

\$25 Fee is Non-Refundable and Non-Transferable

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email _____

Amount Paid _____ Cash _____ Check # _____ Staff Initials _____

Art at The Arc staff would really appreciate it if all art students pay for their monthly art class fee during Art Class hours not at the office. If for some reason you are unable to do this, and have paid at the Arc Downriver office, please bring your receipt on the evening the class begins so the staff will know that you have paid for that class and can add your name to the list of students. If you can not pay, but would like to participate contact the office (734-283-0710) or tell a staff member.

Thank you

ADVENTURE CLUB NEWS

Adventure Club will start back up on Thursday, September 21st.

DOORS OPEN AT 4:45! Please do not arrive for Adventure Club before 4:45 pm.

Thank you!!

Thursday Activities

- ◆ DJ Chris



The Adventure Club is in need of donations such as single serve snacks, bottled water or single serve pop.

See Megan for more information. *Thank you!*

Participants in Adventure Club, Art at the Arc, and the dances **MUST:**

- have a *current* Arc Downriver membership
- have a *signed* Consumer Activity Policy and emergency on file.

If **YOU** need to renew your membership, sign the new Consumer Activity Policy or update your Emergency Card, please see Megan.

Arc Downriver Fall Bowling

Date: Bowling starts Friday, September 8, 2023
and runs for 20 weeks

Where: Indian Lanes
4500 13th Street, Wyandotte, MI

Time: 2:30 - 4:30 pm
(please arrive early)

Cost: \$60 - One Game
\$120 - Two Games



Bowlers must:

- Be an current member of the Arc Downriver.
- Payment due at the time of sign-up.
- Be 16 years or older to participate.
- Wear appropriate clothing.
- Have a signed permission slip on file in the office.
- **To attend Special Olympics tournament only league bowlers will be eligible and must have an up to date physical at the time of the tournament.**
- **All Bowlers signing up for 1 game will bowl together on a team.**

Please return the sign-up/permission slip with your payment to the Arc Downriver office no later than Wednesday, August 23, 2023

Fall Bowling Sign-Up / Permission Slip 2023

Name of Athlete _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Number of Games _____ Shirts Size _____

Team Member Request (can not be guaranteed) _____

Ramp Needed Yes No Wheelchair Access Yes No

I understand that for my son/daughter to participate in the 2023 fall bowling season, my son/daughter must have a **signed permission slip on file in the Arc Downriver office.**

- ***Bowlers must have their own transportation to and from the bowling establishment.***
- ***If the bowler needs assistance to bowl, the parent/guardian, staff, or other designated responsible person must stay at the bowling alley to help.***
- ***Group home staff must stay with their bowlers.***
- ***An emergency card must be on file for every bowler with up-to-date emergency contact information.***

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

I am available to help during bowling: Yes No

Please return to the Arc office no later than Wednesday August 23, 2023

Arc Downriver Fun Bocce Ball

Date: Saturday, September 9 – October 7, 2023

Location: Behind the Woodhaven
Municipal Building
21869 West Road
Woodhaven, MI 48183



Time: 9:00-10:30am

PLAYERS:

- Must be a current Arc Downriver member.
- Must be 16 years or older to participate.
- Must wear appropriate clothing.
- Must return the sign-up below to the Arc office by Wednesday, August 30th.

Fun Bocce Ball 2023 Sign-Up Sheet

Name of Athlete _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Please return to The Arc Downriver, 1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192 by Wednesday, August 30th, 2023.

Sports News:

- We are having Halloween Dance Sports Fundraiser on Saturday, October 28th. The entry cost is \$10 per person. Please pay at the door the day of the event. It is being held at the Taylor Ford Senior Center from 4-8pm. Feel free to come in costume, but it is not necessary.
- Any donations of raffle baskets or items to be used for Halloween Dance Fundraiser Raffle Baskets will be very much appreciated. If you could please have these items to the Arc Downriver office no later than Thursday, October 19th. Feel free to contact Brenda Ziqiri with questions. (734-402-5621)
- **Don't forget about the All Sports Picnic being held on Sunday, August 13th at the Flat Rock Elks on Telegraph Road from 2 - 5pm.**

Arc Downriver Poly Hockey

Date: Monday, September 11th or
Wednesday, September 13th (TBD by Coach)

Where: West Middle School, Taylor

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm
*Time subject to change depending on
your team. You will be notified by your Coach
or Facebook updates.*



ATTENTION PLAYERS:

- **ALL ATHLETES MUST FILL OUT A NEW SIGN-UP SHEET** and turn in to the Arc Downriver office or you will not be able to participate in the sport! We will not be using old rosters. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!**
 - Must be a current Arc Member.
 - Must have a signed Special Olympics Athlete Release Form and a current Special Olympics Athlete Medical Form (physical) on file in The Arc Downriver Office. The physical cannot expire before the end of the season (November 24, 2023). If the current physical expires before that date, a new physical must be submitted prior to the start of poly hockey. *Athletes will not be able to participate if your physical expires before November 24th, 2023.*
 - Must be 16 years or older to participate.
 - Must wear appropriate clothing.
 - Must return the permission slip below to the Arc office by **Thursday, August 17th.**
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Arc Downriver Poly Hockey Fall 2023 Sign-Up Sheet

Name of Athlete: _____ Date of Birth _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Shirt Size _____

Email: _____

I understand that for my son/daughter to participate in the 2023 poly hockey season, my son/daughter must have a current Special Olympics physical form that does not expire before the end of the season on file in The Arc Downriver office.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Please return by Thursday, August 17
The Arc Downriver, 1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192
or email: arcriver@sbcglobal.net



A Friendly Reminder: It's Time to Renew!
Please help the Arc Downriver continue it's mission.
WE NEED YOU!

Please renew your membership by mail, bring to the office or pay on-line at downriverarc.org as soon as possible! Thank you!

Please note that being a member of another Arc does not mean you are a member of the Arc Downriver. Your updated Membership is required and must be up to date to be able to participate in the following: Dances, Sports Programs, Arc Downriver events, Adventure Club, Art at the Arc or receive your requested mailed newsletter.

John	Atanosian	8/31/2023
Donald	Barber	7/31/2023
Timothy	Barclay	7/31/2023
Mickaela	Bartel	9/30/2023
Rebecca	Benavides	4/30/2023
Katy	Bentley	3/31/2022
Jeffrey	Bertolino	8/31/2023
Raymond	Bice	7/31/2023
Kathleen	Bode	8/31/2023
Tina	Boichot	1/31/2023
Jirard	Bond	8/31/2023
Kelly	Bonifas	9/30/2023
Michael	Bozymowski	1/31/2023
BreAnna	Bray	5/31/2023
Deborah	Brown	5/31/2023
Melanie	Case	1/31/2023
John	Coley	8/31/2023
Sonya	Cook	7/31/2022
John	Decker	9/30/2023
Brandon	Ford	8/31/2023
Terry	Frodyma-Griffith	9/30/2023
Spencer	Garner	9/30/2023
Lisa	Garner-Bloom	9/30/2023
Caitlyn	Gibbs	7/31/2023
Courtney	Godbout	7/31/2023
Sophia	Goniwika	9/30/2023
Carlos	Gutierrez	7/31/2023
Trevor	Hamm	3/31/2023
Brittany	Harris	3/31/2023
Laurie	Hernandez	8/31/2023
Drew	Holewinski	5/31/2023
Cheyenne	Horton	7/30/2023
Lori	Huntington	9/30/2023
Jessica	Hutchison	4/30/2023
Daryl	Jamieson	5/31/2023
Mary	Jarvis	8/31/2023
Aaron	Jordan	7/31/2023
John	Kardel	8/31/2023
Joseph	Keller	7/31/2023
Aubree	Kirchoff	7/31/2023
Dennis	Kotlarek	8/31/2023



Rachel	Lessard	7/31/2023
Tim	Luciani Jr.	7/31/2023
Karen	Lucy	8/31/2023
Carol	Matthews	9/30/2023
Isabella	McManus	3/31/2023
Lisa	McQuade	9/30/2023
Tom	Moody	9/30/2023
Amy	Nael	3/31/2023
Rachel	Noche	5/31/2023
Elizabeth	Ottenbreit	9/30/2023
Angie	Palazzolo	9/30/2023
Colleen	Paul	4/30/2023
Tamra	Perkins	9/30/2023
Joseph	Piasecki	8/31/2023
Rebecca	Salinas	4/30/2023
Janice	Slattery	6/30/2023
Erica	Sonnenberg	7/31/2023
Kyle	Springstead	8/31/2023
Thomas	Stone	9/30/2023
Janice	Straksys	9/30/2023
Curt	Swick	9/30/2023
Jerry	Swindle	8/31/2023
Daniel	Swisz	8/31/2023
Frank	Vargo	4/30/2023
Susan	Votry	7/31/2023
Frank	Webb	8/31/2023
Thomas	Wendl	9/30/2023
Dennis	Whalen	8/31/2023
Justin	Wicker	9/30/2023
Jacquelyn	Williams	3/31/2023
David	Wood	9/30/2023
Brenda	Yates	8/31/2023
Dawn	Zagorski	8/31/2023

Organizations:	
22nd Street Home	8/30/2023
Anderson Home	9/30/2022
Banner Home	8/31/2023
Carriage Park	9/30/2023
Parkridge Homes	9/30/2023
Royal Circle Home	8/31/2023
Strang/Reabe Home	8/31/2023
Weddel Home	5/31/2023

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
1028 Oak Street
Wyandotte, MI 48192



**Our Monthly Dance is Saturday, September 16th
6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Arkay Building on Eureka Rd.**

***Please RSVP by calling the office at
734-283-0710 to let us know you will be attending.***

If you would like to purchase pizza, there will be a \$2.00 fee at the door. You can bring your own pop, water or coffee to the dance. Bottled water will be available.

You **MUST** be a member to attend. Your friends **MUST** also be a member to attend. We welcome their support of the Arc Downriver.

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.

If you haven't already done so, please fill out a new emergency card and a new Consumer Policy Form. There will be copies at the door.

**Just a reminder that your formal pictures are still available
for pick up at the office. The office will be CLOSED
July 27 - August 11. See you soon. Happy Summer!**




*The Board of Directors and staff thank all who have
been so generous with your donations,
coaching, volunteering and support of everything that
is offered through The Arc Downriver!*



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. ***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!*

August 2023

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 Summer Bowling 2:30 - 4:00 pm Indian Lanes Office is Closed	2 Stingrays Softball starts 6:00pm in Wyandotte. Tigers & Marlins Softball teams 6:00pm Kennedy High School Office is Closed	3 Office is Closed	4 Office is Closed	5 Cycling 10:00 am Willow Metro Park at Washago Pond
	6	7 Golf 6pm Soccer 6pm Kinyon Elementary School, Taylor Office is Closed	8 Summer Bowling 2:30 - 4:00 pm Indian Lanes Office is Closed	9 Stingrays Softball starts 6:00pm in Wyandotte. Tigers & Marlins Softball teams 6:00pm Kennedy High School Office is Closed	10 Office is Closed	11 Office is Closed
13 All Sports Picnic 2-5pm Elks Lodge Flat Rock on Telegraph Road.	14 Golf 6pm Soccer 6pm Kinyon Elementary School, Taylor Office is Closed	15 LAST Summer Bowling 2:30 - 4:00 pm Indian Lanes	16 Stingrays Softball starts 6:00pm in Wyandotte. Tigers & Marlins Softball teams 6:00pm Kennedy High School	17	18 Office is Closed	19 Cycling 10:00 am Willow Metro Park at Washago Pond
20	21 Golf 6pm Soccer 6pm Kinyon Elementary School, Taylor Office is Closed	22	23 Stingrays Softball starts 6:00pm in Wyandotte. Tigers & Marlins Softball teams 6:00pm Kennedy High School 13505 Kennedy Drive in Taylor	24	25 Office is Closed	26 Cycling 10:00 am Willow Metro Park at Washago Pond
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Community Services

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- ◆ All Sports Picnic - 2:00-5:00pm Sunday, August 13th at the Elks of Flat Rock
- ◆ Halloween Dance/ Fundraiser October 28th Cost is \$10 per person at the Taylor Senior Center. Watch for more information.
- ◆ 2023 Area Games: Poly Hockey: Saturday, October 14 at Stevenson Middle school
- ◆ 2023 Sate Games: Softball: Friday, August 25
Golf: Friday, September 22
Cycling and Soccer: Saturday, September 23
Poly Hockey: Friday, November 10 at U of M Sports Complex
867 South Blvd. E., Pontiac, Michigan



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