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THE PYRAMID

A Halloween-themed poster for a dance fundraiser. The background is a dark, spooky forest with gnarled trees, hanging jack-o'-lanterns, and a spiderweb. The text is centered and reads: 'The Arc Downriver Halloween Dance Sports Program Fundraiser! Saturday, October 28th 4:00 - 8:00 pm At the Taylor Ford Senior Center \$10 per person, please pay at the door. You can wear your Halloween costume or come as you are. Raffle Baskets and 50/50 will be available. Please join us for a fun evening and support our awesome athletes.' The Arc Downriver logo is at the top center of the poster.

**The Arc
Downriver**

**Halloween Dance
Sports Program Fundraiser!**

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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
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 Wyandotte, MI 48192

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Website: www.downriverarc.org

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

Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
9:30 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!!

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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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Sports News:

Any donations of raffle baskets or items to be used for Halloween Dance Fund-raiser 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 Zeqiri with questions. (734-402-5621)

Achieve with us.

Won't you *join & support* The Arc Downriver as a *member*?

The Arc Downriver provides advocacy, support and information on disability-related issues across the lifespan. Since 1954, we have proudly served 18 communities in the Downriver Area.

We actively work to build a more inclusive community for the benefit of ALL!

Just a reminder that your formal pictures are still available for pick up at the office.



**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.

Our Next Dance is Saturday, October 21.

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

(October 4, 11, 18, 25)

\$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 21 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

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.



Thank you very much for your August Donations:

- ◆ **Our Monthly Donators: Craig Soubliere and Jean Dowis**
- ◆ **Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X Parish in Southgate**
- ◆ **William Swick**
- ◆ **Janice Slattery**
- ◆ **The Alfieri Family**
- ◆ **The Bode Family**

Thank you so very much to the Amazing group of people from VIBEFIT that held their Zumbathon at the Allen Park Street Fair. Your generous donation will go far to help our Athletes achieve!!

Generosity
changes everything



INDIVIDUAL DONORS

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!

SUPPORT US THROUGH



KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM FOR THE ARC DOWNRIVER

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.
- 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.

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)
-

wish list

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



The Arc Downriver Basketball

*Practices will start on the week of November 27.
You will be notified by your Coach
on specific day, time and location.



ATTENTION ATHLETES:

- You **MUST** return your permission slips to the Arc Downriver office no later than Tuesday, September 26 to be able to participate in basketball. (**OLD ROSTERS WILL NOT BE USED! Just because you played basketball in the past does not mean you will automatically be placed on a team. You MUST attend tryouts and turn in sign up sheet!**)
- Due to **NEW POLICIES**, All Athletes **MUST** sign up with the Arc Downriver office or will not be able to participate in any sport!
- 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 (March 2023). If the current physical expires before that date, a new physical must be submitted prior to the start.
- Athletes will not be able to participate if your physical expires before the end of the season.
- Must be 14 years or older to participate.
- Must wear appropriate clothing.

Basketball 2023-2024 Sign-Up Sheet

Name of Athlete: _____ Date of Birth _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Shirt Size _____

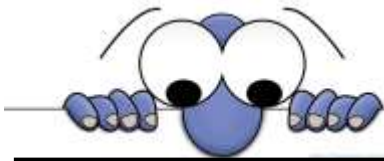
Email: _____

I give my permission for my son/daughter to participate in the 2023 – 2024 basketball season. I understand that my son/daughter must have a **current** Special Olympic Application for Participation physical form on file in **The Arc Downriver office**.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Date _____

Please drop off, mail or email: arcriver@sbcglobal.net to the Arc Downriver, 1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192 by Tuesday, September 26, 2023.



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.

Donald Barber	7/31/2023
Timothy Barclay	7/31/2023
Mickaela Bartel	9/30/2023
Rebecca Benavides	4/30/2023
Jeffrey Bertolino	8/31/2023
Raymond Bice	7/31/2023
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
Melanie Case	1/31/2023
John Coley	8/31/2023
John Decker	9/30/2023
Terry Frodyma-Griffith	9/30/2023
Spencer Garner	9/30/2023
Lisa Garner-Bloom	9/30/2023
Sophia Goniwika	9/30/2023
Carlos Gutierrez	7/31/2023
Trevor Hamm	3/31/2023
Brittany Harris	3/31/2023
Laurie Hernadez	8/31/2023
Drew Holewinski	5/31/2023
Lori Huntington	9/30/2023
Jessica Hutchison	4/30/2023
Daryl Jamieson	5/31/2023
Aubree Kirchoff	7/31/2023
Rachel Lessard	7/31/2023
Karen Lucy	8/31/2023
Carol Matthews	9/30/2023
Isabella McManus	3/31/2023
Tom Moody	9/30/2023
Amy Nael	3/31/2023

Rachel Noche	5/31/2023
Colleen Paul	4/30/2023
Tamra Perkins	9/30/2023
Rebecca Salinas	4/30/2023
Thomas Stone	9/30/2023
Daniel Swisz	8/31/2023

Organizations:	
Anderson Home	9/30/2022
Carriage Park	9/30/2023
Parkridge Homes	9/30/2023
Weddel Home	5/31/2023



Whether it's through becoming a member, renewing your membership, donating goods from our on line wish list or supporting us in our fundraisers, YOU are helping to ensure that the Arc Downriver fulfills its mission of advocacy, creating opportunities and providing support so individuals with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities can fully participate in the community.

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






Help Support our Advocates so that we can keep sharing kindness and smiles with our members and their families!



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!*

September 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
		<p style="text-align: center;">1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192 (734) 283-0710 arcriver@sbcglobal.net</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">PLEASE CALL TO THE OFFICE BEFORE ARRIVING TO MAKE SURE SOMEONE IS THERE TO ASSIST YOU! Thank you!!</p>			1	2
					Office is Closed	Cycling 10:00 am
3	 <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Office is Closed</p>	5	6	7	8	9
					Fall Bowling 2:30-4:00 Indian Lanes Office Is Closed	Cycling 10:00 am
10	 <p style="text-align: center;">Golf 6:00 pm Soccer 6:00 pm</p>	12	13	14	15	16
			Art at the Arc 5:30-7:00pm At the Arkay building Office will be open 12-5pm		Fall Bowling 2:30-4:00 Indian Lanes Office Is Closed	Cycling 10:00am Dance 6-8pm At the Arkay Building
17	<p style="text-align: center;">Golf 6:00 pm Soccer 6:00 pm</p>	19	20	21	22	23
			Art at the Arc 5:30-7:00pm At the Arkay building	Adventure Club 5:30-7:00pm At the Arkay Building	Fall Bowling 2:30-4:00 Indian Lanes Golf State Games at Eagle Crest Golf Club Office Is Closed	Cycling State Games Chelsea Proving Grounds Soccer State Games at Independence Park
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			Art at the Arc 5:30-7:00pm At the Arkay building	Office Is Closed	Office Is Closed	

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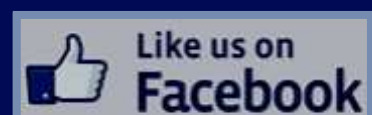
United Way
Community Services

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- ◆ 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: 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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