



2026



The Arc Downriver

MUSIC BINGO

Join "Next Level Music Bingo" and The Arc Downriver for a night of music fun! We are fundraising for our athletes that participate in our year round Sport Programs.

With your support our athletes can continue doing amazing things for years to come.

Cost: \$20 per person at the door *(Cash or Check)*

When: Saturday, November 7

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Where: Knights of Columbus, 3530 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte

- Pizza and Salad is included with ticket purchase.
- The Knights of Columbus will have a cash bar available.
- Raffle Baskets will be available during the event.
- Our DUCK 50/50 will be available at \$5 a DUCK. Cash Only!

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

Office: Theresa Beard

Cell Phone: 734-283-0710

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Tuesday, Thursday : Closed

Email: arcriver@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.downriverarc.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/
TheArcDownriverOFFICIAL

**Please call in advance 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



Thomas	Abela
John	Decker
Darynn	Fisher
Scott	Fritz
Kyle	Gilroy
Courtney	Godbout
Charlotte	Gutierrez
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Michael	Jejina
Luke	March
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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.

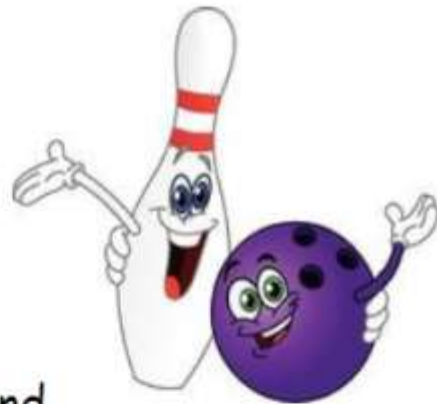
The Arc Downriver Bowling Fundraiser



Sunday, November 15, 2026
Bowling starts at 1:00 pm
(Registration begins at 12:30 pm)
(Please pay at the door)

at
Indian Lanes
4500 13th Street, Wyandotte
734-283-4700

- The cost is \$20 per bowler
(CASH ONLY)
- Includes: 2 games of
bowling, shoes, hotdog,
chips and a pop.



We will have 50/50 raffle and
raffle Baskets

*Come out to join in the fun and help us raise
funds for the Arc Downriver Sports Program.*

If you have a party of 4 or more, please call or email the Arc Downriver office at (734) 283-0710 or arcriver@sbcglobal.net so that we can accommodate you. You can also message us on the ArcDownriverOFFICIAL Facebook page. **Please let us know by Wednesday, November 11. Thank you.**

Art at the Arc News

Art at the Arc is a therapeutic acrylic painting class. Each monthly session takes place from (5:30-7:00 pm) at the Arkay Building. It is taught by *Elroy Grandy*, one of Downriver's finest artists.

- ◆ **There is a \$25.00 fee per month. You can pay for months in advance to save your spot.**
- ◆ **Artists please note that the first Wednesday of each month begins a new art session.**
- ◆ **Please pay prior to the monthly session. We are limited to 25 students.**
- ◆ **Pay at the Arc Downriver office so that we may plan accordingly as classes fill up quickly.**
- ◆ **We are in need of VOLUNTEERS. Call the office at 734-283-0710 if interested. Thank you!**
- ◆ *Artwork completed throughout the year will be displayed at an Opening Reception Arc Exhibit in November and Closing Reception in April.*
- ◆ **Classes run September - April each year.**

September Art at the Arc Class Registration

(Wednesday, October 7, 14, 21, 28)

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

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email _____

Amount Paid _____ Cash _____ Check # _____ Staff Initials _____

The Art at The Arc staff would appreciate that all art students pay for their monthly art class fee at the Arc Downriver office. If you have any question please contact the office at 734-283-0710.

Staff and Volunteers



Our Art at The Arc note cards and original acrylic paintings are on sale at Java Junction! CASH ONLY!

◆ All proceeds go back to the art program. All paintings sold, cash goes directly to the artist.

Check out Java Junction's menu. They have specialty coffee drinks, flavored slushies, sandwiches, treats & more. Stop by and support all the employees that love working at the Java Junction!

Located at 2230 West Road, Trenton, MI 48183

You are invited to the Art at The Arc Show

Date: Wednesday, November 18

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

**Location: Wayne County Community College District
21000 Northline Road, Taylor**

BEAUTIFUL ART DISPLAY



*Light Refreshments
will be available*

**The original Artist's canvases will be on sale for \$30 each.
All proceeds go directly to the artist. CASH ONLY!**

**Artist's note cards will be on sale for \$5
All proceeds go directly back into the program.**

Art and Cards are being sold at Java Junction Coffee in Trenton.





DISABILITY COMMUNITY RESOURCE EXPO



October 22, 2026



6:00- 7:30PM



WCCCD Downriver Campus
21000 Northline Rd,
Taylor, MI 48180

****Free for All Agencies & Attendees****

**Meet agency representatives
and learn more about:**

- ✓ Summer Camps
- ✓ Recreational Programs
- ✓ Post School Programs
- ✓ Austim Programs/Supports
- ✓ Special Need Trusts
- ✓ Community Mental Health Services
- ✓ Guardianship, POA, SSI
- ... and more!

Shop Student Made Products!



Formal Wear **GIVEAWAY** TO ARC MEMBERS



**Dresses of all styles,
colors and sizes!**
Some suits and men's single pieces.



Saturday, November 14th



10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Wyandotte ARC Office

Thank You For Your Contribution:

- ◆ Our Monthly Contributors: **Craig Soubliere and Jean Dowis**
- ◆ Gilbert Ohls Contributed \$2,500
- ◆ Matt Felice Meadowbrook Partners, LLC Contributed \$2,500
- ◆ Knights of Columbus, Southgate #3956 contributed \$533 from their Tootsie Roll Drive.
- ◆ Elizabeth Ottenbreit sponsored \$200 to our Dance program.
- ◆ Scott Fritz sponsored \$100 to the October Dance program.
- ◆ Sheryl Pappas Contributed \$100
- ◆ Kelly Bonifas Contributed \$100
- ◆ Danny Swisz
- ◆ Diane Reed
- ◆ Maddie Walsh

Memorial Donation In Loving Remembrance of Chris Colucci

*Given by: Pat & John Colucci
Amy Litwinski & Family
Ronald & Michelle Pluchino-Reichlin*



Memorial Donation In Loving Remembrance of David Chmura

*Given by: Dr. Ronald Valenti
Rita & Michael Piovane*



Memorial Donation In Loving Remembrance of my cousin David Chmura. The kindest & most genuine person I have ever known

Given by: Denise Naccarato



Memorial Donation In Loving Remembrance of Diane Smith. Diane served on the Arc Downriver BOD and was a Special Education Teacher with Jo Brighton Skills Center.

Given by: Kathleen Norris and Bridget Connors



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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
	1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192 (734) 283-0710 arcriver@sbcglobal.net PLEASE CALL BEFORE ARRIVING TO MAKE SURE SOMEONE IS THERE TO ASSIST YOU. <i>Thank you!</i>			1 Office Closed	2 Fall Bowling 2:30-4:00 pm	3 Fun Bocce 9-11 am
4	5 Marvels & Hurricanes 6:30p Tidal Waves 7:30p	6 Office Closed	7 Art Class 5:30 - 7:00 pm	8 Office Closed	9 Fall Bowling 2:30-4:00 pm	10 Poly Hockey Regionals in Saline
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18	19 Marvels & Hurricanes 6:30p Tidal Waves 7:30p	20 Office Closed	21 Art Class 5:30 - 7:00 pm	22 Office Closed	23	24 Halloween Dance 6:00 - 8:00 pm <i>A costume is not required.</i>
25	26 Marvels & Hurricanes 6:30p Tidal Waves 7:30p	27 Office Closed	28 Art Class 5:30 - 7:00 pm	29 Office Closed	30 Poly Hockey State Games in Pontiac	31 

***Participants in 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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Our Monthly Dance is Saturday, October 24 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Arkay Building on Eureka Rd.

Please RSVP by calling or texting the office 734-283-0710 or emailing to arcriver@sbcglobal.net 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 or go to our website at downriverarc.org to fill out the form and pay on line. Thank you.

Please fill out a new emergency card. There will be copies at the door.

If you or someone you know would be interested in becoming a Sponsor for our monthly Dance Program please let us know. Your kindness will help with rising costs. Our dance program meets once a month September - April with a Formal Dance that individuals have to pay to attend in May.

There are many opportunities to support individuals in the community that do not have funds to socialize or meet new friends. This would help cover the cost of the DJ, pizza, water, cookies and snacks monthly. Your assistance with the cost would assure them a wonderful couple hours out of the house. The average cost is approximately \$150 per dance. Anything you can give would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!



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 in-

terventions, 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!*

Around The House

— 100 WORD SEARCH —

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pillow	candle	pot	couch	tile	cup	drawer	counter	washcloth	broom
bedroom	window	desk	vacuum	socks	curtains	toilet	door	dishwasher	slippers
blanket	purse	cushion	clock	pan	mirror	computer	mattress	shower	keys
glass	bathroom	comb	outlet	shoes	carpet	toothpaste	sheet	pantry	television
toaster	microwave	paper	remote	bookcase	fork	stairs	hanger	bed	toothbrush
teapot	bench	towel	photo	coaster	light	tissues	closet	attic	brush
refrigerator	washer	spoon	detergent	sponge	pen	blender	clothes	frame	trash
kitchen	basement	book	cabinet	spatula	sink	conditioner	rug	fan	ottoman
shelf	coat	dryer	shampoo	mop	vent	table	oven	floor	bathtub



I will Miss You All!

GOOD-BYE

For those who haven't heard, I'm stepping down from my position as office manager. I'm sorry I couldn't tell everyone personally, but please know that each of you are very special to me. What an adventure these past 10 years have been.

I've had the privilege of getting to know many of you through art class, dances, and sports programs, and I'll carry those memories with me as I begin this next chapter.

You are amazing individuals, and I'm proud to have been part of what makes The Arc Downriver a family. May your journeys continue to be as incredible as each of you. I will miss you and will remain grateful to have participated in an important role in The Arc Downriver's success. Be good!

Love,



September 19, 2026 Dance
Saying Good-Bye to Beth



A Friendly Reminder: It's Time to Renew! Please help the Arc Downriver continue it's mission. ***WE NEED 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 and Art Program,

Donald Barber 10/30/2026

Andrew Baron 11/30/2026

Robert Bergum 7/31/2026

Jeffrey Bertolino 8/31/2026

Raymond Bice 9/30/2026

Kathleen Bode 8/31/2026

Nancy Cochren 7/31/2026

Kevin Conaway 7/31/2026

Brenden Cook 6/30/2026

Timothy Cooke 11/30/2026

Ted Cullinan 9/30/2026

Je'quwann Davis 10/30/2026

Kelly Elmore 10/31/2026

Cameron Galindo 10/31/2026

Caitlyn Gibbs 10/30/2026

Sophia Goniwika 10/31/2026

Vicky Greear 8/31/2026

Drew Holewinski 9/30/2026

Aiden Kerstetter 11/30/2026

Tim Luciani Jr. 9/30/2026

Frank Manzari 11/30/2026

Alonza Mathis 11/30/2026

Joshua McCarrall 7/31/2026

Maria Meza 10/31/2026

Angie Palazzolo 9/30/2026

Timothy Peters 11/30/2026

Joseph Piasecki 8/31/2026

John Prater 10/31/2026

Eda Risk 11/30/2026

Jason Roberts 11/30/2026

Kelly Sass 9/30/2026



David Wood 11/30/2026

William Wysack 9/30/2026

Brenda Yates 8/31/2026



Achieve with us.

- If you see your name and have already updated your membership, or wish to be removed from the list please contact the office at 734-283-0710. 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

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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 _____

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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

Arc Downriver Basketball 2026 - 2027

- Practice dates **To Be Determined**
- Athletes will be notified by the Coach for the specific day and time.
- Location **To Be Determined**.
- We **MUST** have your contact information for notifications.



ATTENTION ATHLETES:

- You **MUST** return your permission slips to the Arc Downriver office no later than **Tuesday, October 6** 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 turn in sign-up sheet!**)
- 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 Downriver 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 31, 2027). 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.

Please turn in your sign-up sheets to The Arc Downriver Office by Tuesday, October 6, 2026.

Basketball 2026-2027 Sign-Up Sheet

Name of Athlete: _____ Date of Birth _____

Address: _____

Cell Number: _____ Shirt Size _____

Email: _____

I give my permission for my son/daughter to participate in the 2026 – 2027 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, October 6, 2026.

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