

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2026

The Arc Downriver

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Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Tuesday and Thursday: Closed

Please call in advance to make sure that someone is at the office to assist you.

The Arc Downriver Board of Directors

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Mission Statement

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

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.

Serving eighteen communities in the Downriver area for 70 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.

Advocates:
Linda Junod
Lori Huntington
Working to fulfill the mission in accordance with The Arc of the United States by advocating for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and/or cognitive impairments, and their families, by promoting choices, creating opportunities, and providing the support needed to fully participate in the community.

A member agency of United Way



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!

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.***


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
LIVE MUSIC
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.
The Arc
Downriver

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.

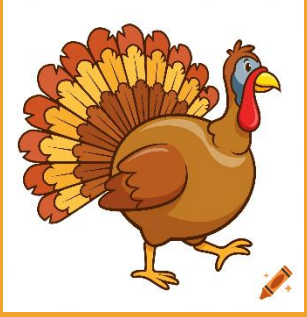
Wyandotte ARC Office

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Chelsea	Anders
DJ	Barber
Fred	Satchell
Chase	Douglass
Ryan	Garner
Tommy	Herbst
Adam	Medeski
Ryan	Pilon
Crystal	Rose

Sarah	Rosiak
Scott	Berbynuk
David	Icenogle
Tricia	Sabat
Adam	Schaufler
Frank	Webb
Kaven	Williams
Joshua	Wood
Vickie	Yates



A Thanksgiving Joke:

What is the best dance to do on Thanksgiving Day?

A Turkey Trot

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!**
- **Classes run from September through April each year.**
- *Artwork completed throughout the year will be displayed at the Arc Exhibit opening reception in November and the closing reception in April.*

November Art at the Arc Class

Wednesday, November 4 & 11

No classes 11/18 &

Name:

Phone Number:

Email

*Amount Paid*_____*Cash* *Check #* *Staff Initials*

$25 Fee is Non Refundable and NonTransferable

The Art at The Arc staff would appreciate that all art students pay for their monthly art class 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...

"A Holiday Concert"

Performance by

"The Downriver Community Band"

Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2026
Time: 7:00pm (doors open at 6:30pm)
Location: Christ the King Lutheran Church

15600 Trenton Road
Southgate, MI 48195

We will have Jo Brighton Cookies and bottled water available after the concert.

♦ *50/50 raffle will be held*

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

Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser

Group name: Arc Downriver

Date to turn in order / payment (at the Arc office): No later than ~~Wednesday~~ Nov. 18th

If paying by check, please make payable to Arc Downriver, In memo please write Pizza Kits.

Pick up date / time , will be the week of Dec. 7th. You will be contacted with pick up day / time when we get that information.

Online ordering will be available starting on Oct. 29th.



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More information to come.....We will have a QR code that can be used and that will be coming out soon.

Giving Thanks

With heartfelt gratitude to our generous Arc Downriver supporters

Monthly Supporters

- Craig Soubliere and Jean Dowis

Special Contributions

- **Thnks and its users (simplegenerosity.org)**
- **Brenda Zeqiri**

Additional Thanks

- Tom Jurosz (J. Sobocenski)
- Brenda Connors

Your generosity strengthens our community. Thank you!

In Loving Memory

Memorial gifts honoring lives remembered with love

Memorial Donations

- **Stephanie Nankervis – In memory of Michael Cerrenak**
- **Tommy Wendl – In memory of Fred Wickenheiser**

May the memory of those honored continue to inspire kindness and strengthen our community.



November 2026

A season of gratitude, community, and giving

Wishing our Arc Downriver family a warm and joyful Thanksgiving.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 **Art Class** **5:30-7:00pm**	5	6 **Fall Bowling** **2:30P – 4:30P**	7 **Music Bingo** 7pm
8	9	10	11 **Art Class** **5:30 – 7pm**	12	13 **Fall Bowling** **2:30P – 4:30P**	14 **Formal Wear Giveaway** **10am – 1pm**
15 **Bowling Fundraiser 1pm**	16	17	18 **Art Show** **6pm-7:30pm**	19	20 **Fall Bowling** **2:30P – 4:30P**	21 **Dance** **6:00-8:00pm**
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27 **Office Closed**	28
29	30					

PLEASE NOTE: Photos and/or video may be taken at all 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.

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 recently updated your Emergency Card, renewed your membership, or signed the new Consumer Activity Policy, please contact the office.

Our Monthly Dance is Saturday, November 21, 2026

6:00 - 8:00 pm
at the Arkay Building on Eureka Rd, Taylor, MI

Please RSVP by calling or texting the office at 734-283-0710 or emailing 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 members 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 online. 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 from September through April, with a formal dance in May that requires paid admission.

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



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

Please note that being a member of another Arc does not mean you are a member of The Arc Downriver. A current Arc Downriver membership is required to participate in dances, sports programs, Arc Downriver events, and the art program.



Andrew	Baron	11/30/2026
Jeffrey	Bertolino	8/31/2026
Kathleen	Bode	8/31/2026
Nancy	Cochren	7/31/2026
Kevin	Conaway	7/31/2026
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
Cindy	Gourlay	12/31/2026
Vicky	Greear	8/31/2026
LeeAnn	Heasley	12/31/2026
Rachel	Heitchue	12/31/2026
	Helen Home	11/30/2026
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
Danielle	Robertson	12/31/2026
Dante	Rosinski	12/31/2026
Rebecca	Scott	12/31/2026
Rylee	Stupeck	12/31/2026
	Weddel Home	10/30/2026
Thomas	Wendl, Jr.	9/30/2026
David	Wood	11/30/2026
William	Wysack	9/30/2026

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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First Name_____ Last Name_____ Birth Date_____

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

$_____ Additional Donation

$_____ Total Amount Enclosed

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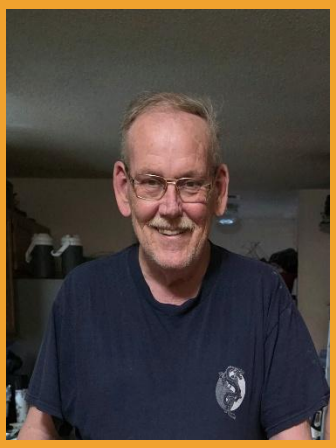
Let Me Introduce Myself

Hi, I am Theresa Beard, the new office manager at the Arc Downriver.
I have taken Beth's place, and I have large shoes to fill.
I am the mom of two awesome adults with disabilities. Kenny is 33 years old, and Kevin is 29 years old.
We are a busy family, like many of you. I will try to attend events as I am able, like Beth did.
I had so much fun at the October Dance and was able to meet some of you.
I look forward to meeting more of you.


My husband, Ken


Theresa


Kenny


Kevin

Scottie Fritz wins the Inspirational Athlete of the Year Award for Area 23 Special Olympics

Congratulations, Scottie!



