SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, May 19, 2019
Arc NW Golf Outing

Fox Creek Golf Course
36000 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan 48152

We Offer Our Heartfelt Thanks & Appreciation
To all of our Dinner Dance Sponsors and to all of the individuals and companies who donated raffle prizes, gifts, monetary support attention, and time to our fundraiser; to all of the volunteers including members of the Dinner Dance committee for their hard work and enthusiasm in planning and organizing every aspect of the Dinner Dance from beginning to end. To everyone who came to the Dinner Dance; THANK YOU!!
Together - We are The Arc!

Building Bridges Therapy Center - Silver Sponsor

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- Medical Weight Loss
- Johnson and Johnson
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- Ascension Providence
**From The Director**

**Budgets, Benefits, and Backing….Oh My!**

The proposed US federal budget for 2020 includes significant cuts to Medicaid, the insurance providing access to health care and community-based services for people with disabilities. “If passed by Congress [this] would put the lives of people with disabilities at risk,” says The Arc USA. “If enacted, states would receive less federal support to administer Medicaid, resulting in restricting eligibility, cuts to services, and growing waiting lists.” The budget proposal also includes strict work requirements for those receiving Medicaid, which may be impossible for people with disabilities and those with complex health needs. This could mean a loss of insurance and services for people who depend on Medicaid to live self-determined lives. (https://blog.thearc.org)

Governor Gretchen Whitmer’s proposed state budget 2020-2021 for Michigan includes an increase in state funding for special education. The state administration put forth a weighted funding system that takes into account the higher cost of educating students with special needs. The current state reimbursement rate for schools for each student in special education is $4,875.00. Whitmer proposes an increase of $2,571.00 for a new payment rate of $7,446.00 per student. This budget will also increase funding for economically at-risk students and for career and technical training. (State Budget Office, Chris Kolb State Budget Director)

We still live in a world where there is VERY inconsistent support for people with disabilities to have full inclusion and to live self-determined lives. The Arc’s advocacy in local communities, as well as at the state and national levels, is critical for ensuring full inclusion. Let’s never give up the fight for backing what creates a great life for everyone.

Gretchen Sanewsky
Executive Director
Dinner Dance 2019 A GREAT Success!

Through the generosity of many supporters, The Arc NW raised $54,600 with $33,000 of that going directly to programs that support individuals with disabilities to live their best lives! About 320 guests enjoyed dinner, dancing, open bar, sweets table, and Nightline Band at Laurel Manor February 23.

The funds raised will ensure that The Arc NW can continue the work done in the past year, including:

● Teaching young children and their families developmental skills through 581 play sessions and toy lending, in the only MI toy lending library.

• Helping school-aged children, and their families, access meaningful education through 1,700 consultations, trainings, and resource sessions.

• Working with adults and their loved ones to stabilize finances and plan their futures through 550 After I’m Gone and 492 GAIN contacts.

• Providing 365 members healthy living opportunities through the Just Fun Club and the Athletic Program.

• Supporting the work of 180 direct care workers generating $2,036,777 in wages to help our clients live their best lives through Fiscal Intermediary Services.

• Empowering 163 people to live the lives they choose through self-determination.

THANK YOU!

We hope to see you at next year’s Dinner Dance on Saturday, February 29, 2020!

April 11

“Financial Planning & Advanced Funeral Planning”
Speaker Jill Gleba of Gleba & Associates will discuss general financial planning strategies including life insurance, and how it is used with families who have a loved one with a disability, cash flow success, debt, risk, investments, and letters of intent.

Speaker will discuss the importance of pre-planning your loved one’s funeral arrangements, including protecting your assets, Medicaid spend-downs, and using funeral planning to reduce assets.

April 25

“Preventing & Responding to Behaviors in People with Intellectual and Developmental disabilities and Dementia”
A speaker from the Alzheimer’s Association will discuss behavior changes that are a common symptom of dementia and may require different interventions than responding to behaviors linked to developmental disabilities. Information on deciphering the root cause of the behavior and how to prevent and respond to common behavior challenges will be provided.

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After I’m Gone Program

Information sessions are held monthly during the school year at

Western Wayne Skill Center/Garfield Community School
10218 Arthur St., Livonia, MI 48150
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Please RSVP: 734-729-9100 or 313-532-7915 ext 204
Our St. Patrick’s Day dance was held on Friday, March 15 at Thurston High School. The band played so many great songs! There were many green shirts, beads, and hats worn by our friends. Thanks so much to all of the very supportive family and friends who donated cookies for our dance!

Our raffle winners were: Kori Porter, Annie Krol, Cheryl Daniels, Danielle Melania, Steve Emeigh, Tony Samborski, Jimmy Brooks, Mary Beth Murray, Chris Rousseau and Dawn Marie Mays.

IMPORTANT JFC Calendar of Events:

**Chicken Dinner/Dance**, April 12, 6:30-9:30, Canton High School, MUST pre-pay $5.00 at the Arc by Wednesday, Apr. 3, 2019

**Ice Cream Social/Dance**, May 10, 6:30-9:30, Canton High School, MUST pre-pay $5.00 at the Arc by Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Happy Spring!

Just Fun Club News

Jackie Norris

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The Arc Sports News

**It’s almost time for the annual bowling fundraiser!**

Get your bowling group together for the May bowling fundraiser at **WESTLAND BOWL**! Lanes fill up quickly. Complete the bowling insert & return with your payment ASAP. Remember it’s at a new location this year........ **WESTLAND BOWL on Wayne Rd., in Westland.**

Swimming, Track and Field Coaches – Check expiration dates on yourself & all your volunteers before giving me your rosters for entry into GMS. If you need a refresher course in “Coaches Corner” to check dates let me know & I’ll help you out.

**~ A HERO - ROBERT CRUZ ~**

Many of you may have heard about the apartment fires at Canton Crossings on March 8th (Joy and I-275). Robert, one of our athletes and his family were affected by this tragedy. Robert’s neighbor from across the hall came banging on Robert’s door asking for help to put out the fire. Robert rushed over to try and help his neighbor extinguish the fire but it was getting out of control. Robert knew he had to get people out. He ran back to his apartment to help his mother and younger siblings escape. As he was getting them out he knocked on doors yelling “Fire – get out”. They feel blessed to be alive, however they have lost everything. Robert is a player on the Hot Shots floor hockey team and Wildcats basketball team. He is a very kind, caring and helpful brother, friend and teammate, and now a hero. A GoFundMe page has been established for Robert & his family by the daughter of one of his coaches. If you’d like more information or would like to donate please contact me, Janice Bearden.
Hip Hop Tots Comes to The Arc NW

Sessions will be held on Saturday, April 6th through June 1st (no session on May 25th), from 2:00 p.m. until 2:45 p.m. at The Arc NW office in Redford. This program is appropriate for children ages birth through 6 years, but children of other ages are also welcome. Contact Lana Richardson to sign up at lrichardson@thearcnw.org. Space is limited so sign up today!

Hip Hop Tots is led by Christie Lower, who earned her Bachelor of Music Education from MSU. She holds certifications in Music Learning Theory, Early Childhood and Elementary Music.

JFC
Friday, April 12

6:30 - 9:30pm
Canton High School
Pre-pay $5 at The Arc by Wednesday, April 3, 2019

GUYS & DOLLS
SATURDAY AFTERNOON BOWLING

OAK LANES.
Afternoon bowling continues as scheduled!
For more info please contact:
Jim Gallas  248-318-8856 (cell) or jagallas@comcast.net

Last day of bowling: Saturday, May 11
End of Season Banquet/Awards Ceremony
Saturday, May 18, Joy Manor  Noon - 4:00pm

FAMILY ALLIANCE NETWORK
(FAN)

GALA NIGHT
Friday, April 12, 2019
6:30 - 9:30pm
Soft Opening Fundraiser
Tour our new facility - Meet & Mingle
To Purchase Tickets $40.00
www.familyalliancenetwork.net
Or call: 313-205-3606

FAN APRIL MEETING
Thursday, April 25, 2019
6:30 - 8:30pm
LOCATION: 26146 W. 6 Mile Rd., Redford, MI
RSVP required
www.familyalliancenetwork.net or call: 313-205-3606

Chicken Dinner
DANCE

The Arc Early Birds Bowling League

We bowl every other Saturday morning at 9:00 at Oak Lanes on Middlebelt in Livonia. It's a fun league made up of bowlers with a variety of skill levels. If you want to join, please call Vicki Soto at 734-422-3732.
The Arc NW

**Annual Meeting**

*Annual Awards*

**May 23, 2018**

6:00pm - 8:30pm

@ One Under

35780 Five Mile Road

Livonia 48154

$16 per person

Must register before May 15th

Send check with attendees’ names to

The Arc NW

26049 5 Mile Road, Redford, MI 48239

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**Annual Award Categories**

Please submit nominations to Gretchen by phone call, email, or letter. It is ideal to have something in writing to be able to fully honor the award recipient.

*Nominations accepted through*

**April 26, 2019**

**Categories (4)**

*Teacher/Education Team of the Year*

All children deserve the benefits from the opportunity to learn among their peers. This award is for a teacher or an educational team that has supported inclusive educational goals and/or experiences for students.

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**Volunteer of the Year**

The Volunteer of the Year award is given to someone who has voluntarily (without pay or remuneration) assisted The Arc of Northwest Wayne County and its members. The volunteer may or may not be an Arc member.

**Member of the Year**

The Member of the Year award is given to a member of The Arc of Northwest Wayne County who exemplifies their membership through activities that support the organization. This award may be combined with the Volunteer of the Year award.

**Achiever of the Year**

The Achiever of the Year award goes to an individual with developmental disabilities who strives to be the best they can be. This is someone who has made significant achievements in their efforts to gain independence and control of their life. Arc membership is desired but not required for the award.

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**Donations**

Bill and Helene Heaton
Rikki Gans
Maureen Beaty

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**Memorials**

*In Memory of Raymond Murawski*

Jim Gallas and Dixie Hibner
Julie Culverhouse

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**Special Thanks**

To Arc NW Advocate Chesley Giertz for her expert proofreading of the newsletter each month!
## April 2019

**Northwest Wayne County**

### Board Meeting

6:30pm  
Arc Office

### AIG

Financial Planning &  
Advanced Funeral Planning  
6:30pm - 8:30pm

### JFC

Chicken Dinner Dance  
6:30 - 9:30  
Canton HS  
Thurston HS

### Bowling

9:30am  
Oak Lanes

### Guys & Dolls

1:15 Check-In  
Oak Lanes

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### Crazy Kopz - Texas Hold ‘Em to Benefit The Arc NW

**April 25 & 26 Thursday - Friday 6:00pm - 2:00am**  
**April 27 & 28 Saturday - Sunday 10am - 6:00pm**

At Vision Lanes, Ford Rd. and Hix

**CHECK IT OUT!**  
The Arc of Northwest Wayne County's  
Web Site  
thearcnw.org

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Facebook

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Instagram
Membership Application

Name ______________________________________________________

Email Address ___________________________ Daytime Phone____________________

Address ________________________________________________________________

City ___________________________ State _____________ Zip____________________

Name __________________________________________________________

Birth Date________________________

(Name line above for member(s) with intellectual and developmental disability)

Address (if different) _____________________________________________

Telephone (if different) _____________________________________________

Membership Dues

☐ New Member

☐ Renewing Member

☐ Associate Member

☐ $35 Annual Family or Group Home Membership

☐ $25 Individual Membership

☐ $25 Associate Membership

DONATIONS ☐ $10 ☐ $25 ☐ $50 ☐ $100 ☐ $150 ☐ _______ Other

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