

Achieve with us.

### SAVE THE DATE

## Sunday, May 19, 2019

### Arc NW Golf Outing



### Fox Creek Golf Course

36000 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan 48152

## Golf

\$140 per person, \$145 Day of Event

Includes:

- Gift
- Sleeve of Balls
- Golf Cart
- 7:00am Breakfast
- 8:35am Shotgun Start
- 2:30pm Dinner
- Trophies
- Fantastic Games
- Great Raffle Packages

Registration and Paypal payment will be available online at [www.thearcnw.org](http://www.thearcnw.org).

Please send Sponsorship info to [wernzen@thearcnw.org](mailto:wernzen@thearcnw.org) w/email subject: Arc NW Golf Outing

## 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

#### Bronze Sponsors

- Emagine Entertainment
- RAM Construction Services
- Wallside Windows
- Resource Transportation Group
- Community Living Services
- Livonia Anniversary Committee/ Livonia Spree
- Paul G. Sharrow, C.P.A., P.C.
- Laurel Manor
- Standard Wonder Group
- Medical Weight Loss
- Johnson and Johnson
- Fifth Third Bank
- M-1 Studios
- Ascension Providence



**The Arc**  
**Northwest Wayne County**  
 26049 Five Mile Road  
 Redford, MI 48239  
 Phone: 313-532-7915 Fax: 313-532-7488  
 www.thearcnw.org

Next Board Meeting  
 April 16, 2019

## 2018 - 2019 Board of Directors

### OFFICERS

PRESIDENT **Kathy Pfuhrer**

VICE PRESIDENT **Greg Wittrock**

SECRETARY **Bill Winkler**

TREASURER **Susan Gardynik**

### DIRECTORS

Kristine Copeland                      Marianne Licari

Jean Walsh                                Ray Schuholz

Heidi Warren                              Rana Ramouni

Rebecca Wenglinski

### STAFF

Executive Director:                      Gretchen Sanewsky

Advocacy & Community  
 Resource Director:                      Michelle Driscoll

Director of Development:              Wendy Erzen

Programs & Services  
 Assistant:                                  Sandra Dobson

Advocate:                                  Chesley Giertz

Lekotek Play Leader:                      Lana Richardson

Lekotek Librarian:                        Katie Perkins

Claims Processor:                        Amy Pomicter

Clerical Assistant:                        Branden Powell

Office Manager:                          Latrice Wilborn

**Achieve with us.**



United Way  
 for Southeastern Michigan

## 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.

**The Arc of Northwest Wayne County  
The Arc of Western Wayne County**

## *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 Melaniah, 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!

Jackie Norris

## JUST FUN CLUB NEWS

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> (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](mailto: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.*

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.familyalliancenet.net](http://www.familyalliancenet.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.familyalliancenet.net](http://www.familyalliancenet.net) or call: 313-205-3606

## JFC

Friday, April 12

6:30 - 9:30pm

Canton High School

Pre-pay \$5 at The Arc by Wednesday, April 3,  
2019



## DANCE

## 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](mailto:jagallas@comcast.net)



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

## 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



## 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.

### *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.

## Donations

Bill and Helene Heaton  
Rikki Gans  
Maureen Beaty

## Memorials

### In Memory of Raymond Murawski

















Jim Gallas and Dixie Hibner  
Julie Culverhouse

## Special Thanks

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



# April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		 Field & Track Franklin HS Fieldhouse 7:00pm				 Bowling 9:30am Oak Lanes <hr/> <b>Guys &amp; Dolls</b> Bowling 1:15 Check-In Oak Lanes
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
 <b>Swim Meet</b> <b>Schoolcraft</b> 4 - 5pm Beginners 5 - 6pm Advanced		 Field & Track Franklin HS Fieldhouse 7:00pm		 <b>AIG</b> Financial Planning & Advanced Funeral Planning 6:30pm - 8:30pm	 <b>JFC</b> <b>Chicken Dinner Dance</b> 6:30 - 9:30 Canton HS Thurston HS	 <b>Guys &amp; Dolls</b> Bowling 1:15 Check-In Oak Lanes
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
 <b>Swimming</b> <b>Schoolcraft</b> 4 - 5pm Beginners 5 - 6pm Advanced		 Field & Track Franklin HS Fieldhouse 7:00pm  <b>Board Meeting</b> 6:30pm Arc Office				 Bowling 9:30am Oak Lanes <hr/> <b>Guys &amp; Dolls</b> Bowling 1:15 Check-In Oak Lanes
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>NO SWIMMING</b>		 Field & Track Franklin HS Fieldhouse 7:00pm		 <b>AIG</b> Preventing & Responding to Behaviors in People with DD/ID and Dementia 6:30pm - 8:30pm		 <b>Guys &amp; Dolls</b> Bowling 1:15 Check-In Oak Lanes
28	29	30	<b>Crazy Kopz - Texas Hold 'Em to Benefit The Arc NW</b> April 25 & 26 Thursday - Friday 6:00pm - 2:00am April 27 & 28 Saturday - Sunday 10am - 6:00pm At Vision Lanes, Ford Rd. and Hix			31
 <b>Swimming</b> <b>Schoolcraft</b> 4 - 5pm Beginners 5 - 6pm Advanced		 Field & Track Franklin HS Fieldhouse 7:00pm			 Bowling 9:30am Oak Lanes <hr/> <b>Guys &amp; Dolls</b> Bowling 1:15 Check-In Oak Lanes	

**CHECK IT OUT!**  
The Arc of Northwest Wayne County's  
Web Site  
[thearcnw.org](http://thearcnw.org)

Friend us on Facebook  
The Arc of Northwest Wayne County



**Facebook**



**Instagram**



26049 Five Mile Road  
Redford, MI 48239

Non-Profit Organization  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Detroit, MI  
Permit No. 1778



Each edition of this newsletter is prepared for mailing by volunteers from Zeta Tau Alpha.



26049 Five Mile Road  
Redford, Michigan 48239  
313-532-7915

Inside The Arc is also available online at  
**thearcnw.org**  
Call 313-532-7915 to end your printed mailed newsletter.

### 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) \_\_\_\_\_

*Welcome!*

### 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