



Northwest Wayne County

# Inside The Arc

November 2019

## The Arc NW Receives Generous Grants



**The Detroit Auto Dealers Association (DADA)** through the **Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan**, awarded one of their ten grants to The Arc NW for 2019-2020 to expand Lekotek. We are SO VERY grateful to DADA for their generosity in giving \$37,500.00 toward Lekotek Play Therapy and Toy Lending. DADA was founded in 1907 by five local car dealers and has grown to 226-member car and truck dealers who donate their time and resources to community activities. Find them at [dada.org](http://dada.org)

**The Grainger Foundation** awarded The Arc NW \$5,000.00 for Lekotek expansion. Paula Lane brought the award check in person to The Arc NW. We are EXTREMELY grateful for this generous donation that will benefit many families in our communities. (Paula Lane of Grainger (left) with The Arc NW ED, Gretchen Sanewsky (right)) The Grainger Foundation, of Lake Forest, IL, is an independent, private foundation established in 1949 by William Wallace Grainger, founder of W.W. Grainger, Inc. Find them at [Grainger.com](http://Grainger.com)



**The JAKKS Cares Foundation**, the philanthropic division of JAKKS Pacific, Inc. donated 100 new toys to The Arc NW's Lekotek Toy Lending Library. We can't thank them enough for providing toys that will assist in children's development and support families to realize a bright future for their child. This gift also helps The Arc NW expand Lekotek lending to therapists working with children with disabilities birth-12 years. Since its inception, JAKKS Cares has donated more than \$50 million in toys, school supplies, and monetary endowments to underserved children around the world. Find them at [jakks.com/jakks-cares](http://jakks.com/jakks-cares)

**The Edward and Evelyn Dik Family Foundation** awarded The Arc NW's Just Fun Club \$6,000 to cover the cost of their holiday dinner and gathering for 2019. Run by dedicated, tireless volunteers, The Just Fun Club can always benefit from generous donations. We are SO THRILLED that the Dik Family chose The Just Fun Club for this gracious blessing. This will be an extra fun gathering this year knowing the support that is behind it!





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Next Board Meeting  
November 12, 2019

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**Achieve with us.**



United Way  
for Southeastern Michigan

## From The Executive Director

Dear Friends,

As we come up to our annual giving campaign to support The Arc NW's mission and programs, we have some exciting things to celebrate!

Part of the board's strategic plan for 2019-2020 is to grow the Lekotek Play Therapy and Toy Lending Library. The goal is to increase inclusion by bringing Lekotek into the community to libraries, community centers, schools, therapy centers, and even outdoor spaces. This way children with disabilities are mingling with all kinds of interesting kids! Here's what we've done so far:

- A new playroom was renovated during the summer of 2019
- Wayne State University Intern, Sadfah Shohatee, is helping to support Lekotek
- New Lekotek marketing materials were developed
- A toy drive is planned for November-watch for ways to donate
- The Arc NW was awarded a grant from Detroit Auto Dealers' Association Fund of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan of \$37,500
- The Grainger Foundation granted The Arc NW \$5,000 toward Lekotek expansion
- JAAKS Cares is donating 100 new toys to the Lekotek program
- In October 2019 Lekotek membership opened to therapists who work with children with disabilities ages birth-12 years at a cost of \$100/year/therapist
- We are currently identifying partner agencies to help reach more families

The board is also planning for growth of advocacy, future planning, and our fiscal intermediary. This will require new technology, resources, and likely more staff. Unfortunately, our United Way annual grant of \$16,000 was not renewed for 2020 due to changes in criteria to qualify. The Arc NW counts on such funds to support and grow these programs.

Everything The Arc NW does is because of the dedication of our members and is to ensure that our members can live their best lives. We are grateful for our members who raise their voices as strong advocates and for those who provide financial support. As you consider making a gift to The Arc NW this year, please keep in mind that you can add to the exciting expansion of Lekotek and you can help offset lost funding so all The Arc's programs remain viable, supporting as many people as possible. Thank you for giving us blessings so we can continue to be a blessing!

With Gratitude,

Gretchen Sanewsky

Executive Director



The Arc of Northwest Wayne  
County Presents

# LEKOTEK TOY DRIVE

for the month of November

Please donate a toy at  
<http://a.co/7dhXz2Y>  
or make a financial  
donation at  
[www.thearcnw.org](http://www.thearcnw.org).




We are hosting a Toy Drive for the month of November and need your support!

The Arc is expanding our Lekotek program to better serve our communities. You can be a major part in helping us grow!

“The Lekotek program is great because my one-year old son has a rare disability and your service provides toys perfect for his developmental stage. No other agency has provided such a unique service.”



~ Lekotek Parent

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Sadfah Shohatee, Intern  
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# SAVE THE DATE

**BALL FOR ALL**  
Dinner Dance 2020  
February 29, 2020 | Laurel Manor | Livonia  
Open Bar | Dinner | Raffles | Live Band & Dancing



University of Michigan  
Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center  
Technology Increasing Knowledge. Technology Optimizing Choice.



You may be eligible to participate in a research study!

Hello!

We are doing a study at the University of Michigan about how people with cerebral palsy or spina bifida manage their medications (*MMIND survey* - 00159535).

This study is an online survey and we are wanting persons between the ages of 12 and 32 years with cerebral palsy or spina bifida who take at least one prescription medicine to complete our survey. The survey will take up to 20 minutes and the person completing the survey gets \$25.

You can find more information about the study by typing this address into your computer's web browser address bar:

<https://redcapproduction.umms.med.umich.edu/surveys/?s=K7PM7M7FXW>

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Karen Farris, Professor  
University of Michigan College of Pharmacy  
[kfarris@umich.edu](mailto:kfarris@umich.edu)  
734.763.5150

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## After I'm Gone Program



### November 6, 2019

at Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary

**Getting the Most Out of Mental Health Services**

### November 7, 2019

at Western Wayne Skill Center/Garfield Community School

**Estate Planning for Your Future**

### November 21, 2019

at Western Wayne Skill Center/Garfield Community School

**Getting the Most Out of Mental Health Services**

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### November 19, 2019 2:00- 4:00pm Via Zoom webinar

**Getting the Most Out of Mental Health Services**

You MUST RSVP via email in order to get participation login:

[info@thearcww.org](mailto:info@thearcww.org)

Information sessions are held monthly  
during the school year at

**Western Wayne Skill Center/Garfield  
Community School**

**10218 Arthur St., Livonia, MI 48150**

*and at*

**Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School**

**36075 Currier in Wayne**

**6:30pm - 8:30pm**

Please RSVP: 734-729-9100 or 313-532-7915 ext 204

[info@thearcww.org](mailto:info@thearcww.org)

[mdriscoll@thearcnw.org](mailto:mdriscoll@thearcnw.org)

Check our website for info on  
webinars beginning in **October!**

[www.thearcnw.org](http://www.thearcnw.org)

Our Just Fun Club Halloween dance was held on Friday, October 11, at Thurston High School. What a BEAUTIFUL, large expansion of our former cafeteria! We had many choices of seating arrangements, Diner style wall booths and large oval tables with connected stools. Our food serving area is so much larger and made it easier for us to get everyone through the lines much quicker. The dance floor and band area is much larger too. Stop in during our November Hawaiian Luau to visit.

What an assortment of costumes we had this year! Michael Jackson, Green Giant, Popeye, clowns, Detroit Tigers/Lion fans and policemen. The tables were decorated with fall pumpkins and leaves. Trademark played some good songs to dance to. We served chocolate, blueberry, custard, apple and jelly filled, powdered, cinnamon/sugar, glazed, nutty, and plain donuts. We all enjoyed the yummy apple cider too.

We hope to see everyone at our next dances for the 2019 year:

**November 15, Friday, Hawaiian Luau, Thurston 6:30-9:00 p.m. (MUST pre-pay at the Arc, \$5.00)**



**December 8, Sunday, Christmas Dinner Dance, Hellenic Center, Westland, 2:00-6:30 (MUST pre-pay \$15.00 (Arc) by Dec. 2, 2019)**

January- May dance dates will be listed in our next newsletter.

# JUST FUN CLUB NEWS



## The Arc Sports News

We are almost to the end of 2019; where has the time gone? Basketball season is approaching with Poly Hockey coming to an end. Good luck to the 3 teams, Hot Shots, Wings, & Wolverines, when they attend the State Poly Hockey tournament November 23 & 24 in Holt, MI.

December starts Basketball season. Check with your coaches or Lana now to find out when your health form expires. It must be current until the end of basketball season which is March 22, 2020. If you need a participation/health form for your doctor to complete, you can print it from The Arc of NW website or SO-MI.org website.

Coaches, remember to collect your uniforms at the end of each sport from your players. If you or an assigned parent cannot store the uniforms until next season, they can be stored in The Arc's basement. Please make sure they're washed, put in a plastic tub or large plastic bag which is sealed, and well-marked with the coach's and team's name on the outside. By collecting uniforms they will not get lost or worn out, we will know where they are, plus it will keep expenses down for the sports program. This is a great time to say Thank You to all the coaches, volunteers, parents, & staff for all your help and dedication in making this GREAT Sport Program.

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

Janice Bearden



## 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.



## GUYS & DOLLS

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON BOWLING



#### OAK LANES

New bowlers are being invited to join us, but NOT UNTIL NEXT SEASON.

To register for bowling beginning in September, please contact:

**Jim Gallas 248-318-8856 (cell) or**  
**jagallas@comcast.net**

# MDHHS announces Section 298 pilots have come to an end

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** Oct. 21, 2019

**CONTACT:** Lynn Sutfin, 517-241-2112

LANSING, Mich. – Today, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) announced the end of the Section 298 pilots following the governor's veto and the pilot participants' inability to reach an agreement on a path forward.

"These pilots were supposed to be built on agreement among all participants," said Robert Gordon, MDHHS director. "After years of work to reach consensus, it has become clear that agreement will not be reached. We remain committed to making our behavioral health system work better for all Michiganders, and it is time to look for new ways to achieve this goal."

The Section 298 Initiative was a statewide effort to improve the integration of physical health services and specialty behavioral health services in Michigan. It was based upon Section 298 in Public Act 268 of 2016. The Michigan legislature approved a revised version of Section 298 as part of Public Act 207 of 2018.

As part of the initiative, the Michigan legislature directed MDHHS to implement up to three pilots to test the financial integration of Medicaid-funded physical health and specialty behavioral health services. The pilots were announced in March 2018 and were to be implemented by Oct. 1, 2019. Implementation was delayed to Oct. 1, 2020 to allow more time to complete design of a financial integration model.

However, the parties ultimately could not agree on two fundamental issues, the automatic statewide scaling of the model and startup costs. Despite the cancellation, Gordon said much has been learned from the Section 298 pilot design development process that will inform future redesign efforts.

"In the coming weeks, I will be sharing the department's vision for a stronger behavioral health system," he said. "Designing a system that works for all Michiganders will take careful planning and extensive collaboration with legislators, families and individuals served by the system and stakeholders. Through this process, we can chart a commonsense path that improves Michiganders' lives."

# Memorials

## In Memory of Sean Radon

Mr. and Mrs. David Pempeit  
Earl and Dawn Eiben  
Mrs. Jean F. Chambers  
Monty S. Wulff  
Marlene DiPonio and Fred Ward  
Lance Blair  
Mr. and Mrs. Craig Hearn  
Lydia Blair  
Luke Blair  
Lindsey Broadwell  
Frank Hassell  
Gwen and Jim Lefresne  
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Baron  
Dale and Barbara Paquette  
Barbara Read

Sean lived The Arc mission every day by being included in his community. It was because of The Arc that Sean had nearly 200 people attend his Celebration of Life.  
Thank You for helping Sean to Live a Full Life.

The Family of Sean Radon

## In Memory of John Norton

Jim Gallas & Dixie Hibner

Alexander Garthwaite

## In Memory of Ron Sanewsky

(Father of Gretchen Sanewsky,  
Arc NW Executive Director)

The Arc NW Board

# Donations

If you hear of the passing of an Arc member please let us know.  
Help us honor the memories of our members and support one another through difficult times.

Call The Arc NW office at  
313-532-7915

Audrean Stovall  
Edward and Martha Diakow

Thank You



The Arc  
Northwest Wayne County

# November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>The Arc NW Board Meeting November 12 6:30pm Arc Office</p>					1	<p>2 Early Birds Morning Bowling League 9:00am Oak Lanes</p> <p>Guys &amp; Dolls Afternoon Bowling 1:30pm Start Time Oak Lanes</p>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	<p>Poly Hockey Wolverines 7 - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Poly Hockey Hotshots 6 - 7pm Riley</p>	<p>Poly Hockey Wings 7 - 8pm Riley Wednesday the 6th</p> <p>AIG "Getting the Most Out of the Mental Health System" McGrath Elem. 6:30 - 8:30pm</p>	<p>AIG "Estate Planning for Your Future" Skill Center/Garfield 6:30 - 8:30pm</p>		<p>Guys &amp; Dolls Afternoon Bowling 1:30pm Start Time Oak Lanes</p>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	<p>Poly Hockey Wolverines 7 - 8:00pm Cooper</p>	<p>Poly Hockey Hotshots 6 - 7pm On the 12th and</p>	<p>Poly Hockey Wings 7 - 8pm Riley</p>		<p>JFC Hawaiian Luau Pizza Dance 6:30 - 9:00pm Thurston HS Pre-Pay at The Arc</p>	<p>16 Early Birds Morning Bowling League 9:00am Oak Lanes</p> <p>Guys &amp; Dolls Afternoon Bowling 1:30pm Start Time Oak Lanes</p>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	<p>Poly Hockey Wolverines 7 - 8:00pm Cooper</p>	<p>AIG "Getting the Most Out of Mental Health Services" WEBINAR 2:00 - 4:00pm MUST rsvp in-fo@thearcnw.org</p>	<p>Poly Hockey Wings 7 - 8pm Riley</p>	<p>AIG "Getting the Most Out of Mental Health Services" Skill Center/Garfield 6:30 - 8:30pm</p>		<p>Poly Hockey State Games Nov. 23 &amp; 24</p> <p>Guys &amp; Dolls Afternoon Bowling 1:30pm Start Time Oak Lanes</p>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		<p>The Arc NW office will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving November 28 &amp; 29 and will re-open on Monday, December 2nd at 8:30am.</p>			<p>Guys &amp; Dolls Afternoon Bowling 1:30pm Start Time Oak Lanes</p>	<p>30 Early Birds Morning Bowling League 9:00am Oak Lanes</p> <p>Guys &amp; Dolls Afternoon Bowling 1:30pm Start Time Oak Lanes</p>

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Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Dues**

- New Member
- Renewing Member

**DONATIONS**

- \$100
- \$25
- \$50
- \$75
- \$\_\_\_ Other
- \$100 Organization

*Achieve with us!*

- \$25 Individual Membership
- \$50 Family Membership

Additional Membership Fees: \$5 to join Just Fun Club  
\$15 to join Lekotek

An individual and his/her family or a group home with multiple residents. Includes additional membership fees for Just Fun Club and Lekotek.

Businesses, non-profits, community groups, or government entities that support people with disabilities, **therapist working with children with disabilities ages birth-12 years (NEW!!)**.