



Newsletter

May 2025



THANK YOU Volunteers

Dear Friends,

The Arc NW is so grateful for all our volunteers! We have around 200 people who volunteer each year, way too many to list here. Our fundraising event committees are made up of volunteers who connect with sponsors and get raffle donations. They make sure our Ball for All Dinner Dance, Golf Outing, and Sip & Support run smoothly.

Volunteers work on our Bowling Fundraiser and Millionaire Parties to support The Arc NW Athletics Program. All our athletics coaches are also volunteers, along with family members who pitch in.

We have a Just Fun Club Committee who volunteer each month for dances and events, along with others who help out occasionally. We have volunteers who help our Halloween Spooktacular and Holiday Hoopla events be successful. A super dedicated team of people assemble our monthly newsletter and always step up to help when we have other bulk mailings.

I'd like to give special thanks to youth volunteers who help in many ways. A shout out to the Plymouth-Canton Honor Society and Key Club members who are currently helping with a huge project to put our toy lending library online.

Thank you to volunteers who help with our recycling, repairs around the building, and doing odd jobs in the offices.

A wholehearted thank you to our Arc NW board members who dedicate a significant amount of time to provide leadership and decision-making for The Arc NW.

The Arc NW would not have the impact we do or be able to serve those who rely on us without volunteers! We can't thank you enough!

Gretchen Sanewsky
Executive Director

“Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.”

– Sherry Anderson



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Advocate - Khalilah Montgomery

Advocacy Director - Bettie Cunningham

Nichole Mayfield - Accounts Payable



After I'm Gone

Future Planning Sessions



Future Planning Sessions

AIG: May 1, 2025 - Housing Options

May 15, 2025 - Able Accounts

Please register at The Arc WW website : <https://thearcww.org/aig/> or contact Tequila Smith of The Arc WW at (734) 729-9100 X 206 .

- Lunch and Learn Series

- o Next Lunch & Learn Session

- ✦ When: **Wednesday May 21, 2025**

- ✦ Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm

- ✦ Where : The Arc of Northwest

- ✦ 7170 N.Haggerty Rd Canton MI 48187

For more information, please contact: Bettie Cunningham at (313) 532-7915, ext. 204/ bcunningham@thearcnw.org or Khalilah Montgomery at (313) 532-7915, ext. 200/ kmontgomery@thearcnw.org

For those interested in financial literacy classes in the future, they are now held in Michigan public schools and at area agencies such as Wayne Metro Community Action Agency, Focus Hope and Southwest Solutions.

We wish each of you good health, happiness and prosperity in the days ahead.

Thank you!

Bettie Cunningham

Advocacy Director

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Development Update from Paula Brown, Development Director

We sent a very big “thank you” to everyone who donated to our Automatic Door project. \$3,600 has been raised toward the cost of installing automatic door openers on both our entrance doors off the parking lot.



Your donations will help us go from this:

to this:

If you would like to contribute to this project, go to www.thearcnw.org, click on the donate button at the top right, and when it asks “Please direct my support” select “Automatic Doors Fund.”

Mark Your Calendars! Save the Dates! Join a committee!

Our annual golf outing has been renamed **The Duane DiPonio Charity Tee Off** and takes place on **Sunday, August 17, 2025**, at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia. Registration will start in mid-May. If you are interested in being a sponsor, contact Paula Brown at 313-532-7915, ext. 203.

The 2026 Ball for All Dinner Dance is scheduled for **Saturday, February 7, 2026**. There are many new and exciting changes coming so stay tuned!

We invite you to join the Golf or Ball for All Committee! You can help make these events successful and have fun working with other Arc NW volunteers. Contact Paula Brown at 313-532-7915 or pbrown@thearcnw.org for more information.

Grants Received

The Arc NW has received a \$50,000 grant from the **Margaret Dunning Foundation** and a \$25,000 grant from **The Carl’s Foundation** toward replacement of the HVAC system in our building. The system is the original equipment installed when the building was built over 20 years ago, no longer works with the changes we have made to the interior and frequently needs repair. This work is expected to take place over the next 6 months.

Have a great month!



THE ARC OF NORTHWEST WAYNE COUNTY PRESENTS

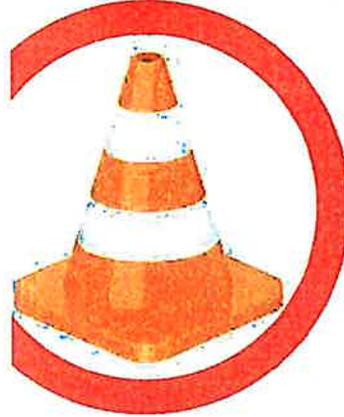
TOUCH a TRUCK Event



**WHO:
EVERYONE**



**WHEN:
THURSDAY
MAY 22, 2025
4:30-6:30PM**



**WHERE:
The Arc NW
7170 N.
Haggerty Rd.
Canton, MI
48187**

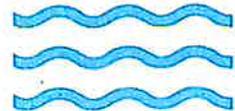


**No Cost to
Attend!**

A FUN, INCLUSIVE, SENSORY-FRIENDLY EVENT

The Canton Police & Fire Department will be present with K-9 Units, Police Cars & Fire Trucks for your family to explore & learn!

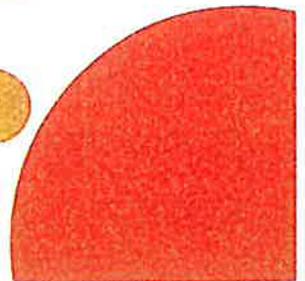
Enrollment for the Autism Profile & Emergency Contact Form through the Canton Police Department will be available! (Free of Cost)



Contact us!

(313) 532-7915

bkellerfields@thearcnw.org



And Bowl Sport news.....

Hope to see you all at the **Annual sport bowling fundraiser, Friday May 9th** at Westland Bowl. Cost is \$30/pp. Bowling starts 6:30pm. There will be basket raffles, 50/50, delicious bake sale. Contact Janice 734-542-1114 if interested.

Swimming, Track & Field SE Regional Spring Tournament at Northville High School Saturday May 3. State Tournament at Central MI University will be May 29th thru the 31st

Baseball – Contact your coach to advise if you're coming back and to have your name placed on the SOMI roster. Make sure your health form is current until State tournament date of August 15th.

Hot Shot (Coach Chris Schrot) tentative practices start date Thursday June 12, 6:30pm at Dooley Park.

Diamonds (Coach Brian Bookmeier) practice starts Tuesday June 10, McCann Park, 6pm.

See you all May 9th at Westland Bowl....Janice

JFC

Our Just Fun Club Sock Hop ice cream social was held on Friday, April 18 at Thurston high school.

Lots of people dressed up in 1950s clothing to dance to the Trademark band. We served vanilla chocolate chip, strawberry and vanilla ice cream with all kinds of toppings.

Don't forget to join us for our Chicken dinner dance on Friday May 16, 6:30 at Thurston High School. You **MUST** pay \$5.00/ fill out form at the Arc by Tuesday, Deadline to register is Monday May 12, 2025

Happy Spring,
Jackie





May 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 AIG	2	3 SE Regional Spring Tournament
4	5 <i>Track and Field</i> 6:30 - 8:00	6	7	8 Annual Arc Dinner Meeting 6:00PM	9 Bowling Fundraiser Westland Bowl 6:00pm	10
11 	12 <i>Track and Field</i> 6:30 - 8:00 pm Franklin HS	13 <i>Board Meeting</i> 5:30 PM	14	15 AIG	16 JFC Chicken Dinner Dance	17
18	19 <i>Track and Field</i> 6:30 - 8:00 pm Franklin	20	21 <i>Lunch and Learn</i> The Arc 12:00 - 1:00pm	22 <i>Touch a Truck</i> The Arc 4:30-6:30PM	23	24
25	26 <i>Memorial Day</i> Arc Closed	27	28	29	30	31



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Membership Application

Member Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Daytime Phone _____

Email Address _____

PHOTO DISCLAIMER: By joining The Arc NW I am agreeing to have my image used for printed and online marketing efforts.
 Signature: _____

Membership Dues

- New Member
- Renewing Member

DONATIONS \$100

- \$25 \$150
- \$50 Other
- \$75

- \$25 Individual Membership**
- \$50 Family Membership**
- \$100 Organization**

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.

Achieve with us!

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