

Arc of Wabash
County, Inc

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November 4th & 5th Arc Holiday Sale

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Day Service &

Arc Office Closings

November 24th & 25th
December 26th through
December 30th

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Reflections

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Arc's New Visual Identify Revealed

The Arc is strengthening its national presence through the development of a more powerful "brand identity" with the intention of unifying chapters across the nation and raising public awareness of our organization.

Arc of Wabash County was among the first agencies to adopt and use the new logo. We revealed the logo at our Annual Meeting in July of this year. Plans at this time are to update our website this Fall and we are in the process of changing stationery and business cards to reflect the new brand identity.

Arc of Wabash County is one of many similar organizations in the United States. Like most agencies we had developed our own unique logo. For us it was the word

"arc" written in lower case with a dove superimposed over the "a". Other agencies had developed their own unique logos and it became clear that even though we are all members of the same large organization the world didn't recognize that because we had so many different looking

widely recognized identity to represent all agencies/Arcs who serve people with Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities.

The design embodies our mission with the combination of The Arc with what is being called the "catalyst" icon. The flowing shape reflects our embracing nature, while the burst of energy at the top right is symbolic of how we support independence.

Today it is not enough to be committed to working at a local level. We must strive on the state and federal levels to protect the human rights of people with Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities. Our new brand unites over 730 scattered chapters into one powerful organization committed to impacting the lives of the people we serve.



identities. Now with the new logo (shown above) agencies affiliated with and calling themselves The Arc will have a more

Holiday Sale Planned

Arc of Wabash County will have its *Annual Holiday Sale* on Friday, November 4th and Saturday, November 5th this year. The sale items include whimsical greeting cards, ornaments, wreaths, potpourri baskets, scented soap, candles and melts. All items are handmade by the staff and persons served at Arc. Refreshments including Cheese Ball created by our own Lisa McCoy, crackers, veggie snacks and dip, Kathy Bakehorn's famous cookies and warm apple cider will be provided. This is the last sale of the year although items will be on display until the end of the year and available for purchase.

Sale hours Friday, 4 PM to - 7 PM & Saturday 10 AM - 2 PM

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into possibility
through opportunity™**



Residential Services Growing



John Dickerson, Executive Director of The Arc of Indiana speaks at our July Annual Meeting...

Recently developing two additional 24-hour Supported Living residential homes and two additional individuals needing respite services has increased Arc's need for added personnel to cover the many additional hours of residential service. Hiring and training new staff is not as simple as it might seem. The process of taking and reviewing job applications, interviewing likely candidates, contacting references, conducting criminal background checks, awaiting the results of physical exams and drug screens, providing all of the state-mandated training, and

orienting new staff to Arc's programs, services and job responsibilities can take several weeks and the attention of eight different staff per candidate. Supported Living Program (SLP) Supervisor Lisa McCoy presently supervises 27 full or part time residential staff and that doesn't cover all of the residential hours she has available. It often falls to Lisa and other non-residential staff to cover shifts when there is a shortage of staff, and residential staff are also great about working overtime when needed. As our Supported Living Program grows, the recruiting, hiring and training of new staff seems

to be a perpetual process. Although the people for whom we provide residential services enjoy making new acquaintances, it can be frustrating for them to adjust to new staff coming into their homes to provide services. New staff must learn routines, house rules, medical and medication needs, safety procedures and risk plans for each resident, along with helping each individual manage their lives and their homes. It's a big challenge with many "growing pains" along the way, but the work is very rewarding!

"In times like these, it helps to recall that there have always been times like these."

Paul Harvey

Honeywell Center Hosts Arc's Annual Dinner Meeting

The membership, friends, staff and persons served by Arc attended the Annual Meeting held on July 12, 2011 at the Honeywell Center. A catered dinner was served while Jane Willmert provided musical entertainment and Judi Sears provided a photo presentation depicting activities from 2010 and 2011. The out-going Arc Board President, Jeff Myers presided. In-coming Board President Dr. Mary Anne Bain, new Officers and Board Members were introduced. John Dickerson was the guest speaker. Jeff Myers, Nancy Hoffman and Linda Johnson presented Community, Industry and Consumer awards. The invocation and closing prayer were offered by Pastor Paul Burris of Richvalley United Methodist Church.



2011 Annual Meeting Award Winners

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Back Row

Left to right: John Dickerson, Speaker, Jeff Myers: Outgoing Board President, Mark Keiffer: 2011 Volunteer of the Year, Jim Hunt & Kurt Butgereit: 2011 Industry of the Year Award (PaperWorks Industries), Brandon Jacobs: 2011 Personal Growth, Linda Sands: 2011 Award of Excellence.

Front Row

Stacy Stetzel & Jessica Grandlinard: 2011 Community Award (Manchester College Student Education Association), Ann Higgins: 2011 Benefactor Award Matthew Bohner: 2011 Sheltered Worker of the Year Award, Daniel King: 2011 Community Employee of the year Award.

Shark Shredding and Cardboard Recycling Services



Arc continues to offer confidential shredding of your personally identifiable information and environmentally safe cardboard recycling. The cost for shredding is 25¢ per pound and cardboard recycling is free. This is a great way to help Arc and to improve the environment...

For more information contact Kathy Bakehorn (260)563-8411

We'd love to recycle your aluminum cans and pop tabs too!

Fall Wish List



We want to thank those of you who helped us out with your donations of items from our Spring Wish List. We have a never-ending wish list. Your contributions have a significant impact on our ability to provide services and assistance to individuals and families in need. Below are a variety of items and ways you can help people with developmental disabilities by supporting Arc of Wabash County. Please remember we are a non-profit organization and your donations, both monetary and non-monetary, are tax deductible.

Business office items and supplies

- Digital camera
- Photo paper
- Printable Business card stock
- Card stock paper (all colors)
- Envelopes - assorted sizes
- Blank CD-Rs
- Pens, pencils, highlighters

Dining room items and supplies

- Refrigerator
- Paper cups

Leisure items and supplies

- Two Nintendo Wii consoles, controllers and games
- Two 32" flat screen TVs
- Portable karaoke machine
- Table games (*Life, Monopoly, Checkers, Trouble, Concentration, Yahtzee, Uno, etc.*)
- Decks of cards and dice sets
- Nerf or other easy grip balls (*medium and large sizes*)
- Plastic letters and numbers
- 50-piece puzzles (*prefer photographs rather than cartoons*)
- Arts & crafts materials (*art easels, paints and brushes, table easels, markers, art paper, glue*)

Hygiene items and supplies

- Clothes Washer and Dryer (*electric*)

- Travel size personal hygiene supplies (*shampoos, hand and body lotion, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, mouthwash, etc.*)
- Tissues (*Puffs/Kleenex type*)
- Depends (*adult briefs—assorted sizes*)
- Wet wipes (*flushable*)

First aid supplies

- Assorted size band-aids, gauze pads, first aid tape

Workshop items and supplies

- Adult sized work gloves and aprons
- Tools (*ratchets, hammers, punches, table vice, etc.*)
- Sturdy scissors

Services

- Carpet cleaning
- Vehicle cleaning
- Window washing

“I consider my ability to arouse enthusiasm among men the greatest asset I possess.

The way to develop the best that is in a man is by appreciation and encouragement.”

Charles Schwab

Manchester College Student Education Association Presents...



- * November 19th - Dance at Manchester College
- * December 3rd - Sporting Event at Manchester College
- * February 11th - Carnival at Manchester College
- * March 31st - Bowling in North Manchester
- * April 21st - Prom at Manchester College

Raise money for Arc:
 Use goodsearch.com (powered by yahoo).
 We are Charity #874555

Call Judi Sears
 at 260-563-8411
 with questions.

Fun Friday Antics

One Friday each month we have a fun activity planned for those attending day services. In August everyone enjoyed a frozen treat. The ice cream bars were a big hit for cooling off this summer.

In September the fun activity was a Mini Pie Throw. David “Smitty” Smith, our Workshop Supervisor, was drafted to be our target and people were chosen randomly to toss a small pie tin filled with whipped cream at him. Surprisingly all but a few of the participants tossed their pie with deadly accuracy right in his face. A fun time was had by all and as you can see even Smitty was still smiling after a dozen or so pies. On September 30th we held a Mix Match Clothe Day with a style show. It was great fun and almost

Carla Stellar takes aim with her pie and as you can see she made a direct hit



everyone participated! These activities are great stress relievers and after a long month of work and training activities both staff and consumers alike benefit from Friday Fun Activities.

The end results



Arc's next fun Friday...
 October 28th & 31st Holiday Door Decorating and Judging

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