



## A Message From The Executive Director



The past year has been deeply rewarding for The Arc of Somerset County. Most notably, we launched several new programs

that will expand our services to the children and adults we serve. Among those programs was the full launch of "The Achievement Center" at Raritan Valley Community College, Art and Music programs in our adult services programs, a drama program at Camp Jotoni and two new "In Home" supports programs in our children's services department. In addition we have continued and expanded our fundraising and public relations efforts, including initiating our planned giving program that included several speaker events, an expansion of our Camp Jotoni Capital Campaign; our corporate volunteer program increased three fold in terms of the number of companies and volunteers that supported the Arc and we continued our signature events – The Arc Angel Gala in November and our "Step up for The Arc" Walk and 5K run in June.

Along with these efforts, we were awarded several grants from private foundations that went directly to our programs to enhance our services and supports for the children and adults with disabilities

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*Celebrating More Than 40 Years of Service*

## The Arc of Somerset County Employment Services Cleans Up Far Hills Post Race Event Site

The Far Hills Race Meeting traces its origins to the Essex Hunt, a fox hunting event founded in Montclair, NJ in 1870. In 1916, the event moved from the original club site to the Grant B. Schley estate — today known as Moorland Farm becoming the Far Hills Race Meeting event that occurs every year in mid-October and is one of Somerset County's premiere events attended by over 20,000 people.

In 2016, the Arc of Somerset County Adult Employment Services Program was hired by the Far Hills Race Committee to participate in the post Far Hills Race Meeting clean-up at the Moorland Farm property in Far Hills.

With August temperatures in mid-October, The Arc adults were excited to be working outdoors for this clean-up project and were happy to learn the project would be for the duration of the week.

*"The Arc of Somerset County is proud to be a part of this traditional event. By providing adults with disabilities with the opportunity for employment and community involvement, The Far Hills Race Committee has made a significant contribution to our mission and vision for individuals with disabilities", stated Lauren Frary, Executive Director for The Arc of Somerset County.*

*"This is a great partnership – something we should have considered years ago, we are very happy to have the folks from The Arc of Somerset County here to help us with this very important clean up", stated Guy Torsilieri, Chairman of The Far Hills Race Committee.*



## Two New Programs for Music and Art are Now Available at The Arc of Somerset County

The Arc of Somerset County recently unveiled two new day program curriculums at the Camplain Road and Branchburg Adult Training Centers. The "Accessing Music Promoting Success" program, began in late September 2016 at the agency's Branchburg facility. The music program was dedicated to an Arc employee George Glikerdas, who passed away suddenly leaving behind a legacy of his love for music. His family is providing financial support for the music room in his memory and in addition, several grants as well as agency fundraising helped the start of the program.



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## The Arc of Somerset County MISSION

The Arc of Somerset County provides quality services and advocacy for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families to support development and achievement at every stage of life.

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## The Jerry Davis Center for Children and Families Partners with New Road School

In 2013, the Jerry Davis Center for Children and Families (JDCCF) Daycare program embarked on a relationship with the New Road School of Somerset (New Road). New Road is a school for children with disabilities ages 12 to 21 who have learning, language, and social challenges. A critical component of every student's curriculum is career education, which assists the students in planning for a job after high school. New Road's Transition Coordinator, Frank Schneider, was in search of an internship location for his students who were interested in working in a childcare setting, so he visited JDCCF and soon after the relationship between the two schools began.



Initially the New Road students spent Friday mornings in the preschool classroom in Manville assisting with the implementation of the daily lesson plan. The following year, the preschool students and staff from JDCCF began traveling to New Road's location to have class, again with their students assisting the JDCCF staff. This provided the New Road students with additional opportunities to increase their knowledge and skills in their chosen career path.

Finally, in the fall of 2016, a JDCCF staff member who has her Child Development Associate (CDA) credential, Elizabeth Miranda-Hatto, began teaching an instructional, 3-hour class to the New Road students. During this class, Elizabeth shows models for the students how to relate to the preschool students and how to instruct them so the content area makes sense to them on their level. This additional class enables the New Road students to be better prepared when working with the JDCCF students later in the week.

Through this partnership the learning experience of the preschool students is enhanced and, at the same time, New Road students' have an increased awareness of all that goes into teaching. "This collaboration has benefited both programs," stated Frank Schneider, "Our students learn how to create and implement lesson plans and the children from The Arc get individual attention from our students, it's a win-win in all ways!"

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that we serve. In addition, our family of donors have provided us with vital resources that have been used to directly and positively impact the lives of those who live with a disability through our Camp and Child Care scholarship funds, our adult recreation fund, the Zuckerman "fresh air" fund and most recently, the Rhona Levine Art Center and the George Glikerdas Music room.

We have made strides in our mission and vision for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in our communities and we look forward to gaining more momentum as we move forward.

As we look towards 2017, we are considering new ways to expand our outreach to organizations and individuals who have a direct link to our mission and vision for individuals

with disabilities and who also have an interest in perpetuating our legacy as an innovative and caring service provider and advocate for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. We will continue to be diligent in finding new ways to fully integrate those we serve into our communities both locally and state wide. We hope that you will continue to be a part of our mission through your support, volunteerism, philanthropy and/or friendship.

With best wishes for a happy and health New Year,

*Lauren Frary,*

Executive Director

The Arc of Somerset County



## Arc Celebrates the Fall and Holiday Season with Friends in Our Community

Each year, The Arc of Somerset County is thrilled to work with various local organizations, groups, and individuals to ensure that the holidays are a truly special time for those we serve. We would like to acknowledge the following for their contributions toward a festive season at The Arc:

- On Tuesday, October 25th the 4th Annual Monster Mash-Up was held at the VFW Hall in Manville. The Clinical Services and Maintenance Departments once again joined forces to host a FREE Halloween themed party for all of the folks they serve at The Arc. Attendees were treated to food, a costume contest, dance-a-thon, photo booth with take home pictures, caricature drawings, keepsake souvenir cups, and a visit from everyone's favorite mascot, Sparkee of the Somerset Patriots. It was apparent everyone had a ghoulishly good time! We'd like to thank for the following for helping us make the event a special time for everyone: Frank's Pizzeria of Manville, Manville VFW, Mitzen Photography, Caricatures with Hal, Herr's Chips, The Arc Foundation of Somerset County, Somerset Patriots, and all of the volunteers who stepped up to help out!
- The Lion's Club of Warren Twp. for coordinating the Thanksgiving basket-drive for close to 100 Arc families and group homes. We are truly thankful for this drive that the Lion's conduct annually.
- The United Way of Northern New Jersey for including those served by The Arc of Somerset County in their annual "Gifts of the Season" program. This gift drive ensures that all members of the community receive at least one special present for the holidays. Santa came on the morning of December 21st to surprise the children at The Jerry Davis Center and to distribute these gifts to each child at the center.
- The Courier News for featuring several stories about The Arc of Somerset County individuals and their families in their 2016 Wish Book.
- The Hillsborough Township Volunteer Fire Company #2 Ladies Auxiliary for their donation toward iPads to one of our Family Services afterschool families.
- Joanne Carey, dance teacher at The Westfield School of Dance who is a parishioner at St. Joe's church coordinated several donations of crafts, games and cleaning supplies to The Arc of Somerset County adult services program.
- Henkel Corporation's B-Now group celebrated the holidays for the fourth consecutive year with the residents at Commons Apartments by hosting a pizza and ornament making party along with Santa stopping by bringing gifts for all on Thursday December 8th.
- L'Oreal's Franklin Manufacturing Plant adopted three families; one each from The Arc's Intensive In-Home Services Program, Early Intervention Program and Family Support on Wednesday, December 21st and gave Christmas gifts to their children, gifts cards to local retailers to the parents.



- Composecure for their generous donation of supplies for our adult group homes.
- The Arc's many generous donors that ensure that Arc consumers and families will continue to enjoy lives filled with growth, development, and achievement well beyond the holiday season.





# The Arc Angel Gala Celebrates

The Arc Foundation of Somerset County celebrated our annual Arc Angel Gala at Dolce Basking Ridge on Friday, November 4. This year's theme 'A Celebration of Inspirational Families' was chosen to honor three Arc families who have been long-term advocates for their family members with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and who have been active philanthropists supporting The Arc of Somerset County's mission and services. The honorees were the Mandelbaum & Morris Families, Herman & Carole Simonse, and Odette Adrian & Bob Hage. Bob, who is the President of the Board of Directors of The Arc of New Jersey, also served at the emcee for the evening.

Caryn Croll received this year's Halo Award for her dedication to those with disabilities and her service to the community. In addition to participating in Special Olympics for 17 years, Caryn volunteers at GiGi's Playhouse and is in her third semester at The Arc's Achievement Center at Raritan Valley Community College.

Each year, The Arc honors high school students from the county who dedicate their high school experience volunteering with individuals with special needs. This year's Angels Among Us Awards were given to John

Lagenfeld of Rutgers Preparatory School, Megan Sardis of Somerset Hills School District and Noah Horowitz of Somerville High School.

This year's event would not have been possible without the efforts of the Arc Angel Gala Committee. Thank you Pat Carlson, Carol Fanning, Diane Galfy, Kristin Lees, Lisa Pancoast, Carol Penn, Linda Stefani, Ann Silwanowicz, Carole Simonse, and Barbara Vanderberg for volunteering your time and talents!





# Inspirational Families in 2016

We would like to especially thank the following event sponsors for their commitment to our mission:

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We wish to thank all of the patrons who participated in the evening activities as well as our ad journal advertisers and silent auction donors!

Please save the date for our "45th Annual Arc Angel Gala" happening on Friday November 3rd 2017 at Dolce, Basking Ridge.

## Arc Grant Achievements in Qtr 3 & 4 2016:

We are proud to recognize the following grant achievements this fall for The Arc of Somerset County:

- Henkel of America, Inc. awarded \$5,000 for a professional paint renovation of the Branchburg Facility.
- Church & Dwight Employee Giving Fund awarded \$3,000 toward Camp Jotoni Scholarships Program
- Investors Foundation awarded \$5,000 toward the PACT program
- Janssen Pharmaceuticals awarded \$3,000 toward The Jerry Davis Center for Children and Families Subsidy Tuition program
- Qualcomm awarded \$10,000 toward The Jerry Davis Center for Children and Families Subsidy Tuition program
- Grainger awarded \$4,000 toward the Camp Jotoni Capital Campai

## Restricted Gifts and General Donations in Qtr 3 & 4:

- NJ State Council Knights of Columbus Knights of Columbus St. Jude Council #6573 to The Arc Foundation of Somerset County
- Knights of Columbus, Sgt. John Basilone Council for The Jerry Davis Center for Children and Families.
- Vangaurd Charitable toward The Achievement Center at Raritan Valley Community College
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- Edmund G. Taussig & Frances Kath Taussig Foundation, Inc. to The Arc Foundation of Somerset County
- Far Hills Race Meeting Association, Inc. to The Arc Foundation of Somerset County
- Spooky Brook Ladies Golf League toward the Camp Jotoni Scholarships Program
- Mr. Tony Petrella to The Arc Foundation of Somerset County

## Special Thanks to Our Major Gift Donors to The Camp Jotoni Capital Campaign:

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## Volunteers Brighten The Arc

Companies from local community shared their time, talent, and supplies during the fall of 2016 to spruce up a few of the Arc group homes and Camp Jotoni.

- September 26 – almost 20 volunteers from Janssen painted the interior common areas and 2 bedrooms at the Franklin Group Home.



- The week of September 26th, over 25 employees from the J&J Quality Services and Support Department volunteered at 3 different Arc locations for landscaping projects.



- October 6th-employees from Janssen came to the Cambridge group home to stain the deck and ramp and interior painting.
- For the 5th year in a row, staff from the J&J Information and Technology group completed projects at 4 different group homes. Over 40 staff members volunteered at Mobus, Pioneer, Cedar Grove and our Respite group homes.



- October 21st, 15 volunteers from Janssen helped close Camp Jotoni with winterization projects.
- October 2016, 18 volunteers from Ethicon came to The Jerry Davis Center for Children and Families program to paint pumpkins for Halloween.
- November 21, 15 volunteers from Withum Smith & Brown painted the interior of our Stevens Lane group home.



For additional information about scheduling a volunteer project for your organization, team or group, contact Laura Ziegler at 908-658-3805 or via email at [lauraz@thearcofsomerset.org](mailto:lauraz@thearcofsomerset.org).



## New Programs for Music and Art

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Co-founder/Program Director, Karen Z. Kowalski states, *"The 'Accessing Music Promoting Success' program promotes a sense of well-being and success for individuals with disabilities through music. Specifically, these individuals have the opportunity to participate in an adaptive, high-tech system that allows them to successfully play music and engage with others, regardless of experience, training, or ability"*.

Participants in this small group based program learn music concepts, develop the ability to create music in collaboration with other members of the group and learn music performance skills with the use of a group-participation system based on iPad technology and customized music applications, designed by Co-founder/Technology Director Tom Brislin. Under Kowalski's direction, the group performs music together by simply touching the iPad, breaking down the barriers that prevent individuals from accessing conventional instruments. Groups play entire songs by following an easy system of cues from the director, and can also improvise and interact with their fellow participants. The flexibility of the system allows for participation with a range of unique learning needs and physical abilities. *"It is amazing to see their progress after just nine session and they are all so thrilled to be in the program"*, stated Lauren Frary, Executive Director for The Arc of Somerset County.

*"The Rhona Levine Arts Center"* was dedicated to Rhona Levine, a 28 year resident with The Arc of Somerset County, who passed away in 2015. The Art Center was made possible by donations from Rhona Levine's family, as well as donations from Arc fundraising efforts. The art program was designed to expose interested adults of all abilities to the process of art making in various forms. Designed by a Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC) student, Tyler Carrico, the program is committed to providing a safe and encouraging space to make art as well as converse and connect with new people outside of service relationships.

Participants are encouraged to hold conversations about their pieces. Every participant is given a set of sketch tools that is uniquely their own and are encouraged to take the joy of making art with them outside of program hours. *"For many, this program represents the first exposure to art of their own invention without the guidance of a goal product. All effort is encouraged equally. For some, the sensory experience of the different making techniques encourages body movement beyond day to day tasks and is as much about what making art feels like as it is the end result"*, states Chris Corvino, Curriculum Coordinator for The Arc of Somerset County. Corvino adds, *"Both the music and the art programs are providing adults with Intellectual and Developmental disabilities access to the arts in a way that breaks down barriers to access and allows for full and individualized expression"*.

For more information about The Arc of Somerset County's Adult Training Center programs, please call 908-725-8544, ext 604 or visit [www.thearcofsomerset.org](http://www.thearcofsomerset.org)



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or at the time of their death. Donors make planned gifts to charities to help ensure that the programs and services of a favorite charity continue to benefit others. Consult your attorney or tax advisor if you wish to explore your

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## What's Happening in 2017

### ***March is National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month***

The Arc continues to lead the way in promoting awareness of the strengths and achievements of Americans with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), the power of The Arc movement is all around us as people with autism, cerebral palsy and other disabilities blaze new trails.

As people with I/DD across the nation become increasingly visible in our daily lives, The Arc strives to build more welcoming communities through education and outreach. We hope you will join us this March as we celebrate the lives of people with I/DD. For more information, please visit <http://www.thearc.org/what-we-do/resources/toolkits/dd-awareness>

### ***Step Up For The Arc Walk & 5K Run***

This year's event is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 3rd at Duke Island Park in Bridgewater. This date will be confirmed in mid January. Visit our website for more information or to sign up as a runner or walker. T-shirt sponsorship opportunities are currently available.

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### ***Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Ceremony***

The Arc will honor its volunteers, staff, consumers, supporters, and community partners in June. Our official date and location is to be announced at the end of January. The event is free and open to the public. Contact Lisa Marie Arieno at 908-658-3805 for additional information.

### ***Camp Jotoni Capital Campaign Fundraising Event***

The Arc Foundation of Somerset County will be hosting a fundraising event in the summer of 2017. A date will be announced in late January, the location will be at the Camp Jotoni campground in Warren Township. Volunteer committee members are welcomed to help coordinate this event. Please contact Lisa Marie Arieno at The Arc Foundation of Somerset County, 908-658-3805 or email: [lisamariea@thearcofsomerset.org](mailto:lisamariea@thearcofsomerset.org) for more information.