



A Message From The Board President



It is both an honor and a privilege to begin my new role as the President of the Board of Directors of The Arc of Somerset County. I look forward to my continued work alongside current

and past Board members as well as The Arc Executive staff, a group of individuals that I consider to be some of the most exceptional people I have ever had the chance to know.

The need for comprehensive supports and services for children and adults with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities continues to be a growing need in our communities; and our mission drives us to continually assess and evaluate our services to meet these changing and expanding needs. Our new Strategic Plan will help focus all of our stakeholders on our partnerships and collaborations with community members and organizations that will embrace our vision of a truly integrated community where all individual, regardless of ability are full engaged in shared experiences, relationships and personal achievement.

The Arc of Somerset County has recently met with challenges, however, The Arc uses its human and financial resources to take each of these challenges and create positive and productive outcomes for those they serve. We have persevered, and progress has been made towards a better tomorrow for our citizens who live with disabilities. This dedication to an execution of our mission has made the organization a premier agency. As my first communication as the new Board President, I want to make it clear that as a Board we stand with all of our employees and in particular, our Direct Support Professionals. The care and dedication that they provide every day is truly inspiring. Advocating for a living wage for our staff members is, and will continue to be, a top priority. On behalf of the board of Directors and The Arc of Somerset County, I thank you and look forward to working with you.

Michael Stefani

Board President
The Arc of Somerset County

HERALD

Celebrating Over 45 Years of Service

The Arc of Somerset County and Somerset County Therapeutic Recreation Host 1st Art Exhibit at Manville Library

The Arc of Somerset, in collaboration with the Somerset County Therapeutic Recreation Department and a partnership with the Somerset County Library Systems hosted their very first Art Exhibit at the Manville Library from March through May featuring artwork and crafts created by the Arc of Somerset County Adults day program throughout the winter months.

Opening day was March 8th and over 100 local community guests arrived to congratulate and celebrate the artwork created by our adults during their art curriculum activities earlier this year.



"We are so thankful for the Somerset County Library System for this partnership opportunity in which there is a community forum to highlight our adults and their talent and love for art. We particularly wish to thank the Somerset County Parks Program Coordinator Gwen Leubner for coordinating this fantastic program with our Adult Services Director Karen Kowalski," states Chris Corvino, Associate Director to The Arc of Somerset County. Be on the lookout for more exhibits to be announced this fall in and around the library systems of Somerset County! For more information about the Somerset County Library Systems, please visit <https://sclsnj.org/>

The Achievement Center's First Graduating Class

The Arc of Somerset County is proud to recognize the success of the first graduating students of the Achievement Center at Raritan Valley Community College who commenced on June 8th, 2019. The Achievement Center at Raritan Valley College is a three year post secondary educational program for students recently graduated from high school or exploring options in their final high school year. The Center offers advanced experiences in preparation for greater and more sophisticated employment outcomes as well as exposure to accessible college courses, liberal arts and college life.



The Achievement Center students have completed inclusive college courses, developed college plans and enrolled and succeeded in computer literacy, exercise science and education courses among other successes. Students attend classes designed to create both a college education and career plan while gaining access to the social and interpersonal experience of a busy college campus. Students work with a peer mentor from the RVCC community and at their choosing join increasingly more integrated subject classes as the three year program progresses. As part of The Arc of Somerset County's Employment Services Department, The Achievement Center offers job preparation activities typically associated with the job search process into an academic environment to allow students to develop their preferences in a setting offering more time and depth.

"The Commencement of some of our first students is truly reason for celebration. While we expect and welcome many of these graduates to stay associated with the program and RVCC well into adult learning, the completion of the course offerings and the many life-firsts that come along with navigating college is a big accomplishment. I look forward to what is next for our pioneering graduates and the program in the coming years ahead." states Chris Corvino, Associate Director of The Arc of Somerset County. Congratulations all!

The Arc of Somerset County MISSION

The Arc of Somerset County provides a lifetime of comprehensive services, advocacy and support to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families to promote growth, achievement and ongoing involvement in the community.

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Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission Award and Local Arts Program Grant

The Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission award ceremony was held May 23rd at Green Brook School where an Arc of Somerset County volunteer, now music instructor Justin Brown received the "Arts in the Community" award. Active musicians and Arc consumers Kevin W. and Ugosam were able to attend and offer words of praise to their friend and instructor.



Justin's acceptance speech was breathtaking and showcased eloquence in presenting what we have come to know him for in his musical performances. Justin performed "Liebesträume", a set of three solo piano pieces by Frank Liszt, published in 1850 on the piano for which there was a standing ovation. "We are so pleased to have met Justin and even more excited that he is willing to share his music and enthusiasm with The Arc of Somerset County. We expect many great things in the year to come," sates Chris Corvino, Associate Executive Director for The Arc of Somerset County.

Justin's award comes not long after The Arc of Somerset County gratefully received a 2019 Local Arts Program Grant from the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission. This year's grant will support further expansion of The AMPS Program (Accessing Music, Promoting Success) to all Arc day program settings. This program supports Arc Adults in their pursuit of group music as both performing musician and audience member. Ensembles from three centers will be gearing up for new public performances this summer and fall as they expand their repertoire of songs under the teaching of Justin Brown and Tommy Strazza, and John Fitzpatrick- local professional musicians and now longtime partners of The Arc of Somerset County. This wonderful program would not be possible without the generosity and mission of The Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission. The Arc of Somerset extends its appreciation to the grant makers and musical partners who are helping our consumers realize their ambitions for community music. Be sure to catch a local performance this year!

April was Occupational Therapy (OT) Month: Stress Free + OT

This spring, our Adult Services Programs coupled with, Juana Guglielmino and Colleen Schreier, Occupational Therapy Students from Kean University's Occupational Therapy Program, for the "Stress Free + OT" day at Camplain Road Adult Training Center.

The program showed our adults how to create stress sock balls and gave them an opportunity to place their name in a raffle for a grand prize! All participants received a therapy cloth bag and pen – winners all!



Planned Giving Promises A Strong Future for The Arc of Somerset County's Camp Jotoni Cabin Renovation Campaign

The Arc Foundation of Somerset County received a \$100,000 planned gift that was designated toward the Camp Jotoni Cabin Renovation Campaign from the Patterson Family Memorial Fund in memory of Fred & Kathy Patterson. The Arc Foundation is grateful for this designated gift and is humbled by the Patterson Family's belief in our mission to expand the special services provided by Camp Jotoni now and in the future.

“Walking With” Adult Program Launches this Spring with Much Success and Attendance

The Arc of Somerset County’s Adult Services Department launched the first “Walking With” outdoor walking program this spring at Duke Island Park. The 40 active walking adults from both the Camplain Road ATC and the Branchburg ATC get together every Wednesday morning. At least one time per month, the walking program hosts a “Celebrity” walker (Arc Staff or local volunteers) who volunteer their spare time to walk with the adults and share companionship and health goals together. Thank you very much to Trina, Cindy and Jani for coordinating this curriculum that has been attended since March!

For more information about our Adult Services Programs, please contact Karen Kowalski, MPH, OTR Director of Adult Services at karenk@thearcofsomerset.org or call 908-725-8544 ext. 612.



Jerry Davis Center Celebrates Flag Day with Arc Finance Staff Making Pizza

In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777. This year, the children of the JDCCF not only learned the importance of this day and what it means to our country, but they also got a hands on lesson from their neighbors upstairs in the Finance Department on how to make homemade pizza (one of the foods most children love) and custom made pizza pies were enjoyed by all!



JDCCF Graduates Six Children on to Kindergarten

On Friday, June 28th, the Jerry Davis Center for Children and Families celebrated six children who proved to be ready to move onto kindergarten! Congratulations to our young graduates and their families!



The Arc of Somerset County Receives Spring Cleaning and Sprucing from Local Corporate Volunteers

Since March 2019, The Arc of Somerset County has received over 250 hours of volunteer services from community and corporate partners. We welcome the new volunteers to our program and thank everyone for their loyalty each year for helping us fulfill the seasonal work which spruces up our programs and residential homes.

Everest Reinsurance Group came and cleaned up Camp Jotoni May 2nd.

Turner Construction spent their day creating temporary bunk beds and did some light construction work that was needed at Camp Jotoni on May 3rd.

Somerset County Community Development (S.E.R.V) volunteers helped revive the outdoor sensory playground and planted veggies & flowers at our Jerry Davis Early Childhood Center on May 4th.

Hillsborough Education Association volunteered at Ardsley Group home painting the ceilings in the hallway and planting flowers in the flower boxes on May 17th.

Ingredion spent their morning mulching and planted flowers in the front yard of our Cambridge Group Home on May 22nd.

CompoSecure spent their day landscaping in the front yard of our Franklin Group home on June 5th.

Meeker, Sharkey & Hurley did a deep spring clean up of our Griggsdown Group home on June 6th.

L'Oreal Clark did a deep spring clean of our Mobus Group home Tuesday June 20th. Friday June 21st, L'oreal Franklin spent their morning painting the kitchen, dining room and 4 consumer bedrooms at our Claremont Group home as well as painting the first floor and gardening the outside of our Commons 1 Apartments.

For more information about our corporate and community group volunteer projects for the fall 2018 season, please contact our foundation office at foundation@thearcofsomerset.org or call 908-658-3805.



Camp Jotoni Cabin Renovation Update



Save the Date!

Camp Jotoni's 2nd Annual "Clubs for Cabins" Golf Outing!





Monday, September 16, 2019

Watchung Valley Golf Club
600 Mountain Blvd.
Watchung, NJ 07069



Registration: 10:00am
Lunch: 10:30am - 12:00pm
Start/Scramble: 12:00pm
Cocktails/Dinner/Awards: 5:00pm - 7:00pm



The facilities
Counselor's quarters
Kitchen
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- Housing station
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Join us as we continue to raise important funds needed to fulfill our goal of new, fully accessible cabins at Camp Jotoni; so that we may continue to provide vital services and supports for the changing special needs community.



We are excited to share with our Arc and Camp Jotoni Families and supporters that we are now finalizing plans to break ground on the first two new cabins! In 2018 The Arc Foundation of Somerset County hosted the 1st Annual "Clubs for Cabins" golf outing that helped raise over \$96K towards this campaign in its first year. In addition, a significant number of corporate and community donors, as well as individual camp families, came together to fund-raise that helped the campaign reach its goal of \$450K through various fundraisers such as peer-to-peer crowd-funding pages, major gifts and general donations.

The Arc Foundation of Somerset County will host the 2nd Annual "Clubs for Cabins" golf event on Monday, September 16th at Watchung Hills Golf Club to

continue the momentum of raising the funds needed for full renovation project goals. Plans for the demolition and construction are underway and our groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, September 12th, 2019. Invitations to this event will be issued out in late August. *"It has been inspiring and heart-warming to see our community come together to support our Camp Jotoni Capital Campaign. The strides we are making today will benefit campers and families for many, many years to come."* states Lauren Frary, Executive Director for the Arc of Somerset County. *"It is so exciting to see the upward trajectory of this campaign, thanks to the incredible hard work of the Arc team and the generosity of our expanding network of families, friends and corporations. My hope is that our*

network will blossom even further, bringing us closer to our goal of fully revitalizing this amazing "home away from home" for our special needs population." states Matt Adams, President of the Arc Foundation of Somerset County Board of Trustees.

For more information about the 2nd Annual "Club for Cabins" golf event, or to discuss your donation investment in this campaign please speak to Lisa Marie by phone at 908-658-3805 or e-mail foundation@thearcofsomerset.org. On behalf of the Camp staff and The Arc Board of Directors and the Foundation Board of Trustees we want to thank you for your consideration and for standing with us in our effort to lay the foundation for Camp Jotoni's future.

Arc Foundation Grant Achievements In Quarter 3 & 4

Henkel MIT Grant: \$8,905 in granted funding for the Branchburg Health & Wellness Curriculum

Somerset Healthcare Foundation
RWJ Barnabas Health:
\$75,000 for the Parents and Children Together Program and Children's Family Services

Roselle Bank: \$1,500 to The Arc Foundation of Somerset County for being one of the bank's Community Outreach Support Program Recipients of 2019



Step Up for The Arc 5k and Walk April 27th

The Arc Foundation of Somerset County hosted its annual “Step Up for The Arc” 5K and Walk event on Saturday April 27th, at Duke Island Park in Bridgewater. Despite the windy weather- the sun made an appearance and a good morning of activity as had by all.



Thank You!

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The Arc of Somerset County Hosts Annual Meeting on June 20th at Somerville Elks Lodge #1068

The Arc of Somerset County hosted its 2019 Annual Meeting on, Thursday June 20th, at the Somerville Elks Lodge # 1068 in Bridgewater, NJ. The event was held to celebrate the past year's success and to honor the local community supporters who make a huge impact in the services we provide to those who live with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Somerset County.

2019 Awards and Recognition

EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

Somerset Raritan Sewerage Authority

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR - EMPLOYMENT

Shavvone Strick

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Somerset County Park Commission Therapeutic Recreation

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June O'Neil

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Save the Date!

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Camp Jotoni's First Annual "Clubs for Cabins" Golf Outing is Monday, September 16th, at the Watchung Hills Golf Club.

Check in at 10:00am, lunch and scramble shotgun start at 12:00pm. Cocktails/Dinner/Awards 5:00pm-7:00pm.

For additional information, please contact Lisa Marie Arieno at 908-658-3805 or e-mail: lisamariea@thearcofsomerset.org

National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) is October!

During the month of October, The Arc will honor our many community business partners that provide employment opportunities for adults with disabilities. Please check our website for future updates about NDEAM events.

The Arc Angel Gala is November 1st!

Join us for the 2019 Arc Angel Gala on Friday, November 1st, at the Bridgewater Marriot as we "Gallop into the Future" and honor the Far Hills Race Meeting Association. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For additional information, please contact Lisa Marie Arieno at 908-658-3805 or e-mail: lisamariea@thearcofsomerset.org