

# Achievement

## 2017-2018 Annual Report



*Celebrating a successful year of providing quality services and advocacy for individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families to support development and achievement at every stage of life.*

  
**The Arc**<sup>™</sup>  
of Somerset County

*Achieve with us.*



## OUR 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.

### Values Statement

The Arc of Somerset County believes that each person will have the opportunity to live and participate in the community regardless of the level of her/his abilities. We further believe that:

- \* *Each person is inherently valuable*
- \* *Each person can dream, grow, and learn*
- \* *Each person deserves the right to make meaningful choices about how and where they live, learn, work, and play*
- \* *A dedicated, highly qualified staff is essential to The Arc's ability to best support people with developmental and intellectual disabilities*
- \* *Each person deserves the opportunity for meaningful relationships*
- \* *Family and community involvement, at all levels, is essential to our mission*



## Message from the Executive Director & Board President

Dear Family, Friends & Colleagues,

This letter comes at a time of significant transition for our organization as we continue to move towards a fee for service funding model. This shift will alter our way of doing business but NOT our mission and vision for the children, adults and families we serve. As you review this annual report, you will see we have accomplished a number of key initiatives and more importantly, created strong and lasting bonds with our community partners. This year we focused on the strategic initiatives that will ensure that we will be here to serve our members and the community well in to the future.

In some ways, the upcoming year is a new beginning for us as an organization. During these financially challenging times, the Board -- with substantial input from our members -- has realigned our business model which will allow The Arc to move towards greater financial independence and an increased focus on expanded services. While Fee for Service is a departure from our past funding structure, the Board and Executive management team have worked to assure The Arc's continued impact on and impact with the disability community. The by-product of this change will allow for The Arc to become much more innovative in offering new services for those who might not otherwise be engaged with our programs and supports.

This past year we have worked to ensure that our organization is strong and ideally positioned to meet the changing needs of our service population. We are also aligning our Strategic Plan to ensure our work is both visionary and intentional with regards to our journey into the future with our participants and partners.

Despite tough economic times, fiscal year 2018 was a year of expansion. Camp Jotoni and Children's Services saw an increase in enrollment, program offerings and volunteer support. Our donor support base widened through various grant opportunities and philanthropy. Our Parents and Children Together (PACT) program has remained committed to 15 service recipients, despite a transition to county-only funding. The Adult Services Department has enlarged their offering of recreational and educational services, as well as a variety of supports that allows our aging adults to remain in their homes for as long as possible. The Achievement Center at RVCC has grown in the number of students enrolled, courses offered and for the first time, summer courses. Respite programs for our families have seen tremendous growth with over 200 families receiving respite services in one or more settings (in-home, camp weekends, Saturday and after-work).

Our community of over 350 volunteer supporters and 135 business partners provided vital support through project based initiatives (facilities improvement, program support, companionship programs) and financial resources.

As you read this annual report, we hope it will remind you of our recent successes and energize you for the future as you envision the mission of The Arc.

For those of you who have tirelessly committed time and energy to the success of this organization, I am eternally grateful and look forward to our mutual commitment to The Arc of Somerset County and the families we serve.

**Lauren Frary**  
*Executive Director*

**Tim McKeown**  
*Board President*

## Children & Family Services



The Arc offers a lifespan of services that stretches from birth through the senior years of life. For the youngest of our service recipients, we offer the following services:

- Early Intervention, a program where therapists provide a system of supports for children birth to three years of age to help meet the developmental and health-related needs of the child.
- Developmental Daycare and Preschool provide educational and fun environments for children with and without disabilities.
- Respite programs provide families with an opportunity for a break of the 24- hour care giving responsibility.

### ***Sensory Playground and Increased Therapeutic Visits Help The Jerry Davis Center for Children and Families Thrive in 2017-2018***

The Arc of Somerset County's Jerry Davis Center for Children and Families (JDCCF) celebrated many new developments in 2017. We were most honored to receive support for an outdoor sensory activity classroom on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, led by the Leadership Somerset Class of 2017.

Leadership Somerset is an adult community leadership program for people who live or work in Somerset County. Each year, participants are required to complete a class project that gives back to the community. The volunteer leadership team designed and installed the Outdoor Sensory Activity Classroom at the center's existing outdoor playground that included a water and mud station, a sensory garden, a music area made of utensils, pvc pipes and aluminum cans. The sensory area supports youngsters in reaching, grasping, touching new textures and is sometimes messy and fun!

The outdoor classroom, composed of mostly up-cycled materials, has created a sustainable, full sensory curriculum that is required by the JDCCF's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS). QRIS is a systematic approach to assess, improve and communicate the level of quality in early and school-age care and education programs. The volunteer group installed and completed the project with much help from local community supporters and in-kind donations.

The Jerry Davis Center for Children and Families is most grateful for the support of this giving community and proud to see the curious, smiling faces of its students as they continue to explore this new learning element.

Another important point of pride for 2017 is an increase in therapeutic visits from students' Early Intervention Therapists. As a mission driven educational program for some very special children, it is important that JDCCF keeps its doors open to the full range of needs our students have. Creating and encouraging a safe, comfortable learning environment where students and professionals can work hard on complex needs when other environments cannot accommodate, represents some of the center's most important work. The Jerry Davis Center for Children and Families looks forward to a bright new school year welcoming students and those who support them to an inclusive and fun experience.

## Adult & Senior Services



*“It is exciting to observe Danny so actively involved in the process of carefully selecting his communication device. We continue to reinforce with him that he is the MOST important person on the team.”*

Karen Z. Kowalski, MPH, OTR and Director of Adult Services for The Arc of Somerset County.

### ***Finding His Voice: Old Stirling Resident Advocates for a Communication Device***

Danny, a long-term Old Stirling Group Home resident in Warren Township may be non-verbal and non-ambulatory, but his strong desire to communicate shines through as he spends a great deal of time socializing with friends from all walks of life. For most of his life, Danny has communicated with a basic communication board that is attached to his wheelchair tray. His only form of communication is through using his fist which point to words on the board. It was his strong desire to progress with new technology that prompted his request to apply to the annual Holiday Wish Book to the local Somerset County newspaper, the Courier News. The Wish Book is an annual community program that helps raise funds for specific “wish” requests from various community members in need.

*“Danny is eager to explore other options to help develop his communication skills so that he can form stronger bonds with people around him. Success here will minimize the feeling of being isolated or misunderstood.”* states Rich Abram, Old Stirling Group Home Manager

This spring, Danny actively participated in a joint speech therapy evaluation and augmentative communication evaluation. This included trials with a variety of communication device options to include a standard laptop computer, I pad and formal Dyanvox systems. Danny experimented with many forms of access including touching his wrist to the screen; switch access with a switch placed under his right foot and behind his head; eye gaze through the process of calibrating the movement of his eyes with the screen; and head tracking through the use of an infrared sticker placed either on his forehead or nose. He was able to indicate through the use of his word board and non-verbal communication which systems worked best for him and which he preferred. During each of these trials, Danny worked on accessing a “Communicator” program which uses either general scanning or a row/column scanning feature in order to populate words to create sentences.

Danny is currently working with the team to determine the most effective communication system for him and is very much looking forward to celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday this year with friends and family as he unveils his new communication device and fulfills his dream of communicating further as a friend, advocate, and community member with ease.

The Arc of Somerset County looks forward to supporting him in this exciting new learning journey. Congratulations to Danny on this brave new step!

# Employment Services Achieving Success

The Arc provides a range of services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities that allow each individual the opportunity to live, work, and recreate in their own way.

We provide:

- \* Safe and healthy places to live in the community.
- \* Employment opportunities ranging from center-based work to community-based jobs.
- \* Specialized services to meet the changing needs of our persons-served as they age.



Adam has been a hard working member of The Arc of Somerset County in the Supported Employment and Adult Training Center for many years. Adam has had various community jobs starting back from 1998 working at Muhlenberg Hospital for the Courier News.

In the last year, Adam was excited to have been hired at a fairly new eating establishment called Arooga's Grill in and Sports Bar in Plainfield NJ. Adam was a big advocate for getting this job. The manager was so impressed by Adam's confidence, that he hired Adam on the spot.

Adam started off training at Arooga's with his job coach wrapping silverware in preparation for the lunch and dinner crowds. Within weeks, Arooga's management felt confident in Adam and had him help out washing dishes. Adam was able to work independently without a job coach with him in a matter of weeks. He integrated into the Arooga's team and work flow easily.

All the staff members at the restaurant treat Adam with respect. They are known to end their staff meetings with Adam leading the cheer "Go Arroogas"!

The Arooga's Restaurant received The Arc of Somerset County "Employer of the Year" award in 2018. Adam was given a Friday night shift- one of the busiest shifts of the week, to assist the kitchen staff. Adam adjusted well with minimum training.

Adam is known to achieve success at all of his previous jobs and is known to make his workplace a more positive place. The Arc of Somerset would like to congratulate Adam on his newest community success.

The Arc of Somerset County would like to thank Arooga's Grill and Sports Bar for their commitment to inclusive employment opportunities to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in Somerset County.

## Self Advocates on the Move!

Self-advocates provide important knowledge, experience, and skills that individuals, organizations, and government agencies need in order to effectively support the needs and dreams of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our self advocacy group - "Advocates for Change" has been active and engaged for over 25 years and they show no signs of slowing down.

The group has used their individual and collective voices to promote awareness and education regarding the rights and responsibilities of those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Their goal is to support each other in becoming better self advocates while engaging in activities at the local, county, state and national level to increase the understanding and consciousness of the community with regards to the value and contributions of our citizens with disabilities.

Our local chapter joins forces with chapters from all over the country to tackle the most pressing issues that could affect the quality of life for those who live with I/D. Among this year's priorities are:

- Medicaid, the Affordable Care Act (ACA)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Social Security

Medicare and civil rights laws like the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) are lifelines for people with I/DD and their families, providing benefits, supports, and civil rights protections that help make community living possible. In 2017, The Arc called on all advocates to join us in reaching out to the President and Congress to educate them on the importance of these lifelines and to urge them to preserve - not cut -- these essential programs and civil rights laws.

*Please join our advocacy efforts- every voice counts!*



# The Achievement Center at Raritan Valley Community College



## *The Achievement Center's New Curriculum Coordinator and Growth in Programs and Enrollment in 2017-2018*

The Achievement Center's post-secondary education program is a collaboration between The Arcs of Somerset and Hunterdon Counties, and Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC). As an inclusive college experience for our students, classes are held in the Arts Building on The RVCC campus. The goal of this certificate-based program is to provide students with the opportunity to participate in a college experience on the RVCC campus while receiving additional support to maximize their success academically, socially, and with regard to future employment and lifelong learning.

The objective of The Achievement Center (TAC) is to help students transition into college life. Post-secondary education classes and experiences address many subjects, such as critical reading; communication skills; writing essays and research papers; study habits, note-taking, and time management of coursework/studies. In addition, we put equal importance on the social component of college life with regard to interaction with students and faculty, self advocacy on college resources, building friendships, and navigating life on campus. Peer mentors meet regularly to assist each student.

In January 2018, Bob Hulit, formerly of the Clinical Services Department, was introduced as the New Curriculum Coordinator for TAC. In its third year, TAC continues to grow. In 2017/2018, 21 students attended the program that featured four new classes - all designed to enhance the students experience not only academically, but also socially. This person-centered approach allows our students to improve their reading, time management skills, writing, verbal and non-verbal skills. We introduced four new classes during the academic year:

**Page One: Thinking About Reading, Stage Fright: Introduction to Public Speaking, Social Skills for Small Groups Writing Out Loud.**

Starting this upcoming 2018/2019 Academic Year, The Achievement Center plans to introduce several more classes, which include:

- **Research and the Writing Process**
- **A Math and Money use curriculum hopeful for Spring 2019**

The Achievement Center is ever grateful to its partners at RVCC, its instructors and student mentors and most notably, our many talented students who have chosen a multitude of brave and diverse college paths. We are excited to continue with them in their journey as we welcome a new incoming class in 2018.



# The Arc Foundation of Somerset County



The Arc Foundation of Somerset County was established in 1999 to assist The Arc of Somerset County in meeting the increased need for community programs and services for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The Arc Foundation of Somerset County provides vital funding to the programs and services of The Arc of Somerset County to ensure long term viability for individuals with disabilities, their families and the community as a whole. The Foundation's purpose is to promote, support, and further the interests of The Arc of Somerset County through fundraising, philanthropic activities, and volunteer engagement.

The Foundation receives individual donations and corporate donations which include matching gifts and employee giving contributions, donations for Camp Jotoni's Capital Campaign, fundraising from two major events per year, as well as dividends, investments and restricted income from private grants that are written specifically for The Arc of Somerset County Programs.

During FY 2017-2018, The Arc Foundation of Somerset County completed fundraising activities and grant writing for the following programs and services for The Arc of Somerset County.

- \* 140 children received respite services through the "Kids Night Out" program.
- \* Over 50 children benefited from new supplies for The Jerry Davis Center for Children and Families.
- \* \$31,000 in grants were received for children who attended the Developmental Daycare and Preschool.
- \* 8 campers attended the Camp Jotoni respite scholarship programs from an awarded grant.
- \* \$71,626 was raised toward the Camp Jotoni Capital Campaign.
- \* Over 210 adults received enhanced recreational programs.
- \* 98 adults living in group homes received over 394 hours of volunteer services that helped with beautification and enhancements of their homes.
- \* 362 volunteers with over 3,280 hours were coordinated by The Arc Foundation of Somerset County that helped the improvements at our adult and children's programs, including Camp Jotoni.

On November 3rd 2017, The Arc Foundation hosted the 45th Annual Arc Angel Gala at the Bridgewater Marriott raising over \$117,920 from sponsors and attendees.

On June 2nd 2018, The Annual Step Up for The Arc 5K and Walk event at Duke Island Park in Bridgewater helped raise over \$30,000.



# Camp Jotoni Renovation Plan Update



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We are excited to share with you that we are now finalizing plans to break ground on the first cabin with the support of our Board of Directors and staff. Efforts have been increased to secure the remaining philanthropic funds to complete the first phase of our Camp Jotoni Capital Campaign.

We are also pleased to share with you that the Family of the late Max Spann Sr. and long time Arc supporter, John Ridley have agreed to serve as our honorary chairs of the Campaign Committee. Under the leadership of the Board of Directors of The Arc of Somerset County, The Board of Trustees of The Arc Foundation of Somerset County and with the support and trust of Mr. Ridley and the Spann family, we are certain that we are positioned to complete this phase of the plan.

Our past supporters, camp families and corporate supporters have been contacted to provide the opportunity to learn more about the Capital Campaign and to gauge interest in participating.

To learn more about this renovation campaign stage, please speak to Lisa Marie Arieno, Director of The Arc Foundation to set up a personal time to meet to review our plans, answer questions you may have about the Capital Campaign and discuss your own interest in investing in Camp Jotoni and ultimately in our special needs campers.

On behalf 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.

*Lauren Frary*  
Executive Director

*Josh Burke*  
Camp Jotoni

*Lisa Marie Arieno*  
The Arc Foundation



# Adult Recreation



Synergy Wrestlers Host Band of Brother's Men's Group



Special Birthday Celebrations



Special Olympics Bowling Event



"Peter & The Wolf" Fundraiser for Adult Services at Church of the Hills by members of the NJ Symphony Orchestra



Accessing Music Group Performs the Star Spangle Banner at the Step Up Walk



Women's Group Receives Manicures on Day of Pampering



Volunteer Thank You Card Making Day at Branchburg ATC

# Arc of Somerset County in The Community



Runners Walkers and Volunteers Support the Annual 5K June 2



Camp Jotoni Hosts Warren Twp. Chamber of Commerce Meeting



Direct Support Professionals Are Celebrated at The Annual Staff Party

**THE ARC OF SOMERSET COUNTY, INC. AND AFFILIATES**

(A New Jersey Not-for-Profit Organization)

**Consolidated Statement of Activities (Projected)**

Year Ended June 30, 2018

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Operating Support and Revenues</b>			
Federal State and County Financial Assistance and Billable Services	\$ 15,348,178		15,348,178
Tuition and Fees	540,584		540,584
Rent	617,175		617,175
Contracts, Projects and Grants	165,151		165,151
Fundraising	135,000		135,000
Contributions	46,708	\$ 245,000	291,708
Cost of Care and Other Revenues	<u>418,299</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>418,299</u>
<b>Total operating support and revenues</b>	# \$ 17,271,095	\$ 245,000	17,516,095
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>100,000</u>	<u>(100,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total revenues and support</b>	\$ 17,371,095	\$ 145,000	17,516,095
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Program services	14,397,977		14,397,977
Support services	<u>2,734,269</u>		<u>2,734,269</u>
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	\$ 17,132,246		17,132,246
<b>Surplus from Operating Support and Revenue over Operating Expenses (excluding Depreciation and Amortization)</b>			
# \$	238,849	\$ 145,000	383,849
<b>Other changes:</b>			
Investment Income	\$ 15,007		15,007
Gain on Sale of Property and Equipment	\$ 96,500		96,500
<b>Net Result - Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	\$ 350,356	\$ 145,000	\$ 495,356

\*\*\*The above Net Surplus is exclusive of non cash expenses such as depreciation and amortization. Inclusion of these expenses will reduce the Net Surplus.

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*The following donors have demonstrated their commitment to ensuring that The Arc Mission continues to endure by pledging to make a planned gift to the agency and for five years of consistent gifting.*

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Projects include indoor maintenance, interior and exterior repair and upkeep, landscaping projects and of course group and companion visits to those we serve which makes for memorable friendships throughout the year.

Projects are coordinated with The Arc Foundation's Volunteer Coordinator and Development Director on a bi-annual calendar year (Spring/Summer and Summer/Fall)



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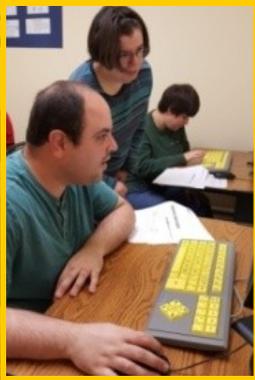
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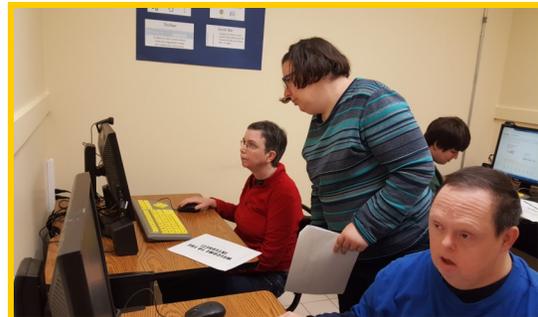
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The 5th Annual Mash Up Halloween hosted by the Maintenance and Clinical Services Departments Makes Smiles Miles Wide



Computer Classes Introduced at Branchburg Adult Training Center



Our Annual 2018 Walk Group Photo and Corporate Buddy Walkers Made it a Memorable Spring 2018

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Advocates for Change officers visited the State House in Trenton



Our Music Program Expanded into the Somerset Community



Brian O. Elected as the 1st Chair of "Council 3" of The New Jersey Statewide Self-Advocacy Network



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