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A message from the Executive Director and Board President

As The Arc of Somerset County begins its fourth decade of outstanding services for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, we should take a moment to celebrate the



accomplishments of the past 39 years.

We enter into our 40th year as strong and committed as our

founding parents. Our services have expanded to provide a full range and variety of offerings for children and adults of all ages and abilities. Our programs represent unique services that support an individual's right to work, live and play in the community. Our growth serves to further strengthen our resolve to meet the ever-changing needs of those we serve by:



- Promoting the expansion of housing and employment opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD)
- Supporting the choice of inclusion and integration in the education system and in all aspects of community living
- Increasing community awareness about individuals with I/DD

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Arc to honor Elizabeth M. Boggs Center at Arc Angel Gala

The Arc of Somerset County's annual Arc Angel Gala, "Achieving Together," is scheduled for Friday, November 18, 2011 at Fiddler's Elbow in Far Hills, New Jersey.

We proudly announce The Elizabeth M. Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities as our Arc Angel honoree this year. The Elizabeth M. Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities is New Jersey's federally designated University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service. Since its inception in 1983, The Center has emphasized a community based, life span approach to meeting the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.



Accepting the award on behalf of The Elizabeth M. Boggs Center is Dr. Deborah M. Spitalnik, the center's founding Executive Director. Recently appointed to the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities, Dr. Spitalnik chairs the NJ Medical Assistance Advisory Council, the national Council on Quality and Leadership, previously served as a member and chair of PCPID, and is past president of the Association of University Centers on Disabilities. Serving on numerous committees both in New Jersey and nationally, she provides extensive consultation to families, policy makers, state agencies, and service providers.

To support the Arc Angel Gala through sponsorship, or to purchase tickets or advertising, please contact Tara Abbott, Director of Fundraising & Public Relations at 908-725-8544 x610 or via email at taraa@thearcofsomerset.org.

Arc consumer honored with statewide award

On March 25, Paul Petitti was honored as the Supported Employee of the Year by NJ APSE (Association for Persons in Supported Employment). The award was designed to confer statewide recognition on a supported employee for outstanding personal achievement.

Paul has been with The Arc's Supported Employment program since October 2004.



During that time, Paul has worked to develop his skills and experience and has held a number of part-time jobs. These positions strengthened Paul's ability to become a team player and to maintain high standards and a strong work ethic.

Eventually Paul became confident enough to seek full-time employment in the community. In January of 2011, Paul's efforts paid off and he was offered a full-time position with the Burks Company, a contractor for Ortho Clinical Diagnostics, a Johnson & Johnson company.

Paul's persistence and diligence has earned him the respect of his co-workers, his employer and NJ APSE.

Congratulations, Paul!

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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- Initiating collaborative efforts between and among other human service agencies
- Exploring funding resources to meet the expanding needs of our community

The common thread in all of our successes is people. We are inspired by the tenacity and determination of those we serve and their families; our employees are leaders in their

area of expertise and show commitment and compassion in everything they do; and our volunteers are the cornerstone of all that we accomplish.

I hope you will join us as we head into the future - strong, viable and focused on providing the supports individuals we serve need to develop and achieve at every stage of life!

More than 400 participants "Stepped Up For The Arc" in annual Walk & 5K Run

The Arc of Somerset County held its annual *Step Up For The Arc Walk & 5K Run* on Saturday, May 21 at Duke Island Park in Bridgewater. *Step Up For The Arc* is the annual statewide Walkathon of The Arc, the state's largest nonprofit organization supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. The event raised net revenue of more than \$31,000, and these funds will support vital programs and services for individuals with developmental disabilities in Somerset County.

Over 400 walkers, runners, and volunteers showed up for the festivities, and guests enjoyed a BBQ picnic donated by District 12 of the Free & Accepted Masons as well as music provided by DJ Christopher Haase of New Jersey DJ Services. The Arc of Somerset County also acknowledges the many sponsors that supported the 2011 Step Up For The Arc Walk & 5K Run, including Gold Medal Sponsors: American Legion, Applebee's, Carbro Constructors Corporation, and Petro Oil. Photos of the event can be found on The Arc's website at www.thearcofsomerset.org.



Volunteers Brighten The Arc

Companies from the local community generously shared their time, talent and supplies this spring to spruce up some of The Arc's group homes and Camp Jotoni. Over 150 volunteers participated in the following projects:

February 24 - Merck sent 25 volunteers to paint at the Commons Apartments in Bridgewater.



May 20 - 6 volunteers from sanofi-aventis painted at the Cambridge Group Home in Bridgewater.

May 24 - Over 40 Ethicon employees (including 2 from China and 1 from Scotland!) volunteered at 4 different group homes as part of the company's Community Works Day.



June 8 - Over 25 volunteers from Henkel spent the day preparing Camp Jotoni for the summer season by cleaning, painting, weeding, spreading mulch, and tiling a bathhouse floor. Part of the team even stayed late to make sure the job was complete!

June 17- L'Oreal sent 25 volunteers to the Respite Group Home in Hillsborough to paint, plant flowers and create a vegetable garden.



June 30, 2011 - Over 25 volunteers from Tricore Interactive went to Camp Jotoni to stain decks, clean up the camp grounds, spread mulch and plant flowers.

For additional information about scheduling a volunteer project for your organization, team or group, contact Laura Ziegler at 908-725-8544 x 608 or via email at lauraz@thearcofsomerset.org.

Grants and Donations Provide Program Support

SJP Properties awarded The Arc of Somerset County with a \$16,702.50 donation to help support the agency's mission and activities. This is the 12th consecutive year that SJP Properties has provided The Arc with a generous donation through a unique philanthropic initiative in Somerset County. The initiative is the result of a collaboration with Johnson & Johnson.

Qualcomm has awarded a \$10,000 grant to support The Arc of Somerset Shredding, a business venture providing employment opportunities for adults with I/DD. Specifically, the grant funds will be used to purchase and install a closed circuit monitoring system that will provide the security required to pursue an industry accreditation.

Dorothy B. Hersh Foundation awarded a \$20,000 grant to help fund the renovation and construction of a new health and nursing office at Camp Jotoni.

Ethicon, a Johnson & Johnson Company awarded a \$15,800 grant to fund a new senior's day program called "Morella's Place" that will enable The Arc to address the unique needs of individuals with I/DD as they age.

E.J. Grassmann Trust awarded a \$10,000 grant to help fund a new sprinkler system at the Arc's Mobus Group Home in North Plainfield.



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National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)

During the month of October, in conjunction with NDEAM, The Arc of Somerset County will honor our many community business partners that provide employment opportunities for adults with I/DD. Check our website for additional information regarding the 2011 *Partnerships for Employability* event.

Arc Angel Gala

The 2011 Arc Angel Gala: "Achieving Together" will be held on Friday, November 18 at Fiddler's Elbow Country Club in Far Hills, NJ. Join us as we honor The Elizabeth M. Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities. To RSVP, or for additional information, please contact Tara Abbott at 908-725-8544 x610 or via email at taraa@thearcofsomerset.org.

Arc Honors Award Recipients at Annual Meeting

The Arc of Somerset County held its Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony on Monday, June 27 at the Bridgewater Manor to celebrate another successful year of serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



Distinguished Community Service Award – MADE
Employer of the Year – Synergy Direct Marketing Solutions
Employment DSP of the Year – Marlene Fox
Healthcare Professional of the Year – Brenda Maehr
Martin Papish Award – Jeanne Guarnieri
Professional of the Year – Amanda Schlachter Jacob, Esq.
Residential DSP of the Year – Richard Ruwell
Volunteer of the Year – Kate Huddleston