



## A Message From The Executive Director



Happy New Year! The start of a new calendar year seems like an obvious time to talk about new beginnings. Before I talk

about what's new at The Arc, let me acknowledge those who have brought us to this juncture.

First, I must give my sincerest appreciation to our Board of Directors and the Foundation Board of Trustees. These volunteers work closely with Executive Management and agency leadership to provide guidance, expertise and support. In addition, our Boards have been true champions of our work and have helped us raise over \$200,000 in fundraising efforts, while also engaging with our stakeholders and those we serve.

Second, our Department Directors deserve both our congratulations and gratitude for working to create innovative programs, quality supports and a life span of services for the 1400 children, adults and adolescents that we serve every day. Our Directors are not just experts in their particular area, but have the respect and appreciation of our communities...

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## Camp Jotoni Fundraising Cabin Renovation Update

**A**s the 2018 year comes to a close, The Arc of Somerset County and Camp Jotoni are so very proud to share an update on our Camp Jotoni Capital Campaign! This year we have made great progress towards meeting our goal to create updated facilities that will meet the unique needs of our campers.

To date, we have:

1. Raised over \$471,000
2. Hosted our first "Clubs for Cabins" Golf Outing in September generating over \$90k
3. Solidified financing options with local banks
4. Planned to begin breaking ground for the first TWO cabins in 2019!

The funds that were raised have made significant impact toward the **first phase** of obtaining the means needed to upright the **first 2 cabins of 4 planned**.

### Phase 2:

In the coming 2019 calendar year, The Arc Foundation of Somerset County will be continuing the outreach for support to help fulfill the funding for **Cabins 3 & 4**.

With each cabin built, our special needs children, adults and their families will benefit for utilizing Camp Jotoni's respite programs 12 months of the year, respite care will expand beyond the 9 week summer, and overnight respite will be available more frequently for our growing list of registered special needs families.

### Phase 3:

Upon cabins 3 & 4 completion, we will focus on to the construction of "**The Lodge**", which will host Camp Jotoni's cafeteria, classrooms, indoor activity room, after school program and camp counselor and nurse's offices.

We look forward to celebrating this next step in the history of Camp Jotoni's renovation plan and hope that you will join us at our official groundbreaking ceremony in 2019!



## The Arc of Somerset County MISSION

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## New Hires at the Arc of Somerset County

**T**he Arc of Somerset County is proud to announce two new Directors at the Arc. Jeannette McClew, MSW is a Licensed Social Worker who began her career with adults with developmental disabilities and mental health disorders and was accepted to the position as Director of PACT - Parents and Children Together. Jeannette worked under the direction of Jeanne Guarnieri, Director of PACT for a full year before taking on the role as Director upon Jeanne's retirement from the Arc of Somerset County this fall. Congratulations Jeannette!



**C**hris Gunning was recently named the Director of Quality for The Arc of Somerset County. He is in charge of the overall quality and compliance initiatives of the agency. Chris holds a BA in Psychology from Seton Hall University and post graduate studies in Psychology from the New School for Social Research in NY, NY. Chris has over 30 years experience in Disability Services, including but not limited to Residential, Employment, Supported Employment and Director level positions. Most recently, Chris has taken the lead in our agency's transition to fee for service; partnering with service and operations departments to provide training and support. Congratulations Chris!

### *Message from the Executive Director Continued...*

and funding partners.

Last, but not least, employees and in particular, our Direct Service work-force are dedicated and committed to those we serve. Despite the changing landscape and our funding structure, our employees have ensured a seamless transition and continue to provide outstanding services to those in our care.

As we move into 2019, we look forward to launching our new Mission Statement as well as our new Strategic Plan. Both initiatives will honor our commitment to our communities and the need to put community partnerships in the foreground of all that we do. Indeed, it was members of our local community who started The Arc of Somerset County in 1972, and our communities continue to be a vital part of our programs, community integration initiatives and fundraising. Our community partnerships are not just an additional source of support; they are a valued and essential member of our organization and our family. Our communities embrace our work and those we serve and have created the opportunities and friendships that

the children and adults we serve enjoy. Our focus on community is reflected in our new Mission Statement which I am pleased to share with you today:

#### Mission Statement (effective 1-1-19)

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

We look forward to expanding our community and the work we do in the upcoming year, and we hope that you will continue to be a part of that community.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year!

*Lauren Frary,*  
Executive Director  
The Arc of Somerset County



## Community Partnerships Make Impact at The Arc in 2018

2018 has brought The Arc of Somerset County a number of new community partnerships to our adult programs.

### The Coffeehouse Project

The Coffeehouse Project, based in Somerville, New Jersey, is a valuable resource that has begun to enhance the lives of the adults served by The Arc of Somerset County. This 501 c 3 organization is led by John Fitzpatrick and Becca Kaian, two talented performers who bring happiness to everyone through their music and their ability to connect with them as individuals. The Arc of Somerset County thanks them for their generous time and talent as the group has performed four times for the adults who attend Camplain Road ATC. They fully engage the adults and have them singing on the microphones, dancing and playing percussion instruments. Classic Rock is a favorite of many!



### St. Joseph's Church and Parish Center Hosts The Arc's Got Talent

The Arc of Somerset County Adult Services Program took part in "The Arc's Got Talent," a performance talent show on November 9, 2018 at St. Joseph's Church in Hillsborough. The event was a partnership between The Arc, Immaculata High school students, and "Becca's Friends" - a ministry group based out of St. Joseph's Parish.

The co-emcees, Victor and Gerry, an Arc staff person and an Arc service recipient, kept the program moving smoothly. The energy throughout the night was palpable with over 160 people in attendance. Talented adults served by The Arc of Somerset County, Arc staff and members of "Becca's Friends" came to perform a variety of songs, dances and musical compositions. All of the acts were so diverse and rich with such positivity - every single one was a highlight of the night. Acts included two renditions of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow", a drum solo, a group performance of "We Are the World", an original guitar composition and a few Christmas songs to get the audience in the mood for the upcoming holiday season.



The event would not have been possible without assistance from the local community:

- Members of St. Joseph's Church worked with The Arc to plan the event, provide sound, assist with event setup, and lend a set of drums
- Students from Immaculata High School campus ministry made props while Immaculata's student Isabelle LaRoche helped the performers learn the melody for "Going to the Chapel."
- A photographer and videographer were on site to memorialize the event in still photos and on video.

## Partnership Recognition **THANK YOU to SANTANDER BANK**

The Arc of Somerset County would like to offer special thanks to Santander Bank who learned with us and kept up with the changes in the funding structure of the agency. They took the time to understand not only the operation of the agency but the financial structure as well to ensure that they are able to provide us with the products that best meet our needs during this time of transition to Fee For Service.

## Somerset County Volunteers Help with Fall Clean Up

**October 12:** Verizon Corporate attended our Branchburg Adult Training Facility to create special thank you cards with our adults to our troops overseas for the holiday season.



**October 18:** Hillsborough Education Association attended our Ardsley Group Home for a group volunteer project involving fall landscape and deep cleaning of the outside of the home.

**October 19:** Volunteers from Janssen attended their annual Fall Clean-Up and Closing of Camp Jotoni grounds for the winter.

**November 9:** Catalent Pharma attended Jill Court for a group volunteer craft-companion day making paper bag turkeys and serving our folks a treat with cheesecake from the Cheesecake Factory.



**November 10:** Church of Latter Day Saints brought their first volunteer group to the Warren Group Home to do some fall landscape clean up and outside window cleaning.

**November 22:** Withum Accounting Firm sent two volunteer groups to paint two offices at Branchburg ATC and the living room and kitchen at our Commons apartments.

### Arc Grant Achievements In Qtr 3 & 4 2018

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

Qualcomm: \$10,000 - *Camp Jotoni Capital Campaign*  
Wal-Mart Grant: \$1,000 - *Maintenance*

Enterprise: \$1,000 - *Maintenance*  
Lebanon Reformed Church: \$1,000



## Arc Celebrates The Fall and Holiday Season with Friends of Somerset County

**O**n Monday, October 22nd, over 200 attendees gathered for our largest turnout yet at the 6th Annual Monster MASHUP event held at the VFW Hall in Manville. The MASHUP is collaboration from The Achievement Center, Clinical Services Dept., and the Maintenance - Safety & Security Dept. is a featured event that brings together our persons served for a free night of fun, fright, and ghoulishly good times!

All attendees enjoyed an evening with a Halloween costume contest, music and dancing. Special thanks to the Branchburg Singers and Band, celebrity judges from Synergy Pro Wrestlers and Sparkee the Mascot from the Somerset Patriots. The guest enjoyed prizes and giveaways, a fun photo booth, a caricature artist, dinner, and dessert.

We'd like to acknowledge the following people & businesses for providing free and/or discounted services for this event - VFW of Manville, Frank's Pizza & Restaurant of Manville, Mitzen Photography of Somerset, Caricatures by Hal, The Somerset Patriots, Herr's Chips of Somerset, and all of the wonderful volunteers who helped make this successful night possible!

**November 30:** The Arc of Somerset County Adult Services celebrated Christmas early with their annual holiday party- held this year at our partners at the Somerville Elks!



**December 6:** Henkel N.A. volunteers of Bridgewater came to visit our folks at Commons apartments for their annual holiday party! Thank you Henkel for your companionship and for making everyone so happy during this holiday season.

**December 12:** Ethicon Technology Volunteers came to visit our folks from Camplain Rd. to host a holiday craft party making holiday keepsake boxes! Thank you Ethicon Technology for your companionship and for bringing smiles to Camplain Rd.!

**December 16:** Special thanks for long-term volunteer June O'Neil for hosting her annual holiday gathering at Commons apartments which our folks look forward to every year!

**December 20:** Special thanks for L'Oreal of Franklin for hosting their annual "Gifts of the Season" for our one family from each of our Family Support, PACT and Jerry Davis Center programs.

**December 21:** Thanks to Catelant Pharma - one of our new 2018 volunteer groups to join our folks at Jill court for a holiday gathering of crafts and treats!



## Arc Angel Reception Honors Three Community Partners of The Arc of Somerset County and Camp Jotoni

The Arc Angel Ruby Reception honored 3 professional companies on Friday evening, November 2nd at the Bridgewater Marriott who have individually and collectively helped us move from concept to reality for our Camp Jotoni revitalization project.

**BW Bosenberg & Company Landscape Architects  
Carroll Engineering Corporation  
Cermalara Architect**



Camp Jotoni Camper, Jessica Downs received the Halo Award at the event for her achievement at every stage of life after overcoming many challenges.



*Thank You to our sponsors and to everyone who supported and attended The Arc Angel Ruby Reception on November 2nd at the Bridgewater Marriott!*

### Did You Know...

The Arc Foundation of Somerset County will work with you on planned giving deferred gifts for our agency?

Planned Giving is a gift a person decides to give at some future date 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 options on planned giving with The Arc Foundation of Somerset County or contact Lisa Marie Arieno, Director of Foundation Development at 908-658-3805 or e-mail [foundation@thearcofsomerset.org](mailto:foundation@thearcofsomerset.org).

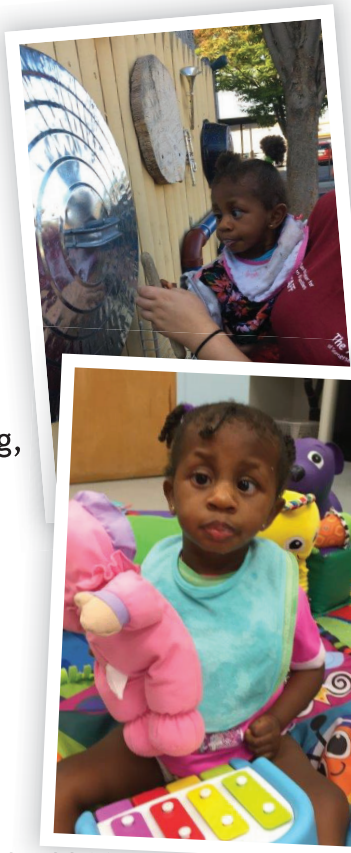


## Early intervention and Daycare Proves Successful for Toddler with Developmental Delays

Fajr enrolled in The Jerry Davis Center for Children and Families (JDCCF) at the beginning of the fall session. Fajr is a beautiful 2 year old child with a diagnosis of Emanuel Syndrome- a chromosomal disorder causing a severe, global delay in all areas of growth. She was unable to crawl, walk, stand, feed herself or interact at an age appropriate level.

Since October, JDCCF and Early Intervention Services has helped Fajr with an integrated inclusive program which has demonstrated some major progress. Currently, Fajr is interacting with her peers by smiling, at times laughing, and making friendly eye contact with them when they approach her to play and help her with skill building activities. Fajr brightens up the Daycare program every day. "It makes me so happy to see Fajr enjoying her school day, playing and learning along with all her peers. Her strength in cognitive skills and motor abilities increase every day and proves to be working thanks to the dedicated staff at the JDCCF" states Jill Glassman, Director of Early Childhood Services for The Jerry Davis Center for Children and Families.

For more information about our daycare program, please visit <http://www.thearcofsomerset.org/programs/index.html> or call 908-725-2266.



## The Achievement Center Hosts Club Friday Night starting January 2019

The Achievement Center at Raritan Valley Community College is continuing to host the Friday Night bi-monthly Social Skills Awareness program on the campus of Raritan Valley Community College. The program, which began in the summer of 2018, is designed through practice to develop and enhance social skills: discuss better ways to communicate our ideas and thoughts; and recognize the importance of both verbal and non-verbal communication in our relationships.

To obtain more information or request an application and set up an interview for the program, please contact Bob Hult at 732-666-4781 or email us at [bobh@thearcofsomerset.org](mailto:bobh@thearcofsomerset.org)





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## What's Happening in 2019?

### *March is National Developmental Disabilities 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 through education and outreach. We hope you will join us this March as we celebrate the lives of people with I/DD.

### *Step Up for The Arc 5K and Walk*

Be on the lookout for a new date early this Spring at Duke Island Park for the "Step Up for The Arc 5K and Walk Event" that will be announced in late January 2019

### *Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony*

The Arc will honor volunteers, staff, consumers, supporters and community partners in June 2019 at the Somerville Elks once again. Our official date and location is to be announced at the end of January. Contact The Arc Foundation office for more information at 908-658-3805.

### *Camp Jotoni 2nd Annual Clubs for Cabins – June 2019*

The Arc Foundation of Somerset County will be hosting the 2nd Annual "Clubs for Cabins" golf event fundraiser in early June 2019 at Watchung Valley Golf Club. Details will be announced in late January 2019. Stay tuned!