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Empower Yourself, Empower Someone Else

**The Arc  
Advocate**

*Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month*



*Benefit Dinner*

March is going to be very exciting for us here at The Arc Dearborn! The Alliance for DisAbility Awareness, a student organization from the University of Michigan Dearborn, has very generously chosen to sponsor The Arc Dearborn at its 7th Annual Benefit Dinner on Thursday, March 14th. All proceeds from this event will go directly to The Arc Dearborn! In addition to a delicious dinner, event night will include raffles, auctions, and so much more!

We will be teaming up with the ADA to make this an event to remember. This event will be replacing our Annual Silent Auction Spring Gala, so we are urging all of our families and friends to support this fundraiser in any way they can. Tickets for the dinner are \$40 (tickets for people with disabilities are FREE!). If you can't attend, monetary donations are very welcome, as well as donations for the silent auction or raffles throughout the night. Please turn to pages **3, 4, and 8** for information on how to support this great event.

Remember, for all information on upcoming events for The Arc Dearborn, please visit our website at [www.thearcdearborn.org](http://www.thearcdearborn.org) or our facebook page.

We sincerely hope to see you on March 14th!



**Membership Dues**

New Member		
Renewing Member		
Individual	\$35	
Membership		
Annual Family	\$40	
Membership		
Contributing	\$50	
Membership		
Corporate	\$100	
Membership		
Patron	\$100	
Membership		
Donations		
\$25	\$50	\$100
Other \$		

Please Make Checks Payable to: The Arc Dearborn

All dues are billed annually upon date of approved membership.

**The Arc Dearborn**  
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**Membership Application**  
\*Please list any applicant over 18 who will be included in your membership. Thank you.

**Achieve with us.**

**United Way** Member Agency

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NAME OF FAMILY MEMBER WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY TO BE INCLUDED IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME \_\_\_\_\_ B-Day / /  
ADDRESS (if different) \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_



**The Arc is people** – people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities, parents and other family members, friends of people with intellectual disabilities and professionals who work with them. The Arc is a grassroots organization with 140,000 members who are affiliated through approximately 730 state and local chapters across the nation.

**Our Mission:** The Arc Dearborn provides a wide range of supportive services, information and advocacy to improve the quality of life for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. The Arc promotes opportunities to live, learn and work in Dearborn, Dearborn Heights and surrounding communities among family, friends and neighbors.

#### OFFICERS

Robert Altizer, *President*  
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Peggy Richard, *Secretary*

#### DIRECTORS

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Clare Brick, *MAF Parent Mentor*



## Why is Membership Important?

When you become a member of The Arc Dearborn, you become a part of the largest and strongest organization in the country working on behalf of more than 7 million Americans with developmental disabilities. You will be connecting to a vast network of resources and dedicated professionals committed to ensure that all people with developmental disabilities are provided the opportunity to live life to the fullest, most productive life possible.

Membership is easy. You may choose from a variety of membership categories for an annual investment of \$35-\$100. You may find a membership application on the back of this newsletter. Please become a new member or renew your membership today!

***Achieve with us.***



### NEXT BOARD MEETING

**TBD**

all board meetings take  
place at The Arc Dearborn.

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

**Detroit Wayne Mental  
Health Authority**  
1.888.490.9698

**Office of  
Recipient Rights**  
1.888.339.5595

**Community Living  
Services**  
1.866.381.7600

## Employment Opportunities for All Abilities

Support Growth Independence

(STEP) Services To Enhance Potential provides supports and services to over 1,300 individuals with disabilities and other mental health needs in the Wayne County area. Individuals with barriers to employment are enabled to reach their best potential and life goals through self-employment, supported employment, volunteer opportunities, and a variety of programs and trainings.

STEP is the owner and operator of three **STEP Thrift Store and Donation Centers**, formerly known as Tried and True Thrift Stores. Customers who shop and/or donate at any of our thrift store locations are helping the consumers of STEP services become proud members of society.

#### STEP Thrift Store and Donation Center locations:

35004 W Michigan Ave Wayne, MI 48184 (734) 728-9777	15413 Dix Toledo Southgate, MI 48195 (734) 225-3400	23830 Ford Rd Dearborn Hts, MI 48127 (313) 633-0755
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2941 S. Gulley Rd.  
Dearborn, MI 48124  
(313) 278-3040  
STEPcentral.org

facebook.com/enhancepotential

## Advertise in The Arc Advocate!

*Advocates for people with developmental disabilities and their families.*

The Arc Advocate is published bi-monthly.

The Arc Dearborn has over 250 members, friends, businesses, and organizations that receive our newsletter.

#### Circle size and number of ads desired below:

Available Space	Full Year Donation	One Ad
1/8 Page (Business Card)	\$50	\$6
1/4 Page	\$90	\$10
1/2 Page	\$150	\$25
Full Page	\$225	\$40

Please enclose a business card or ad layout for the size ad you choose.

Layouts can be emailed to [info@thearcdearborn.org](mailto:info@thearcdearborn.org).

Make checks payable to: The Arc Dearborn, 22450 Park Street, Dearborn, MI 48124

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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Advertising in our newsletter will generate funds to help offset costs. According to US Post Office Regulations, as a non-profit organization, we cannot accept advertising from travel agents, insurance agents and financial planners.





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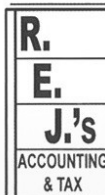
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## ALLIANCE FOR DISABILITY AWARENESS

Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is Emily Burcroff, and I am the President of the **Alliance for Disability Awareness (ADA)** at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Our organization serves to educate the university and its surrounding community about various physical, mental, and emotional disabilities. As part of our mission, we aim to help those with disabilities by working to remove barriers to their progress, change current policies specifically affecting them, and supporting organizations through fundraising and volunteering that serve this community. It is in the spirit of advocating and aiding the disabled community that I write to you today.

Our main event for this coming year is our **7th Annual Benefit Dinner** that will be held on March 14th, 2019 at Byblos Banquet Hall, and all proceeds from this dinner will go towards a community organization that makes an impact on the lives of those with special needs. We are sponsoring The Arc Dearborn, a local nonprofit organization whose mission is to serve young adults with special needs and to support them through community engagement, providing them valuable resources, and advocacy that will help them live more independent and fulfilling lives. The Arc of Dearborn receives some support through Medicare which allows them to provide their services at no cost to their clients. However, they cannot be funded by Medicare alone, so they also rely on generous grants and fundraisers. All donations to The Arc help provide transportation of special needs adults to community volunteer activities, upkeep on fitness and technology equipment at the community center and compensate the dedicated staff. For some adults with disabilities, attending the community program at the Arc of Dearborn is the only interaction they may have outside of their home. Without this program, these young adults would not have a place to meet others and socialize. To support this amazing organization, we are looking for local businesses that can make this dinner possible. Our organization is tremendously grateful with the donation or sponsorship you choose and the impact you make will have a difference, thank you for your support!

Please contact Emily Burcroff at 734 834 3339 or [eburcrof@umich.edu](mailto:eburcrof@umich.edu)

## 7th Annual Benefit Dinner Packages

### \$1200 Co-Host

As a Co-Host, this dinner is yours as much it is ours. Your logo will be added to our flier, your business will be announced, opportunity to speak, and reserve a table at the dinner.  
Includes 20 tickets to the benefit dinner (2 full tables) your logo and organization name in our program  
A shout out from our Facebook page promoting your business and your social media page.  
A promo table at the dinner to promote your business, (can have a poster, banner, etc.)  
Your organization will be presented in a slideshow on our Co-Host powerpoint which will be play throughout the dinner.

### \$375 Co-Sponsorship

Includes 13 tickets to the benefit dinner (1.3 table) Your logo and organization name in our program  
A shout out from our Facebook page promoting your business and your social media page.

### \$550 Co-Sponsorship

Includes 15 tickets to the benefit dinner (1.5 table or can donate a table to a family attending)  
Your logo and organization name in our program  
A shout out from our Facebook page promoting your business and your social media page.  
A promo table at the dinner to promote your business.

### \$275 Co-Sponsorship


Includes 10 tickets to the benefit dinner (1 full table)  
Your logo and business name in our program.

Any Donation Accepted with Promotional Benefits

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Alliance for Disability Awareness

# Benefit Dinner

sponsoring **The Arc**  
Dearborn

## Thursday, March 14th, 2019

Doors open at 5:30 pm


Located at: **Byblos Banquet Hall**  
7258 Chase Rd.  
Dearborn, MI 48126

Alliance for Disability Awareness, a student organization from the University of Michigan Dearborn, will be holding a benefit dinner sponsoring The Arc Dearborn. The ADA raises disability awareness on campus and in the community, and have chosen The Arc Dearborn to receive all proceeds from this event. The evening will feature a dinner, silent auction, raffles throughout the night, and so much more!

**Ticket Prices:**  
\$40 for individuals paying by cash or check.

\$45 for tickets purchased online. Please visit [7THANNUALADABENEFITDINNER.TICKETBUD.COM/7THDINNER](http://7THANNUALADABENEFITDINNER.TICKETBUD.COM/7THDINNER) to purchase.

\$0 for individuals with disabilities. Please let us know on the form who will be attending so we can give the ADA accurate numbers.



**TICKET ORDER FORM** 2019 Benefit Dinner

Mail or Email response to  
22450 Park St., Dearborn, MI 48124  
Email: [info@thearcdearborn.org](mailto:info@thearcdearborn.org)

**Please make checks payable to Alliance for Disability Awareness**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_


# \_\_\_\_\_ Ticket(s) \$40 per Person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Ticket(s) \$0 per Person With Disability \$ \_\_\_\_\_


**Credit card purchases will add \$5.00 per person**

**You can order your ticket online at**  
[7THANNUALADABENEFITDINNER.TICKETBUD.COM/7THDINNER](http://7THANNUALADABENEFITDINNER.TICKETBUD.COM/7THDINNER)

Payment Method:

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☐ Cash


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# Ways to Help The Arc!

## The Arc Dearborn Benefit Dinner 2019



All proceeds go directly to The Arc providing advocacy and services for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

### Monetary Donation

- ☐ \$25.00    ☐ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ \$50.00  
☐ \$100.00

**NOTE:** Checks **MUST** be payable to **Alliance for Disability Awareness.**

### DONATE ITEMS TO THE SILENT AUCTION!

AUCTION ITEM: \_\_\_\_\_

RESTRICTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

VALUE: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

To schedule items for pick-up, please call The Arc at (313) 562-1787.  
 You may also drop off items at The Arc office Monday-Friday 9 am to 3 pm.  
 Address: 22450 Park Street, Dearborn, MI 48124  
 Deadline for Auction Items is Friday, March 8th.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code : \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation letters with our TAX EXEMPT number for your records will be sent promptly upon receipt of all donations.

### Payment Method:

☐ Cash or Check

☐ Visa    ☐ MasterCard

Please make checks payable to:  
 Alliance for Disability Awareness  
 22450 Park Street  
 Dearborn, MI 48124

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## March Birthdays

Richard Bazy	March 2nd
Alexandra Smedley	March 3rd
Mark Spears	March 4th
Barbara Keleman	March 5th
Deborah Williams	March 5th
Joi Jackson	March 6th
Dave West	March 14th
Joe Walters	March 21st
Cherie Perkins	March 22nd
Mark Mitchell	March 23rd
Ian Patterson	March 26th
Marcus Gaddy	March 26th

## April Birthdays

Chris Davis	April 2nd
Dee Bright	April 2nd
MaryAnn Kemp	April 4th
Susan Owen	April 5th
Diane McCall	April 7th
Marie Altizer	April 8th
Rebecca Schaffer	April 11th
Laura Phillis	April 13th
David Trojan	April 14th
Kathren McDonald	April 16th
David Turfe	April 16th
Thomas Turck	April 17th
Thomas McCardell	April 18th
Sarah Jager	April 20th
Thomas Damos	April 22nd
Peggy Etchells	April 22nd
Madison Barry	April 23rd
Erika Wolfe	April 29th

### MONTHLY

### SENSORY FRIENDLY FILMS at AMC

AMC Entertainment and the Autism Society have teamed up to bring families affected by autism and other disabilities a special opportunity to enjoy their favorite films in a safe and accepting environment on a monthly basis with the "Sensory Friendly Films" program.

In order to provide a more accepting and comfortable setting for this unique audience, the movie auditoriums will have their lights brought up and the sound turned down, and no pre-views



or advertisements will be shown before the movie. Additionally, audience members are welcome to get up and dance, walk, shout or sing - in other words, AMC's "Silence is Golden®" policy will not be enforced unless the

safety of the audience is questioned.

The Sensory Friendly Film program is available on the **second and fourth Saturday (family-friendly)** and **Tuesday evenings (mature audiences)** of every month. Please check your local theatre listings for specific showtimes, and don't forget to share your family fun with #AMCSensoryFriendly.

**Movies begin at 7 pm on Tuesdays and 10 am on Saturdays**

*All dates and times are subject to change.*

March and April's movies have not been posted yet. Please check their website at:

[amctheaters.com/programs/sensory-friendly-films](http://amctheaters.com/programs/sensory-friendly-films)

### Area Locations

AMC Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty Rd, Livonia  
 AMC Gratiot 21, 35705 South Gratiot Ave, Clinton Twp.  
 AMC Forum 30, 44681 Mound Rd, Sterling Heights



## Buy a Brick

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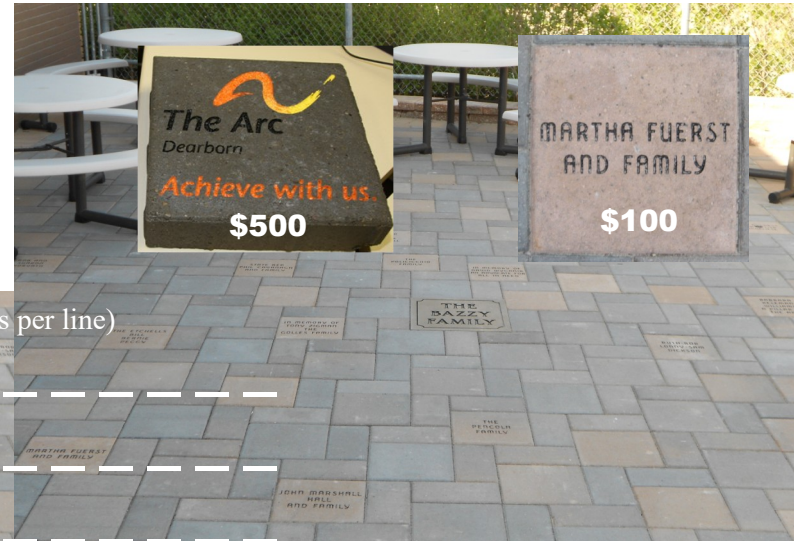
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- All spelling and grammar is final. Please verify before submitting.
- Message content is subject to The Arc's approval.
- Please supply artwork for LOGO on corporate brick.

Custom Corporate Brick \$500: \_\_\_\_\_  
Family Brick \$100: \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional Donation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

## Become a Part of The Arc Dearborn's Legacy and BUY A PATIO BRICK!!



### Payment Method:

- ☐ VISA ☐ Check  
☐ MasterCard ☐ Cash

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Below are the items that our program uses on a daily basis. We can thrive by the generous contributions of our members and friends. Please be a friend to The Arc today!

### High Use Items

- Hand Sanitizer
- Kleenex
- Wipes
- Lysol Disinfectant
- 45-55 Gallon Garbage Bags
- High Efficiency Laundry Detergent
- High Efficiency Dishwasher Detergent
- Hand Soap
- Kitchen Sponges
- Paper, Post-it-notes
- Steno Note Pads
- Rechargeable Batteries (AA, AAA, C, and D)



### Every Day Items

- Sturdy Paper Plates
- Napkins
- Plastic Ware

### Art Supplies


- Drawing Paper
- Colored Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Paint
- Canvas
- Glue/Glue Sticks
- Colored Paper
- Construction Paper

### Coffee Supplies

- Cream & Sugar
- Decaffeinated Coffee

### Games

- Simon
- Kerplunk
- Puzzles (Age appropriate/less than 500 pieces)
- Any age appropriate board games
- Wii games: Mario Party 8, Karaoke Revolution



*In Loving Memory of  
Raymond Denny  
February 3rd, 2019*

Raymond Denny was a long time member of The Arc Dearborn's board and for many years held the position of Vice President. Ray will be dearly missed by his Arc Dearborn family.

**The Arc Dearborn  
will be  
CLOSED  
April 19th  
for Good Friday**



### Dearborn Specials / Arts & Recreation Enabling Program

For nearly three decades, the Dearborn Recreation Department has sponsored the Dearborn Specials/Arts & Recreation Enabling program for adults with disabilities and their families and friends.

All of the activities are hosted or instructed by Recreation Specialist Camille Gibson and take place at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center.

*Please call 313-943-2350 to register for classes and events.*

### March Pizza & Bingo

Pizza and Bingo nights are held on Tuesdays.

March's Pizza and Bingo night will be held on March 26th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Cost: \$11

Cost includes pizza, pop, bingo games and lots of prizes.



### Easter Craft Night

Craft nights are hold on Tuesdays.

The Spring Craft night featuring Easter themed crafts will be held on April 16th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Cost: \$10

Cost includes snacks and all materials.

