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**The Arc
Advocate**

January/February 2020

Get involved! Board members needed!



As many of you are aware, The Arc Dearborn is governed by a Board of Directors that not only oversees The Arc Dearborn as a non-profit organization, but takes a crucial role in helping plan and organize The Arc Dearborn's yearly fundraisers; such as our Silent Auction and Golf Outing. These fundraisers help support The Arc Dearborn so we can keep providing the best advocacy and supports for children and adults with I/ D.D.

The Arc Dearborn is looking for dedicated, caring, and motivated individuals to join our Board of Directors. The Board meets the first Monday of every other month, at 5:30 pm in our office located at 22450 Park St., Dearborn, 48124. A position on The Arc Board of Directors offers opportunities to connect our organization with members of the community and to directly make a difference in the lives of children and adults with I/D.D.

Serving on the Board is a great way to experience The Arc behind the scenes and to build relationships with businesses, partners, and the broader network of The Arc Dearborn supporters. If you think that this is the perfect position for you, or you know someone that would be a great fit, please fill out the nomination form on page 3 and send it back to The Arc today! As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 313-562-1787, or email us at info@thearcdearborn.org.

Membership Dues

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

Please Make Checks Payable to:
The Arc Dearborn

All dues are billed annually upon date of approved membership.

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

Achieve with us.

*NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL _____

DAYTIME TELEPHONE () _____ B-Day(s) / /

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*
Mark Mitchell, *Treasurer*
Peggy Richard, *Secretary*

DIRECTORS

Jeff Bachynski
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Barbara Kropik
Ryan O'Hara
Bob Smedley

Lisa M. Nygord, *Executive Director*
Kevin Schwartz, *Program Director*
Victoria Martinez, *MAF Parent Mentor*
Kelly Kemp, *Operations Manager*



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

**Monday,
February 3rd, 2020
5:30pm
at The Arc Dearborn**

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

**Detroit Wayne Integrated
Health Network**
1.888.490.9698

**Community Living
Services**
1.866.381.7600

**Office of
Recipient Rights**
1.888.339.5595

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:

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| 35004 W Michigan Ave Wayne, MI 48184 (734) 728-9777 | 15431 Dix Toledo Rd Southgate, MI 48195 (734) 284-0814 | 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.

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____


Daytime Telephone: (____) _____

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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Board of Directors Nominations


I would like to nominate

☐ Myself: _____

☐ _____

To serve on The Arc Dearborn's Board of Directors.

Contact Information:
Email: _____ Phone Number: _____



The After I'm Gone Program

The After I'm Gone Program assists families who have a child or an adult with a disability in planning for their future when they are no longer able to provide care.

This program is offered free of charge by The Arc Western Wayne County and The Arc Northwest Wayne County, with space sponsored by The Western Wayne Skill Center/Garfield Community School located at 10218 Arthur St., Livonia, MI 48150, and at Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary school, 36075 Currier, Wayne, MI 48184. All Workshops are held from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Space is limited. Please RSVP with:

The Arc Western Wayne County,
734-729-9100
info@thearcww.org

The Arc Northwest Wayne County,
313-532-7915 x204
mdriscoll@thearcnw.org

Transition Planning and Turning 18
January 15th in Wayne

Beyond Group Homes
January 30th in Livonia

Supporting People in Decision Making
February 12th in Wayne

Person Centered Planning and Self Determination
February 13th in Livonia

Estate Planning for your Future
February 27th in Livonia

A Special Thanks to our Holiday Donors

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| Dolores Bright | The Hotchkiss Family |
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A Special Thanks to those that donated for Martha Fuerst's 60th Birthday

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| Carolyn Fuerst | Mary Ann Kemp |
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January Birthdays

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| Jessica Probst | January 3rd |
| Billy Lane | January 3rd |
| Robert Eatinger | January 6th |
| Barbara Kropik | January 12th |
| Shirley Adams | January 14th |
| Maurice Sciberras | January 2th |
| Janet Dickhudt | January 22nd |
| Bernard Tong | January 24th |
| Terry Linch | January 26th |
| Benjeffrey Clark | January 30th |
| Mayssa Algaheim | January 30th |



February Birthdays

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| Kelly Kemp | February 6th |
| Jasmyne Lately | February 11th |
| Margaret Moryc | February 15th |
| Gerald Williams | February 15th |
| John Lloyd | February 16th |
| Heather Hannah | February 16th |
| Patricia Staples | February 16th |
| Kara Clark | February 20th |
| Lisa Lapine | February 24th |
| Steven Galloro | February 27th |
| John VanTubergen | February 27th |
| Don Mascot | February 28th |

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.

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

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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Phone: 313.562.1787 Fax: 313.562.0387
Email: info@thearcdearborn.org

Name: _____
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Address: _____
City: _____ Zip Code: _____

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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.

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Total Amount: _____

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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 Frederick W. Hoffman IV
May 18th, 1951 - October 26th, 2019

*We thank you, Fred, for your support and dedication
to The Arc Dearborn.*

Our world was a better place with you in it.



DEARBORN'S FRED HOFFMAN Jr. has been named president of the Dearborn Facilities & Services for the Retarded during recent elections by that body which has just recently opened its new residential home for the retarded. Hoffman's interest, along with that of DH Councilman Dan Paletko, in aiding the retarded of the area is well known. Other officers include Pat Romanelli, vice-president; Barbara Keleman, secretary, and Frank Pilzner, treasurer.

