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Dearborn

The Arc Advocate

Fall/Winter 2023

It's Time to Bundle Up!

Goodbye fall, hello winter! It has been quite the crazy fall for us here at The Arc Dearborn. We would like to apologize for the lateness of our newsletter. The Arc Dearborn was sadly closed for most of October due to severe flooding in our building, resulting in us having to replace all of our floors. Fortunately we have since opened with safe floors for all our participants! We thank everyone for their patience and understanding during the construction process.

We also find ourselves once again needing to fill a Direct Support Professional position for our Community Program. This position is available either part-time or full-time, from the hours of 8:45am to 3:15pm (or anything in between for a part-time position), Monday through Friday. No nights, no weekends! You can find a full description of our Direct Support Professional position on our website at:

<https://www.thearcdearborn.org/about-us/direct-support-professional-job-description/>

There is also a link to our job application on this page. Please be aware that once you submit your application an error message may appear, but please be assured that we have received your form. If you would prefer to fill out a paper application, please feel free to fill it out at our building located at 22450 Park Street, Dearborn, 48124. If you have any questions or concerns about this process, please email us at info@thearcdearborn.org, or call us at 313-562-1787.

Finally, we would once again like to sincerely thank the members of the Father Patrick O'Kelley Knights of Columbus council in choosing The Arc Dearborn as one of the charities sponsored at their annual Steve Jacek Memorial Golf Outing. Your support meant the world to us and the wonderful people we serve!

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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.

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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!

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Want to join The Arc's Board of Directors?!

**Call 313-562-1787
for more information.**

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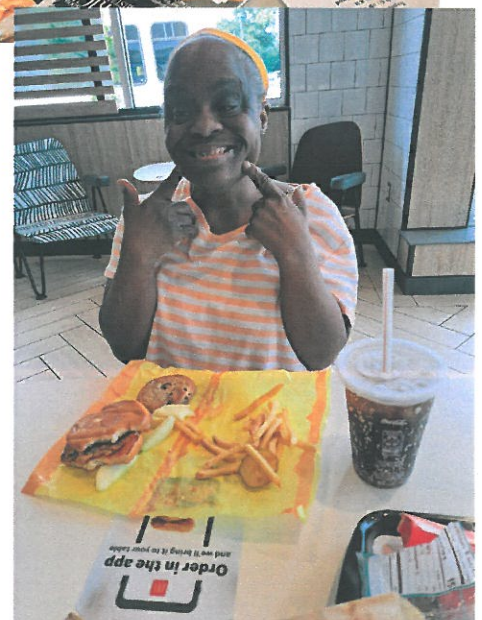
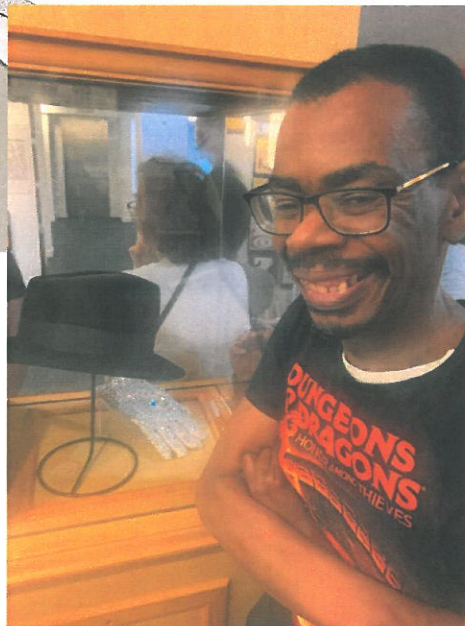
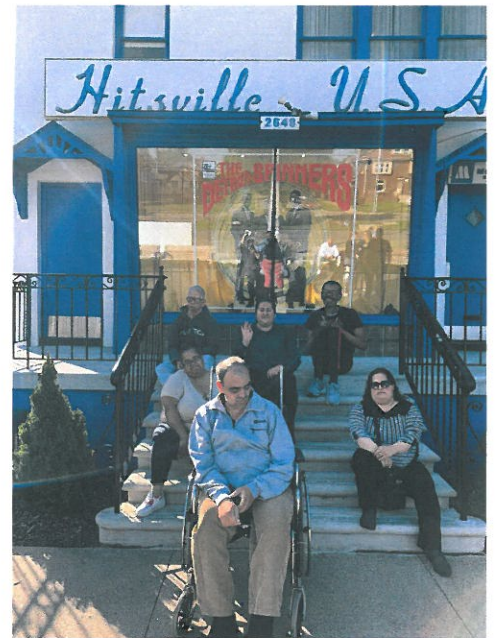
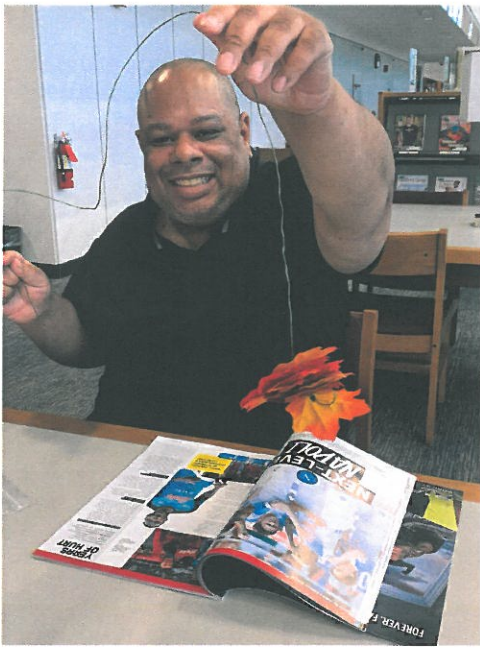
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**Office of
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**Community Living
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**The Guardianship
Alternative Information
Network**
1.866.365.3232

**DWIHN
24-Hour Crisis Hotline**
1.800.241.4949



Summer Birthdays

Bob Altizer	October 5th
Anna Sparapani	October 5th
Amanda Stephenson	October 11th
Lisa Sovoda	October 16th
Naghah Dabira	October 16th
Robert Draper	October 16th
Zachary Atkins	October 18th
Deanna Mitchell	October 19th
Butch Zehnder	October 20th
Michael Smith	October 29th
Sarah Mullins	October 30th

Amal Alsamawi	November 2nd
Diane Cetnar	November 2nd
John Rocoff	November 3rd
Robby Alamaddine	November 3rd
Marc Kemp	November 6th
Robert Brooks	November 7th
Nancy Roche	November 8th
Brendan Pencola	November 9th
Paul Hilber	November 9th
Lorin Burgess	November 9th
John Sluder	November 11th
Basheer Aoundeen	November 12th
Ali Hachem	November 12th
Laura Manzo	November 13th
Jennifer Williams	November 15th
Rochelle Benson	November 16th
Ronnie Johns	November 16th
Richard Adams	November 23rd
Robert Rock	November 24th
Marc Maszara	November 24th
Olivia Kerber	November 27th
Janice Hotchkiss	November 28th

I. Osborne	December 4th
Nicholas Granch	December 5th
Sarkis Farajian	December 7th
Janet Wright	December 13th

Gazy Beydoun	December 15th
Ryan O'Hara	December 17th
MaryAnn Sullivan	December 18th
Margaret Schrader	December 19th
Alexis Heimberger	December 23rd
Donna Pulcini	December 27th



**The Arc Dearborn
will be
CLOSED
December 22nd through
January 1st for the
Winter Holidays.
Thank you!**



Sensory Friendly Activities at Great Lakes Crossing

SeaLife Aquarium, LEGOLAND Discovery Center, and Peppa Pig World of Play all participate in "Sensory Friendly Mornings" at Great Lakes Crossing Outlets in Auburn Hills.



During **Sensory Friendly Mornings**, the aquarium, LEGOLAND, and the Peppa Pig store will reduce the lighting, turn off music & disable distracting stimuli for an hour before opening to the general public. This event is perfect for children and adults on the autism spectrum.

In addition, sensory sensitive adults are welcome to visit LEGOLAND during Sensory Friendly Mornings without a child (age 16 or under) in the party until the attraction opens to the general public. Adults who are not accompanied by a child must exit the attraction upon opening.

You can visit SeaLife Michigan's site about Sensory Friendly Mornings at <https://www.visitsealife.com/michigan/tickets-passes/more-ways-to-visit/sensory-friendly-mornings/> Links for LEGOLAND and Peppa Pig are also on this page.

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 are Wednesday Evenings (mature content) and Saturday Mornings (family friendly)

All dates and times are subject to change.

The schedule for Sensory Friendly Films has not been decided 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

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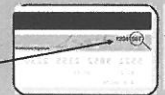
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Below are the items that our program uses on a daily basis. We can thrive by the generous contributions of our members and friends. Please be a friend to The Arc today!

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



The After I'm Gone Program

The After I'm Gone Program assists families who have a family member 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, funded by the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network.

All After I'm Gone Trainings are now held via Microsoft Teams webinar. To participate, you must register prior to the session at:

www.thearcww.org/aig

Supported Decision Making

Speaker will discuss the various options for supporting people in making important decisions, such as Power of Attorney, Representative Payee, and Trusts.

November 30

Transition Planning

Speaker will discuss the legal requirements of IEPs regarding transition planning, career and interest assessments, student, family and school responsibilities, community resources, and how to make a smooth transition from school to post school life.

December 14

Your Rights When Receiving Mental Health Services

Speaker will discuss Michigan's Mental Health Code and the other laws that safeguard your rights, when receiving mental health services.

January 4

Webinars are held on Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.



In Memory of

Nancy Williams

November 5th, 2023

Our deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences go out to the Keleman/Williams family at this difficult time.

Webinars with Karen Wang



Building Blocks of Self-Advocacy

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

12:00pm-1:00pm

Families have a unique opportunity to support self-advocacy. Supporting youth and young adults with disabilities to develop and use self-advocacy skills can have a positive impact throughout their life. This workshop will provide participants a framework for encouraging self-advocacy.

- The importance of knowing their disability
- Expressing their thoughts
- Knowing their rights

Register at tinyurl.com/3vc3vhrs

Transition: Beyond IDEA

Thursday, December 21, 2023

6:30pm-8:00pm

Transition planning sets the goals and activities that will help a teenager achieve their post-high school plans. This online workshop will provide an overview of supports that can assist young adults with the transition from school to adult life.

- Understand the transfer of parental rights at the age of majority
- Learn the basics of guardianship and alternatives to guardianship
- Gain an understanding of public benefits that may be available
- Understand the principles of person centered planning and self-determination
- Learn about adult services that assist individuals with employment, accessing community resources, and independent living

Register at tinyurl.com/ye6kw96c

Transition: What You Need to Know

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

6:30pm –8:00pm

Transition planning is a process to assist students with an Individualized Education Program move from school to post-school activities. A transition plan identifies opportunities for the student to gain knowledge and skills needed for continuing education, work, and community participation, in preparation for adult life.

This online workshop will teach participants how the IEP transition plan can be used along with community resources to plan a smooth transition from school to adulthood.

- Understand the legal requirements of IEPs regarding transition planning and why it's important
- Understand the different parts of your student's transition plan
- Learn about options for life after school
- Access community resources for adult life

Register at tinyurl.com/yc7exvk9

Who should attend? Families of teens/young adults with disabilities, school staff, and other community members. Questions? info@michiganallianceforfamilies.org



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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 313-943-2356 or visit www.dearbornfordcenter.com to register for classes and events.

Pizza & Bingo

Held on select Tuesdays from 6-8pm in Wet or Club Rooms. Cost per night: \$11, which includes pizza, soda and bingo games with lots of prizes & fun.

January 23rd

Holiday Craft Night

Held on Tuesdays from 6-8pm in Wet or Club Rooms. Cost per night: \$10, which includes all materials and snacks.

Christmas Craft Night, December 19th

Dances

Generally held on the second Tuesday of the month from 6-8pm, featuring DJ Mark Hankins. Cost per person: \$4, which includes refreshments.

Tickets must be purchased at the service desk the day of the event.

December 12th

January 9th

Email Camille Gibson at cgibson@dearborn.gov with further questions



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Severe Weather Closing Information

For the safety of our Community Program Members and Employees, we may be closed in case of severe weather.

For closing information, watch Channel 4 –WDIV. We are listed as Arc Dearborn/Dearborn Heights. **However, when Dearborn Public Schools are closed we may still be open without bus service. Please check the news for latest information.**

You can also visit www.clickondetroit.com, and click on "School Closings" for a complete listing.

Employment Opportunities for All Abilities



Support

Growth

Independence

(STEP) Services to Enhance Potential provides supports and services to over 1,400 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 & Donations 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 & Donation Center locations:

35004 W Michigan Ave
Wayne, MI 48184
(734) 728-9777

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Southgate, MI 48195
(734) 728-9777

23830 Ford Rd
Dearborn Hts, MI 48127
(313) 966-0755



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Dearborn, MI 48124
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STEPcentral.org

facebook.com/enhancepotential

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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: (____) _____

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NAME(S) _____

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



All dues are billed annually upon date of approved membership.

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\$40 Annual Family

Membership

\$35 Individual

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