



# Annual Report 2010

A Note from Dave

The Arc of Tippecanoe County has had an amazing year! Through the efforts of everyone involved we together have done so much with so little. We have demonstrated the message that I have stated several times in our meetings and monthly newsletters that you should "only take what you need". The Arc is fortunate to have the opportunity to reach out to our local communities and show that people with disabilities are no different than anyone else. We love, laugh, play, work, and learn, like everyone.

During this next year The Arc will be entering in to the next phase of our revitalization. Coincidentally this is happening in conjunction with the REBRANDING of The Arc of the US and The Arc of Indiana. We are very happy to be involved in this process.

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The Arc of Tippecanoe County  
Children's Programs

*Empowering children to discover their dreams*

**Camp SPARKS**

65 children participated in our summer day camp doing a variety of crafts and community outings while improving motor skills, physical fitness and social skills.

**Kids First**

4640 children and adults watched 104 show Kids First puppet shows on such topics as Cerebral Palsy, Learning Disabilities, Bullying and Teasing.

**Kids Night Out**

New in 2010! 12 kids came to this inaugural event for dinner and games on a Friday evening to give their parents a much-needed break. We had a fun time with the kids and with the volunteers from Wabash National who helped with this project.

**SuperStar  
Social Club**

214 teens with developmental disabilities met their friends for fun events such as Indiana Beach, wiener roasts, dances and sporting events. In addition to having fun they practiced social and money management skills.

For most of 2010 (11 months) The Arc was a volunteer only organization!  
Over 301 volunteers logged over 250 hours for The Arc.

Thank you!

We have GREAT volunteers!

The Arc of Tippecanoe County  
Adult Programs  
*Empowering adults to gain their goals*

- Adult Recreation** 578 participants in 12 social and recreational events for adults, including basketball games, meals together, community events, and dances. Even with fewer events and the charge of small fee, attendance was up 56% over 2009.
- AKtion Club** 10 members of this Kiwanis Club for adults with developmental disabilities participated in service projects around our community including making Christmas decorations for area retirement communities and heard speakers on a variety of topics, including disaster preparedness.
- Best Buddies** 39 adults with developmental disabilities were paired with Purdue students for friendship and monthly activities. With significant help from three of our Board Members and a revitalization of the Purdue Best Buddies, this program thrived!
- Chiming Champs** 12 chimers practiced weekly with their choir chimes.

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Community Programs  
*Empowering our community through awareness*

- Law Enforcement Team Training** New in 2010! 30 area First Responder personnel learned to effectively communicate with individuals with developmental disabilities.
- Legislative Forum** 46 participants attended our bi-annual event to introduce candidates running for state legislative offices.

A Note from Dave cont'd.

During the next few months you will see us introduce a new logo, establish our physical presence, or as we like to say, finding a home, and hiring an executive director. Each of these steps is a vital part of our journey.

Speaking of The Arc's journey, as you read through this report, I think you will be amazed at the things that have been going on. Whether you are a board member, committee member, volunteer, community member, funder, or event participant nothing that has taken place or will be taking place could have happened without YOU!

I can't wait to report what we, together, achieve as we go forward! We have lived by "only take what you need", we believe that this has allowed us, in return, to give you what you desire most, OPPORTUNITIES!

Financial Data will be available after our audit this spring. If you would like to review our audit or Form 990, please contact us.



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**We are hiring an Executive Director!**

If you'd like to apply or want more information,  
Visit [www.arcoftippecanoe.org](http://www.arcoftippecanoe.org).

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The Arc of Tippecanoe County is committed to all individuals with developmental disabilities realizing their goals of learning, living, working, and playing in their community.

- Empowering individuals through advocacy and social opportunities
- Empowering their families through education
- Empowering their communities through awareness