

## Adult Recreation Holiday Dinner Dance

### *A Note from Melissa*

Hello Everyone,

This has been a busy fall for The Arc and our consumers. We have hosted 3 dances including a Halloween Dance at Pi Kappa Phi at Purdue and two Holiday Dinner and Dances one with Adult Recreation and one with Super Star Social Club. Thank you to everyone who attended and volunteered at these dances. They were a lot of fun.

Aktion Club, The Arc Kiwanis club, celebrated another successful year with a dinner at Arni's. We would like to thank the Harrison Kiwanis for their support of this group and for providing everyone with a great spaghetti dinner. Congratulations to our new officers and thank you to our outgoing officers.

The Arc will have an entry in this year's Greater Lafayette Christmas Parade. Be sure to come to the parade and watch for our Trolley. I would like to thank City Bus and Katy Dietrich, The Arc Board Member, for their work on this event.

The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette awarded The Arc a grant of \$800 to purchase office equipment to allow us to better serve our consumers. Thank you Community Foundation.

I look forward to working with all of you in 2012.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!!

*Melissa*



#### DID YOU KNOW?

**This year's Adult Recreation Holiday Dinner Dance was attended by over 240 people and we collected 364 pounds of food for Food Finders Food Bank!**



# BLUEPRINT FOR CHANGE

## A Transformational Plan to Reform, Improve and Change Indiana's Service System for People with I/DD and Their Families

The Blueprint for Change sets forth a transformational plan to build a successful system that empowers people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families to shape their own future, nurture and create natural systems of support, and strengthen the foundation of publically funded services for those who need supports.

The Blueprint for Change is the result of 18 months of work by national leaders in the field of developmental disabilities and families, people with disabilities, and professionals in Indiana, coming out of The Arc's Building Pathways to Empowerment campaign.

The Arc realized several months ago that the stakes are higher than at any time in our past. The status quo cannot be maintained. There are 20,000 people in Indiana with I/DD officially waiting for services to support them in their home and community. We are facing a time of cutbacks and economic strife. Something has to change. True reform and progress will not happen by simple nibbling around the edges of reform. Now is the time for bold action. The Blueprint for Change sets out a bold, and some may say controversial plan, to reform and change how we as a state embrace and support people with I/DD and their families.

Key Guiding Principles which drive the Blueprint include:

**Building Career Pathways for All** - Employment and work must include a range of options, from full time employment with benefits to meaningful work as a volunteer.

**Discovering and Realizing Individual Gifts** - Systems must change from a model based upon looking at an individual's deficits to a model that centers on an individual's unique gifts.

**Supporting Resourcefulness of Individuals, Families and Communities** - Systems must empower families to use resources in ways that best helps them.

**Using What You Need** - A concerted effort should be made in supporting, educating and encouraging families and people with I/DD how to control costs, and savings should be redirected to those needing additional support and to those waiting for services.

**Shifting the Power to What Works** - Control and responsibility for the wise use of resources must be placed in the hands of families and people with I/DD, and regulations which add cost but do not add value must be eliminated or reduced.

The Arc believes that for major change to take place there must a shift in culture, along with major structural changes and shifts in funding for programs and services.

The transformational change called for in the Blueprint will not be easy and will not happen through the work of The Arc alone. It will take many hands, joined together in a united effort for the Blueprint to move from paper to making a real and meaningful difference in the lives of people with I/DD and their families.

Read the report at [www.arcind.org](http://www.arcind.org), share it with others, and please join us on this journey.

## MISSION STATEMENT

**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.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### CAMP SPARKS

Recreational multi-week day camp for children ages 5-17 with developmental disabilities.

### KIDS FIRST

Kids First uses puppets to teach children about a variety of disabilities topics, including bullying and teasing.

### KIDS NIGHT OUT

Provides kids a fun and safe evening of activities to give their parents a much deserved break.

### SUPERSTAR SOCIAL CLUB

Monthly social and recreational events for middle and high school teens.

### SUPERSTAR SOCIAL CLUB JR

Monthly social and recreational events for children in grades 2 through 5.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### ADULT RECREATION

Activities such as bowling, dances, and movies are regularly hosted for individuals ages 18 and over throughout the Greater Lafayette community.

### AKTION CLUB

The Aktion club is a Kiwanis Club for adults with disabilities. They meet monthly and participate in community service projects.

### BEST BUDDIES

Pairs Purdue students with adults with disabilities for friendship.

### CHIMING CHAMPS

A dynamic group that practice choir chimes weekly and perform at various events.

## Upcoming Events

December 4, 2pm  
Watch for The Arc in the  
Christmas Parade!

January 15, 2012  
1:30pm - 4:30pm  
Adult Recreation  
Purdue Women's Basketball

January  
SSSC  
Purdue Women's Basketball

January 27, 2012  
SSSC Jr Event

Early March  
Activities and Resources Fair

For more information about these upcoming events, please visit our website:  
[www.arcoftippecanoe.org](http://www.arcoftippecanoe.org)

## Thank you to our new and renewing members!

- Dawn Anderson
- Amanda Bol
- Shelly and Dennis Bowling
- Carrie Brose
- Victoria Casas
- Travis and Roxann Cedars
- Tif Davis
- Richard and Noreen Dickerson
- Madison Erwin
- Brent and Caroline Johnson
- Joanne Jones
- Karen and Steve Jones
- Lori and Roman Keeney
- Steven Lane
- Christopher Lowery
- Isaak Patterson
- Cindy Roberts
- Arthur and Pat Rosen
- Robin Slone
- Tracy Sondgerath
- Nathan Stanifer
- Julie and Scott Sudhoff
- Sara Tribbett-Williams
- Lorie and Kaylee Walker
- Diane and Todd Wetzel
- Tammy Whited
- Brian Young

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***Please consider supporting The Arc with a financial donation this Holiday Season.***

The Arc provides significant social and recreational opportunities for people with developmental disabilities. Your financial contribution will help us to continue to deliver quality programs.

The Arc works very hard to keep costs low. A good example is Camp SPARKS. Last summer the 60 children who attended paid only \$150 instead of the real cost of over \$400 for 5 weeks.

Thanks to your continuing support we can all Achieve more! Become a member of The Arc or make a tax-deductible donation to show your support of The Arc's programs.

If you would like to talk to Milissa about your donation, please give her a call at 765-476-3277.



***Achieve with us.***

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