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The Arc of Anchorage

Quarter 1, 2024

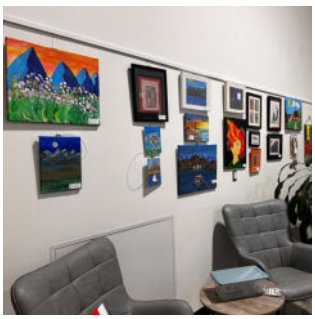
Community Programs

The Arc of Anchorage Community Programs has been busy ringing in the New Year and finishing the last few months of our Winter 2023-2024 semester!

In January, we put together our Casino Royale Dinner on 01/12/2024, followed by a sweet and colorful Candy Land Dance on 01/26/2024. For the entire month of February, we partnered with Zip Kombucha and had a month-long art exhibit where Sparc artists could show off their artwork in the community and make a few sales! At the end of the month, we filled the gym with hearts and great music for the I Love Lucy Valentine's Dance on 02/23/2024. The following day on 02/24/2024, we enjoyed a snowy Saturday downtown in celebration of the Fur Rondy! We got to see the start of the dog sleds and try different varieties of food with a large group of participants.

Starting on 03/01/2024, Community Programs began open enrollment for the new Summer 2024 semester that will begin on 04/01/2024. We are ending our Winter 2023-2024 semester in March with two events; catching them all at our Pokemon Go Dinner on 03/08/2024 and dancing on water for our Under the Sea Dance on 03/22/2024.







Advocacy Corner - Become a Member Today!

Are you a Member of The Arc of Anchorage? What is a member? It's actually one of the most important parts of our organization. Our staff reports to Executive Management, Executive Management reports to the Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors reports to the Membership! The Arc of Anchorage is a Membership Organization, which means, per our bylaws, our members are the heart of the organization. Members elect the Board of Directors, may apply to run for a seat on the board, and, of course, help The Arc achieve its mission: to encourage and celebrate the potential of people who experience disabilities. Anyone over 18 can be a member (Special notes: staff can be members but cannot vote or serve on the board, and fees for membership may be waived for individuals we provide services for).

For $15 per person, you get a seat at the table at the 2024 Annual Meeting (always the third Monday in May) to select the Board of Directors and learn how your membership dues are used to support The Arc.

Join or renew by 12/31/2024!!

thearcofanchorage.org/membership

If you need to report confidential compliance concerns please call the compliance hotline at:

907-777-0106 or 1-800-777-0106

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Milestone Anniversaries

5 Years

Josh Kieck

25 Years

Laura Hernandez

Calendar Events

April 1st	*Start of the Summer 2024 semester*
April 12th	*Mad Hatter Tea Party*
April 26th	*Alice in Wonderland Dance*
May 10th	*Carnival Dinner*
May 24th	*Star Wars Dance*
May 27th	*Memorial Day (Agency closed)*
June 1st	*Barons Renaissance Fair*
June 28th	*The Arc Prom Night*

CEO Corner

As we look forward to the longer days of spring, I would like us all to take a moment to reflect on the unique journey we've shared. In this CEO corner, I want to extend heartfelt thanks to each member of our community—our dedicated staff, clients, families, partners, and supporters.

Moving into the new season, we look forward to our growing mental health programs and our new partnership with The Anchorage School District, which will get kids connected to supported employment job opportunities. As always, we can't do any of what we do without the dedication of our staff to improving the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, along with those managing mental health challenges, continuing to make a meaningful difference.

As we all enter into the season of renewal, let's acknowledge the connections we've built and the collective triumphs we've celebrated. Together, we've navigated challenges and uncovered successes, laying the groundwork for growth and accomplishment in the months ahead. May this spring offer moments of reflection on the profound impact we've collectively made in the lives of those we serve. Wishing you and your loved ones a wonderful spring filled with hope and fresh opportunities.

J. Ian Casey
Chief Executive Officer

Membership

If you are interested in engaging with The Arc of Anchorage locally, we invite you to become a member. Membership allows you to participate in the governance of our organization while enjoying benefits such as invitations to special events and our quarterly newsletters mailed to you. To become a member or renew your membership, please complete the membership application form on the reverse side of this letter and make a payment of membership dues of $15 per individual by 12/31/2024.

Become a member today!

Note: Individuals who are enrolled for services at The Arc are free, however, a membership application will need to be completed. The form and payment can also be completed online at thearcofanchorage.org/membership/! Join now!