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The Arc of Anchorage

Quarter 2, 2024

Community Programs

The Arc of Anchorage Community Programs welcomed the beginning of summertime with the start of the Summer 2024 semester on 04/01/2024. This semester, we extended some classes for more enhanced activities and secured more Saturday events!

Community Programs hosted our 1st Friday art exhibit on 04/05/2024 onsite. Following the art exhibit, we had our Mad Hatter Tea Party on 04/12/2024 and the next weekend on 04/20/2024, the Club Hopping group was very exciting to enjoy the summer nights out with their friends after a long winter break. At the end of April, we hosted our monthly dance, a magical Alice in Wonderland theme. For May, we started with our monthly 1st Friday art exhibit on 05/03/2024. We hosted our Carnival Dinner on 05/10/2024 and the next week, we went Club Hopping again on 05/18/2024.

As an agency, we participated in the City-Wide Cleanup on 05/20/2024. On 05/24/2024, we hosted a yearly favorite, the Star Wars-themed dance featuring 907StarWars cosplayers! Going into June, we enjoyed time outside going to the 3 Barons Renaissance Fair on 06/01/2024. On 06/07/2024, Community Programs hosted another 1st Friday art exhibit, and at the end of the month, on 06/28/2024, we will host The Arc Prom Night-themed dance.








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:

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Milestone Anniversaries

5 Years

Skyler Lee

Calendar Events

July 4, 2024	*Independence Day (agency closed)*
July 5, 2024	*1st Friday Art Exhibit*
July 13, 2024	*Bear Paw Festival*
July 26, 2024	*The Simpsons Dance*
August 2, 2024	*1st Friday Art Exhibit*
August 23, 2024	*Super Mario Dance*
August 26, 2024	*Alaska State Fair*
September 1, 2024	*Open Registration for Winter 2024-2025 semester classes*
September 2, 2024	*Labor Day (agency closed)*
September 6, 2024	*1st Friday Art Exhibit*
September 21, 2024	*Trunk or Treat*
September 27, 2024	*Country Western Dance*

CEO Corner

As we move into the warmer days of summer, I am happy to share some updates and insights from our organization. This season, we've made significant strides in our programs and services, thanks to the unwavering dedication of our staff and supporters. Their efforts to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and those facing mental health challenges continue to produce positive outcomes.

One of our major accomplishments has been the expansion of our vocational training programs, offering more opportunities for individuals we serve to gain valuable skills and experience. Additionally, our community outreach efforts have grown, helping us connect with more individuals, families, and caregivers. We continue to strive to build stronger partnerships within the community. These stronger ties will help drive our mission of encouraging and celebrating the potential of people who experience disabilities.

As we enjoy the longer days and (hopefully) sunny weather, I encourage everyone to take a moment and reflect on how we can make personal strides to make Anchorage, and all of Alaska, a community that recognizes and embraces people of all abilities.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you all a safe, happy, and healthy summer.

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!