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The Arc of Anchorage

Quarter 3, 2024

Community Programs

It has been a fun and eventful three months for our individuals at The Arc of Anchorage. July kicked off with our Sparc First Friday displaying more artwork created by our very talented individuals (7/5/24), our individuals then had a blast at The Bear Paw Festival enjoying a huge parade and delicious food vendors (7/13/24), more nightlife fun with another Club hopping event (7/20/24) and The Simpsons Dance which featured live DJ themed music and Homer Simpsons favorite donuts (7/26/24).

August started with another First Friday art exhibit with amazing artwork made by our individuals (8/2/24), The Portage Glacier Cruise was a huge treat for our individuals, they had an amazing cruise and got to touch the glacier! (8/10/24), More wild night fun at Club Hopping (8/17/24), The Arc Super Mario Dance which had amazing decorations made by our individuals and staff (8/23/24) and we finished off the month with our always amazing Alaska State Fair trip which our individuals really enjoyed and always look forward to every year (8/26/24).

For September, we'll have another wild Club Hopping experience for our party animal types (9/14/24), a birthday bash for all our individuals who have birthdays this month (9/20/24), our huge Trunk or Treat event with Halloween theme decorated vehicles, games, food vendors, costume contests and more! (9/21/24), and we have our Country Western Dance at the end of this month for all our cowboys and cowgirls looking to line dance the night away (9/27/24).







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

1 Year

Hannah Lee
Brittany Lakisa
Marcella Blount
Roger Lowe
Amelia Moananu
Heather Flores
Tatiyana Leatigaga
Ruth Mulitalo
Kyle Savage
Diana Amio
Haddy Drammen
Helen Israel
Amy Crouse
Fualosa Afafua

3 Years

Barbara Fulton

5 Years

David McQueen
Tyler Bennetts

10 Years

Robert Tran

15 Years

Anne Durham

20 Years

Tracy Faas

Calendar Events

October 1st	*1st day of winter semester*
October 16th	*Birthday Party*
October 25th	*Thriller Dance*
October 31st	*Halloween Costume Contest*
November 8th	*Under the Sea Dinner*
November 20th	*Birthday Party*
November 22nd	*Dr. Seuss Dance*
November 28th	*Agency Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday*
December 13th	*The Grinch Dinner*
December 18th	*Birthday party*
December 25th	*Agency Close for Christmas Holiday*

CEO Corner

As the crisp air and colorful leaves signal the arrival of fall, I'd like to take this opportunity to share some updates and reflections on our recent efforts at The Arc of Anchorage. This season has been one of growth and progress, and I'm incredibly proud of the work our dedicated staff and supporters continue to do to make a meaningful impact in the lives of those we serve.

One of our key focuses has been on enhancing our person-centered services. We have continued to refine our individualized programs, allowing us to better meet the unique needs of each person we serve. These improvements have helped ensure that the individuals we serve are receiving the support they need to thrive, not just in our programs, but in the broader community as well.

We have also strengthened our partnerships with local organizations and agencies, fostering collaborations that allow us to provide more comprehensive services and resources to individuals and families.
As we settle into the rhythm of the season, I encourage everyone to continue building on the progress we've made and to stay connected with the important work happening within our community.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication. Wishing you all a wonderful fall season.

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!