inSights

The Arc of Anchorage

Quarter 1, 2025

Community Programs

It has been a fun and eventful three months for our individuals at The Arc in the Community Programs Department!

October, our new winter semester began! Our individuals got settled into their new class routines and were very excited to begin new classes and art projects for the 6-month semester. We celebrated everyone who had birthdays in the month of October with a group birthday party on 10/12/24. The two big events of the month were the Halloween Thriller dance on 10/25/24, which is always the most popular dance of the year; our individuals had a blast and enjoyed wearing their costumes! The second big event was our Halloween costume event on stage for 10/31/24; our individuals showed up with creative costumes they either made in our SPARC program or created at home.

November, we treated our individuals to an Under The Sea themed dinner on 11/08/24, which featured underwater decorations, music, mini games, seafood, fun drinks, and delicious desserts. We celebrated another round of birthdays for the month of November with a big group birthday party on 11/20/24. The big event of the month was the Dr. Seuss themed dance on 11/22/24. We may not have had green eggs and ham, but we treated the crowd with a lovely Thanksgiving meal with all the good stuff.

The Arc of Anchorage was gifted dress rehearsal tickets for ConocoPhillips Alaska Community Performance of The Nutcracker, presented by Anchorage Concert Association. Our individuals absolutely loved seeing The Nutcracker performance on 11/27/24 and continue to talk about their wonderful experience.

December, winter holiday themed decorations have been set-up throughout the agency to bring a little joy during Alaska's cold, dark, winter days. We celebrated this month with a Grinch themed dinner on 12/13/24 and our monthly birthday party on 12/18/24 for all those wonderful December birthdays. We are looking forward to the New Year approaching fast and from the bottom of our hearts, wish everyone a safe and joyous remainder of the year!








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

1 Year

Tiana Rutherford
Ema Futi
Manase Mataafa
Loren Mangena
Sergey Antosik
Oksana Poonka
Mark Wells
Nita Iloilo
Tosi Tauanuu
Eugenio Taduran
Taylor Iredale-Sharp
Jeffrey Hoffman
Peapea Manumalealii
Jacqueline Leaea
Julie Sanchez
Tifaimoana Aiava
Laura Setuk
Robert Jackson

3 Years

Asiasiga Tagaloa
Andrea Lawal
Lindsey Boyd
Katrena Betts
Tauava'e Tuliaupupu

5 Years

Lisandra Melendez
Vanessa DeBrill
Punipuao Tapasu

10 Years

Sayonara Jessop

Calendar Events

January 1st	*Agency closed for New Years Day*
January 10th	*Masquerade Dinner*
January 15th	*Monthly Birthday Party*
January 24th	*Candy Land Dance*
February 19th	*Monthly Birthday Party*
February 28th	*I Love Lucy Valentine's Dance*
March 14th	*Lady & The Tramp Dinner*
March 19th	*Monthly Birthday Party*
March 28th	*Alice in Wonderland Dance*
March 31st	*Last day of Winter Semester*

CEO Corner

Dear Arc of Anchorage Community,

As winter settles in and the Short days give way to more and more light, I want to take a moment to reflect on our shared accomplishments and extend my deepest gratitude for the dedication and support shown by our staff, individuals served, families, and community partners. This season reminds us of the power of connection and the importance of working together toward a common goal.

Over the past few months, we've made meaningful progress in several areas. We expanded our person-centered programs, offering more customized support to individuals and families. We also strengthened community partnerships, allowing us to provide better access to services, resources, and advocacy for those we serve. These efforts reflect our continued commitment to fostering independence, inclusion, and empowerment.

As we look ahead to a new year, I am excited about upcoming initiatives focused on enhancing vocational and behavioral health services, expanding community integration, and improving access to essential support programs. None of this would be possible without the dedication and compassion of our team and the ongoing support from our community.

Thank you for being part of this journey. May your winter season be filled with warmth, joy, and meaningful moments with loved ones.

With gratitude and best wishes,

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!