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The Arc of Anchorage

Quarter 1, 2025

Community Programs

The last three months of winter semester ended with a bang! January was a month full of fun and celebration! We kicked things off with our Masquerade Dinner on January 10th. Our talented staff transformed the space with stunning decorations that brought the theme to life. Guests wore festive masquerade masks and enjoyed an evening filled with mini games, engaging activities, delicious food, drinks, and a sweet selection of desserts. Everyone had a blast soaking in the lively atmosphere. On January 15th, we threw a joyful birthday bash to honor all of our individuals born in January. The celebration was filled with laughter, music, cake, and heartfelt moments as we came together to make everyone feel special. To wrap up the month, we hosted the Candyland Dance on January 24th, and it was a hit! The venue was decked out in colorful, candy-themed décor, creating a whimsical vibe. Our very own resident DJ, DJ Infamous Ian, kept the energy high with an amazing playlist that had everyone dancing the night away. It was a perfect ending to a month full of joy, community, and unforgettable memories.

February was filled with love, laughter, and classic charm! On February 19th, we celebrated our individuals born in February with a cheerful birthday party. The room was filled with festive decorations, colorful balloons, and plenty of smiles. Everyone enjoyed delicious cake and ice cream, and each birthday honoree received a thoughtful gift bag to make their day even more special. It was a heartwarming event that brought everyone together to share in the joy. To close out the month, we took a nostalgic trip back in time with our I Love Lucy-themed dance on February 28th. The venue was styled with vintage flair, paying homage to the beloved TV classic. Our individuals—many of whom have a deep appreciation for the golden age of television—were absolutely delighted. From the throwback tunes to the familiar faces and iconic moments recreated in décor, the dance was a huge hit. The evening was full of laughter, dancing, and memories that left everyone feeling warm and connected.

March brought a touch of magic and a whole lot of fun! We kicked off the month with a charming Lady & the Tramp-themed dinner, where our individuals were treated to a cozy and whimsical evening. The dining area was beautifully decorated with soft lighting, romantic touches, and nods to the classic film. Guests enjoyed a delicious Italian-style dinner, followed by sweet desserts. Mini games and interactive activities added a playful twist, and everyone enjoyed socializing and sharing laughs with their peers throughout the evening. On March 19th, we hosted our monthly birthday celebration to honor all individuals born in March. The party was full of cheerful energy, with colorful decorations, music, cake, ice cream, and festive gift bags for the birthday stars. It was a joyful gathering that made everyone feel appreciated and celebrated. We ended the month with a whimsical Alice in Wonderland-themed dance on March 28th. The space was transformed into a wonderland filled with oversized teacups, playing cards, and vibrant, quirky details straight out of the storybook. Our individuals—especially the Disney fans—had an absolute blast embracing the fantasy. Once again, our incredible resident DJ, DJ Infamous Ian, kept the dance floor packed with high-energy hits and classic favorites. It was a truly enchanting way to close out the month.







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 2025 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 12/31/2025!!

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

Virgina Piliati
Matthew Hermosillo-Turner
Binta Ceesay
Arianna Pimentel

5 Years

Isaac Young

3 Years

Adam White

10 Years

Florence Achwil
Pamala Roehl

Calendar Events

April 25th	*Grease Lightening Dance*
May 19th	*The Arc CityWide Cleanup*
May 23rd	*Star Wars Dance*
May 26th	*Memorial Day*
June 27th	*Jurassic Park Dance*

CEO Corner

Dear Arc of Anchorage Community,

With the arrival of spring, we're welcomed into a season of renewal, growth, and new opportunities. As the snow melts and the days grow longer, it's a good time to reflect on where we've been and where we're headed as a community.

This spring, our focus continues to be on strengthening person-centered supports and expanding opportunities for individuals we serve to lead full, self-directed lives. We've seen encouraging progress in our vocational and life skills programs, helping more individuals build confidence, gain independence, and connect with their communities in meaningful ways. We've also been working to deepen our relationships with families and local partners. These connections are vital to creating a strong, inclusive network of support—one that reflects the dignity and potential of every person we serve.

Looking ahead, we're excited to roll out several new initiatives aimed at increasing access to services and enhancing quality of care. Thank you for your continued trust, partnership, and support. Here's to a season of fresh starts and forward momentum—for all of us.

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 12/31/2025.

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!