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The Arc of Anchorage

Quarter 2, 2025

Community Programs

April was packed with fun as we kicked off the summer semester with Club Hopping on April 5th—our individuals enjoyed a night out with music, dancing, and great company. On April 16th, we celebrated our April birthdays with ice cream, balloons, and thoughtful gift bags. The month wrapped up on a high note with our Grease Lightning dance on April 25th, where DJ Ian kept the energy high with rockin' 50s tunes that had everyone dancing the night away!

May was full of excitement, kicking off with Club Hopping on May 3rd, where our night owls danced the night away with peers. On May 19th, our individuals gave back during a citywide cleanup along UAA Drive. We celebrated May birthdays on the 21st, then wrapped up the month with our fan-favorite Star Wars dance on May 23rd. Guests arrived in costume, danced to tunes from our in-house DJ, and posed for photos with characters from the Star Wars 907 cosplay group—an unforgettable night in a galaxy not so far away!

June is off to a lively start with another Club Hopping event to kick things off. On June 18th, we'll celebrate our June birthdays with treats and fun. Then on June 27th, get ready for our highly anticipated Jurassic Park-themed community dance—it's sure to be a dino-mite night! We are looking forward to the last summer months ahead!







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 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

Talameli Milo
Patty Vessel
Jonathan Francis Boudreau
Tracey Pearson
Bicentennial Sosene
Jasmine Sosene
Maria Bonilla Henao
Michael Teffeteller
Wilfredo Vazquez
Charity Aiava
Connie Maafala-loapo
Leslie Andrews

3 Years

Charlene Cortez
Jennifer Russell
Elizabeth Moore

5 Years

Davina Southichack
Samuel Fischbach
Kim Flaherty

Calendar Events

June 27th	*Jurassic Park Dance*
July 4th	*Independence Day*
July 25th	*Roadhouse! Texas BBQ Dance*
August 22nd	*Hawaiian Luau Dance*
August 25th	*Alaska State Fair*
September 1st	*Labor Day*
September 13th	*Trunk-or-Treat*
September 26th	*The 80's Dance*

CEO Corner

As we move into the heart of summer, I want to take a moment to recognize the steady progress we've made and share a few updates about the work underway at The Arc of Anchorage.

This season, we've continued to focus on strengthening our programs and expanding opportunities for the individuals and families we serve. Our vocational services are growing, with more people participating in community-based employment and skill-building activities. We've also seen increased engagement in our day and residential programs, reflecting the dedication of our staff and the resilience of those we support.

Internally, we've been reviewing our systems and structures to ensure they are aligned with our long-term goals. From investing in staff development to improving service coordination, we're working to create a stronger foundation that can support sustained growth and quality care.

Summer also gives us the chance to come together through outdoor activities, family gatherings, and community events. These shared moments are a reminder of the importance of inclusion, connection, and belonging.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Your support and partnership continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of Alaskans experiencing disabilities.

Wishing you a safe and fun summer 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 12/31/2025.

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!