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The Arc of Anchorage

Quarter 4, 2025

Big Shout-out to

ConocoPhillips

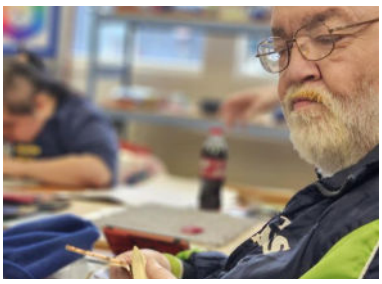
We're so grateful for their generous grant award supporting our recent information technology system upgrades. Thanks to their help, we're improving our tech tools, strengthening data security, and working more efficiently to serve our community. Their support helps us make a bigger impact every day!

Community Programs

Winter semester is off to a strong and festive start, filled with great participation and memorable events. October set the pace with creativity and high spirits. We began with a cheerful birthday celebration on October 15th, followed by a well-attended Halloween Dance on October 24th that kept the energy high throughout the night. Our Halloween Costume Contest on October 31st added extra excitement, showcasing a wide range of fun and imaginative costumes.

November continued the momentum with more celebration and color. Our monthly birthday event on November 19th brought everyone together once again, and the Carnival-Themed Dance on November 21st was a standout highlight with vibrant décor and lively music. The month wrapped up with a brief break as the program closed for Thanksgiving Day, giving everyone time to relax and enjoy the holiday with friends and family.

December is just beginning, and the season already feels magical. We're preparing for another festive birthday gathering on December 17th, along with the much-anticipated Harry Potter Christmas Dance on December 19th, which is set to bring a touch of holiday enchantment to the month. As we move further into the winter semester, our community continues to shine through consistent engagement, positive energy, and a shared excitement for the events 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 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

Valerie Webber
Halloween Aliitai
Valerie Addison
Aishatu Darno
Tagisa Sega
Daniel Brown
Laura Setuk
Michiah Solorio

3 Years

Justin Tsurnos
Abigail Gallardo
Norman Sadsad
Talalelei Samaota
Kathryn Weinfurter

5 Years

Andrea Conter

10 Years

Ronald Barta
Sayonara Jessop

15 Years

Gulnora Kiyamova
Mamudu Mahmoud
Natalie Sykes

Calendar Events

December 19th	*Harry Potter Dance*
December 25th	*Christmas Day (agency closed)*
January 1st	*New Years Day (agency closed)*
January 23rd	*Vegas Dance*
February 27th	*Willy Wonka Dance*
March 27th	*The 80's Dance*
March 30th	*Last Day of Winter Semester Classes*
March 31st	*Community Programs In-service Day (no classes)*

CEO Corner

Dear Arc of Anchorage Community,

As winter settles over Alaska and snow blankets our cities, I'm reminded of the strength and warmth that define our Arc community. The long nights of winter invite time to reflect, and I'm proud of all that we've accomplished together this year.

Every day, I see the Mission of The Arc in action — in the patience and purpose of a staff member helping someone learn a new skill, in the laughter shared over coffee at the café, and in the quiet moments of care that often go unseen. These small acts of kindness and commitment create the fabric of who we are.

Winter also brings fresh opportunities. As we enter a new year, we'll continue focusing on connection, stability, and growth — not just for our programs, but for our people. Together, we've built momentum that will carry us through the cold months ahead and into a bright spring.

Thank you for your dedication, your compassion, and your belief in what we do. No matter how long the winter nights may seem, our work continues to brighten the lives of those we serve.

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!