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The Arc of Anchorage

Quarter 1, 2026

Community Programs

The first three months of the year may have brought chilly weather, but our Community Programs team kept the energy warm and the fun going strong!

We kicked things off in January with a festive birthday celebration on the 21st, followed by a lively Vegas-themed dance on the 23rd—complete with music, games, and plenty of excitement. February kept the momentum going with another joyful birthday celebration on the 18th, and a sweet and colorful Willy Wonka–themed dance on the 27th that was truly a treat for everyone involved.

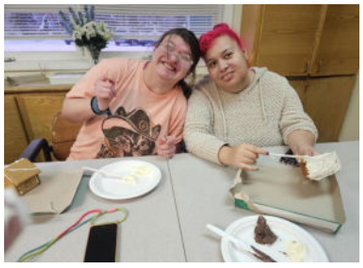
March wrapped up the season in style with birthday festivities on the 18th and an upbeat 80s-themed dance on the 27th, where everyone had a chance to show off their best retro moves.

As winter winds down, our participants are eagerly counting the days until the start of our summer semester on April 1st—ready to welcome sunshine, warmer days, and even more fun-filled activities planned 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 2026 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 12/31/2026!!

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

Stella Ah Ching Tupai
Jaden Guinn
Craig Lowry
Eshrika Allen
Fuafiva Malaga
Brendan Broyles
Courtney Palmer Wehling
Sean Clemson

3 Years

Kimber Sanborn
Lamaga Filifili
Sonya Smith
Sabrina Gust

5 Years

Irenea Miguel

10 Years

Bernadette Tonga

15 Years

James “Ian” Casey

27 Years

Laura Hernandez

Calendar Events

April 15th	*Monthly Birthday Party*
April 24th	*Pac-Man Dance*
May 14th	*Citywide Cleanup*
May 20th	*Monthly Birthday Party*
May 22nd	*Star Wars Dance*
June 17th	*Monthly Birthday Party*
June 26th	*Circus Dance*

CEO Corner

Dear Arc of Anchorage Community,

As spring arrives in south central and the days begin to stretch a little longer, there’s a renewed sense of energy and possibility in the air. After a long (and cold) winter, this season offers a welcome reminder that growth often follows even the most challenging stretches.

This time of year always brings a sense of momentum. Across The Arc, I continue to see the impact of the work we all put forward, in the connections built, the opportunities created, and the support provided every day. It’s those consistent efforts, big and small, that help the people we serve move forward in meaningful ways.

Spring is also a time to look ahead. It gives us the opportunity to reflect on where we’ve been and to think about where we’re going next. As we move into the months ahead, we’ll continue focusing on strengthening our community, supporting one another, and building on the foundation we’ve created together.

To our staff and community supporters, thank you for the care, dedication, and heart you bring to the work we do. Because of you, The Arc of Anchorage continues to grow and thrive. I’m excited to see what this next season will bring!

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 12/31/2026.

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!