# inSights

The Arc of Anchorage

Quarter 2, 2026

# Community Programs

The summer semester officially began on April 1st, and participants in Community Programs were excited to start new classes and make the most of Alaska's beautiful summer season. On April 15th, we celebrated our April birthdays with cupcakes, music, and time together with friends. Later in the month, on April 24th, we hosted our Pac-Man-themed dance, which was filled with energy, great food, and plenty of dancing.

In May, The Arc of Anchorage proudly participated in the annual Citywide Cleanup on May 14th. Participants from on-site classes and the Trail Walking class worked together to help keep our community clean and beautiful by collecting litter throughout the area. We also celebrated May birthdays on May 20th with ice cream cups, music, and fun. The month concluded with our annual Star Wars-themed dance on May 22nd, featuring creative costumes, lively music, delicious food, and a fantastic turnout.

June brought the official start of summer, and participants have been spending more time outdoors enjoying the sunshine and warmer weather. On June 17th, we celebrated June birthdays with sweet treats, music, and lots of smiles. To wrap up the month, we are looking forward to our Circus-themed dance on June 26th, featuring fun music, delicious food, popcorn, sweet treats, and exciting door prize drawings. We can't wait to celebrate together and continue making wonderful summer memories!










## 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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907.277.6677

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# Milestone Anniversaries

### 1 Year

Joshua Booher
Robert Elliott
Leya Mukayesu
Laquita Odom
Deepika Ramesh Perumal
Robert Jack

### 3 Years

Murphy Fonoti
Cleodualdo Reyes
Abygail Rhenea Suguitan
Jasmine Kiester-Durrant
Colin Longston
Moeysha Silva-Sua
Megan Meadows

### 5 Years

Antonia Soto
Brenda Galvez

### 10 Years

Lenny Esera

### 15 Years

Thomas Stearns Jr.
Teri Nickels
Jwokpakong Ador
Jemima Adams

### 20 Years

Carmelita Zygmunt

# Calendar Events

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| **July 3rd** | Agency Closed for Independence Day |
| **July 15th** | Monthly Birthday Party |
| **July 24th** | Tron Neon Dance |
| **August 19th** | Monthly Birthday Party |
| **August 24th** | Annual Alaska State Fair Special Event |
| **August 28th** | Vegas Dance |
| **September 7th** | Agency Closed for Labor Day |
| **September 16th** | Monthly Birthday Party |
| **September 25th** | Harry Potter Dance |
| **September 30th** | End of Summer Semester |

# CEO Corner

As summer arrives in Alaska and the days seem to stretch endlessly under the midnight sun, it's a wonderful time to reflect on the progress we've made together and the opportunities that lie ahead. Summer is often a season of activity, adventure, and connection, and those qualities are reflected throughout The Arc of Anchorage. Every day, I continue to be inspired by the dedication of our staff and the resilience of the individuals and families we serve. Whether supporting someone in achieving greater independence, helping an individual find meaningful employment, or simply being there during a challenging moment, the work we do together creates lasting impact.

This season also reminds us of the importance of community. Across our programs, we see people building relationships, exploring new opportunities, and participating more fully in the life of our community. Those successes are made possible by the compassion, creativity, and commitment that each of you brings to your role. As we move through the summer months, I encourage everyone to take time to appreciate the accomplishments we have achieved together while also looking ahead with optimism. Thank you for your continued dedication to our mission and for helping create a community where people who experience disabilities are encouraged, supported, and celebrated for their potential.

I hope you have a safe, enjoyable, and memorable summer. Together, we are making a difference every day.

**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!*