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The Arc of Anchorage

Quarter 3, 2026

Community Programs

Throughout July and August, individuals engaged in meaningful educational, social, and community-based activities. Healthy eating activities encouraged nutrition education and promoted positive lifestyle choices. Collaborative art projects provided opportunities for individuals to express their creativity while creating beautiful pieces to share with family and friends and build social connections. Community inclusion continues to be a priority as participants visited local greenhouses and botanical gardens. These outings provided hands-on learning experiences about plants and gardening while allowing individuals to interact with community members in new and engaging environments.

As summer came to a close, a large group of individuals enjoyed a successful outing to the Alaska State Fair on August 24th. The group had a wonderful time, with many already looking forward to next year's event. On August 28, we hosted a Vegas-themed dance, featuring one of our individuals as the DJ—a fun and memorable evening for everyone! September brought even more opportunities for connection and celebration. We hosted our popular Harry Potter-themed dance on September 25thand enjoyed our annual Trunk-or-Treat event on campus on September 27th.

As the summer semester concludes, individuals are completing their end-of-semester projects through our Sparc Art Program and preparing for the upcoming winter semester, which begins October 1st. We look forward to another semester filled with creativity, learning, friendship, and meaningful community experiences.









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:

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Milestone Anniversaries

1 Year
Angelica Garcia
Carmen Jones
Dale Collins
Teresita Wooley

3 Years
Hannah Lee
Fualosa Atafua
Kyle Savage
Diana Amio
Elen Evans

5 Years
Barbara Fulton
Ronald Pinnok

10 Years
Bobbi Henley

Calendar Events

September 27th	The Arc Trunk-or-Treat
October 23rd	Hocus Pocus Dance
November 20th	Luau Dance
November 26th	Thanksgiving Day – Agency Closed
December 18th	Hollywood Red Carpet Dance
December 25th	Christmas Day – Agency Closed
January 1st	New Years Day – Agency Closed
January 22nd	Marvel Superhero Dance

CEO Corner

As summer arrives in Alaska and the days seem to stretch endlessly under the midnight sun, it's a wonderful As the natural colors begin to change across Alaska, it's a time to reflect on where we've been and look ahead to the months to come. The change of seasons reminds us that progress is often built through steady effort, adaptability, and a willingness to embrace what comes next.

Throughout the summer, I continued to see examples of what makes The Arc of Anchorage special: staff supporting one another, creating new opportunities, and showing up every day for the individuals and families we serve. It is the commitment behind those everyday moments that allows us to fulfill our mission and make a meaningful difference in our community.

Fall is also a season of gratitude. As we head toward the end of the year, I want to thank each of you for the energy, compassion, and dedication you bring to The Arc. Our work is not always easy, but the impact you make is significant. As the days grow shorter and winter approaches, I hope we carry forward the momentum we built over the summer. There is much to look forward to, and I'm excited about what we will continue to accomplish together.

Thank you for all you do to encourage and celebrate the potential of people who experience disabilities.

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!