



Winnebago, Boone and
Ogle Counties



a look forward, a look back

Newsletter and Annual Report-December 2011

The Arc Adopts New Brand Identity

On March 1st The Arc unveiled a new brand identity! You'll find a dynamic new look across all publications and media. The comprehensive new brand identity serves to unite our chapters across the country under the banner *Achieve With Us*. This new tagline conveys The Arc as a provider of opportunity, hope, growth and change. It's at once an invitation and a command, as it represents our movement's determination to achieve even more in terms of participation, inclusion, acceptance and respect for people with I/DD in the years to come.

The Arc's logo is emblematic of the organization's embracing nature with the flowing "catalyst" icon; a burst of energy is symbolic of our support of independence. In the logo's design, you'll see the energy and determination The Arc brings to supporting and embracing people with I/DD

and their families across their lifetimes and across many diagnoses. You'll notice a bold color combination of orange and yellow chosen specifically because it is unique in the realm of nonprofit organizations, and can be exclusively associated with The Arc much like a specific shade of pink is associated with breast cancer awareness.

Together, the elements of the brand represent a strong, energetic organization working to provide opportunity for people with I/DD; opportunity for hope, opportunity for growth and opportunity for change. We know a thing or two about change as we have been on the front lines of a movement that has ushered in dramatic changes in the law, in schools, in health care, in communities and often on a very personal level in individuals' lives.

The Arc's vibrant new logo and tagline communicate the organization's commitment to promoting and protecting the human rights of people with I/DD and actively supporting their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.



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Achieve with us.

In Memoriam

"And can it be that in a world so full and busy the loss of one creature makes a void so wide and deep that nothing but the width and depth of eternity can fill it up!"

-Charles Dickens

Verne K. Smith

5/18/1946-1/12/2011

Robert J. Kearns

7/6/1943-9/3/2011

Andrea Sue Ferguson

10/28/1948-11/23/2011





annual report

Director's Report

"When the going gets tough, the tough get going". If this old saying is true, The Arc has some really tough donors, volunteers, board members, and staff. Thanks to the determination, skill and hard work of everyone, we have had a successful and fun year.

February:

Amber DiGuseppi, rejoined us to develop a counseling and life skills/education program based around life issues important to our participants and their families.

BMO Harris Bank became presenting sponsor for The 4th annual Chocoholic Frolic. We hosted 600 people including a group of Wisconsin Democrats who were hiding out at the Clock Tower. We made the national newspapers.

March:

The Arc US successfully launched the much anticipated new and rejuvenated logo, mission and strategic plan; "Awaken the Sleeping Giant".

April:

We launched The Arc of Illinois' LIFE Campaign with Tony Paulauski and our local media. The LIFE Campaign played a large role in securing funds for developmental disability services in the 2011 IL budget.

May:

The Arc and The Park District's Therapeutic Rec Program held an open house showcasing original 2 and 3 dimensional art.

June:

Volunteers from BMO Harris used their administrative skills to help update files for the Guardianship program and learned a lot about how this program helps our families.

July:

We rocked it out with a benefit concert for Verne Smith, thanks to RIPT and Darkhouse Productions, with proceeds to go to the Rep Payee program Verne had benefited from.

August:

Executive Director, Jacki Neil Boss completed her 2nd. Term as President of the Board of The Arc of Illinois.

Alignment Rockford requested our input with their outreach to young parents as part of their campaign to improve outcomes for children in the Rockford School District.

September:

Pizza On Earth did a fine job of representing us at On The Waterfront. Don't forget to sample their chocolate covered strawberries next year.

October:

Congratulations to Linda Johnson, 19th Annual Great Home Giveaway Winner. The GHG raised enough funds for us to continue our services for another year.

November:

The Home Based Support Program completed a reorganization plan to provide better service to people enrolled and to meet the quality control guidelines required by the State of Illinois for programs receiving Federal Medicaid funding.

Thanks to the success of our fundraisers, our donors and grantors, we ended the year on a sound financial

basis. We have maintained our core services, collaborated with like minded agencies and businesses and developed a 2012 calendar of educational and fun events for participants and their families. I want to thank everyone who helped make this year a success. You make a difference in the everyday lives of those we care about.

Statement of Financial Position Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2011

<u>Current Assets</u>	2011	2010
Cash and cash equivalents	339,841	199,831
Restricted cash, clients	61,821	70,417
Certificate of deposit	53,492	53,349
Grants receivable	64,384	120,689
Prepaid expenses	1,122	1,059
Lot for Great Home Giveaway	27,669	
Property/equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	269,760	279,474
Total Current Assets	818,089	724,819
<u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	22,488	29,456
Due to clients	61,821	70,417
Accrued expenses	30,205	31,538
Deferred revenue	28,260	22,180
Total liabilities	142,774	153,591
Net Assets:		
Total net assets	675,315	571,228
Total Liabilities and net assets	818,089	724,819



great home giveaway

Great Home Giveaway 2011



Congratulations to grand prize winner Linda J. Johnson of Rockford. Linda selected the cash prize of \$100,000. The 50/50 winner, Mark Owens of Roscoe, won \$12,782.50.

We want to thank everyone for supporting the 19th annual Great Home Giveaway event! This was an incredible year with over 18,700 tickets sold. Community involvement is what keeps our doors open.

A special thanks to the many area businesses who donate time, money, and materials. Many of you have been with us since the beginning and we honor you.

Our volunteers are also indispensable. From the board members who sell tickets during

the open houses to the Air Force recruiters who laid the sod, you all make this event possible.

A thank you wouldn't be a thank you without acknowledging all the people who buy tickets every year. You often tell us you don't expect to win but are glad the money is going to a good cause. This is exactly what Linda Johnson said when she purchased her 3 for \$50 early bird special last July. This year was her lucky year, next year it could be yours!

The Great Home Giveaway house at 393 University Drive Rockford IL 61107 is now for sale. If you know someone who is interested, ask them to call Jacki at The Arc (815) 965-3455

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Lauren Prchal-Activities Coordinator/Admin. Assistant

Richard Timpe-Home Based Support Service Facilitator

Thanks to our 2011 Great Home Giveaway Sponsors:



Great Home Giveaway 2012

Plans are underway for our 20th Great Home Giveaway celebration event. We are making plans for the most prizes, the best house, and lots of fun. Please let us know if you have any special ideas to make this anniversary better than ever! The house address is 8480 Blue River Rd. This is just around the corner from the 19th house at 393 University Drive. Thank you for participating in the Great Home Giveaway and for helping your neighbors with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

www.rockfordgreathomegiveaway.com



programs and services

Counseling

All people with intellectual and developmental disabilities have strengths, abilities, and inherent value and should be afforded the same opportunities as others to take active steps toward improving their quality of life.

We provide Counseling for those who wish to develop skills and strategies to cope with the challenges of daily living.

Each individual brings unique strengths and needs to counseling. This makes each counseling experience unique. Typically, the counseling process involves exploring and clarifying the problem, examining solutions that have been tried, de-



termining goals and strategies, and building abilities to work toward those goals.

Counseling can address a broad range of issues or concerns including, but not limited to:

- Interpersonal relationships
- Emotional regulation
- Conflict management
- Emotional/mental health
- Maladaptive behaviors

For more information, contact Amber DiGuseppi at 815-965-3455 or amberd@arcwbo.org

Home Based Support

Home Based Support Service Facilitation is available for people enrolled in the IL Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities, Home Based Medicaid Waiver. This program allocates funding for people with I/DD to purchase services needed to live at home. There is a waiting list for this program and other State funded services. To register with the waiting list (called the PUNS) contact Access Services of Northern Illinois, 815-282-8824.

New in 2012- We will be hosting a Home Based Family Open House which will coincide with our Spring Rec Night on May 7th. Watch www.arcwbo.org for details to come.



HBS Heads-Up

Preparations for:

- Fiscal Year adjustments for those in Developmental Training-**May**
- Calendar Year adjustments for those in the Children's Waiver-**November**
- COLA-**December**

Future Planning and Guardianship Assistance

Future Planning

We are hosting four Future Planning Seminars in 2012. We will provide an introduction to the following topics:

- Guardianship and Alternatives
- Special Needs Trusts
- The PUNS (Illinois waiting list)

Dates: Mar. 7th, May 23rd, Aug. 15th, Nov. 7th.

Times and locations will be posted at www.arcwbo.org. Call 815-965-3455 to sign up.

Guardianship Assistance

For cases where guardianship is appropriate, we provide information, assessment and legal services to families or others who are seeking uncontested legal guardianship of an adult (18 years or older) with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. The cost for this service is \$500.

To be eligible the person with disabilities must:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Live in Winnebago, Boone or Ogle Counties

- Be unable to give informed consent for his/her own care and treatment or otherwise have significantly impaired ability to make major decisions





Did You Know?

- In April two Art at The Arc artists won at the annual Arc of Illinois Convention Art Exhibit. Ryan Matthews won 2nd place with his mixed media piece titled "Walk Up" and Heather Caudell won 3rd place with her painting titled "Vibrant Flowers".
- In September, The Shining Stars performed and presented a workshop at the Educational Theater Association Conference in Chicago.
- Two bands, Ript and Bullet, hosted benefit concerts in memory of Verne Smith this past July and September.
- The Arc now serves 100 families in the Home Based Support program.
- 27 children and adults participated in Art at The Arc in 2011, the second year of this collaboration between The Arc and the Rockford Park District Therapeutic Rec.
- Attorneys Peter Savitski and Randall Talley have been working with The Arc for 33 years to provide low-cost guardianship to families.
- In 2011, Aktion Club raised over \$1,800 for charities.
- The Ligas lawsuit was settled. This means that people living in ICF/DDs can choose to move to community homes.
- 8 young adults participated in the Fall 2011 Healthy Relationships Skills Training.
- Rockford Public Schools purchased handmade gifts created by Beadware artists for their 2011 retirees.
- The Governor plans to close four Developmental Centers in the next 2.5 years.
- The Arc began providing counseling in 2011.



Skills Training

We are offering four Skills Training topics in 2012:

Feb- Anger Management

Apr- RAD-Self Defense

Jun/Jul- Money Management

Sept/Oct- Healthy Relationships

Anger Management, Money Management, and Healthy Relationships will be held on Wednesdays, 4:00-5:15pm.

RAD-Self Defense will be held on Mondays, 3:00-5:00pm. This topic is presented by RSAC and is open only to women.

Each Skills Training topic is \$20. Class size is limited. Visit www.arcwbo.org for registration information.

Social Activities

Beadware-a group that meets on Mondays to make jewelry and other beaded home goods in the company of friends. Items are sold in the store, at art fairs, and other events.

Rec Nights-an opportunity for people to get together and have fun, featuring music, dancing, games and snacks. Cost is \$3.

Aktion Club-a Kiwanis Club community service group for people interested in leadership and service.

Art at The Arc-a partnership with the Rockford Park District for artists to develop their creative skills. See the Therapeutic Recreation Guide for scheduling, pricing and registration.

The Shining Stars-a theater group directed by Dr. Joan E. Kole for those interested in acting and stage management.

Visit www.arcwbo.org to stay current with news and activities.

A Look Forward-2012

Activities/events are subject to change. Stay up to date at www.arcwbo.org.

January		April		December
2 OFFICE CLOSED		2 Skills Training	18 Skills Training	Art Show and Sale (TBD)
3 Aktion Club		3 Aktion Club	23 Beadware	3 Beadware
9 Beadware		4 Art at The Arc-Kids	25 Skills Training	4 Aktion Club
10 Finance & Board Meetings		5 Art at The Arc-Adults	25 Human Rights Meeting	10 Beadware
10 Aktion Club		6 OFFICE CLOSED	30 Beadware	11 Aktion Club
16 Beadware		9 Skills Training		17 Beadware
17 Aktion Club		10 Aktion Club	August	18 Aktion Club
23 Beadware		11 Art at The Arc-Kids	6 Beadware	25 OFFICE CLOSED
25 Rec Night		12 Art at The Arc-Adults	7 Aktion Club	26-31 OFFICE CLOSED
25 Human Rights Meeting		16 Skills Training	13 Beadware	January 2013
30 Beadware		17 Aktion Club	14 Aktion Club	1 OFFICE CLOSED
		18 Art at The Arc-Kids	15 Rec Night (Boone County)	
		19 Art at The Arc-Adults	15 Future Planning Seminar (Boone County)	
		23 Skills Training	20 Beadware	
February		25-26 The Arc of IL Convention	21 Aktion Club	
1 Skills Training		25 Human Rights Meeting	27 Beadware	
6 Beadware		25 Art at The Arc-Kids		
7 Aktion Club		26 Art at The Arc-Adults	September	
8 Art at The Arc-Kids		30 Skills Training	3 OFFICE CLOSED	
8 Skills Training			4 Aktion Club	
9 Art at The Arc-Adults			5 Skills Training	
13 Beadware	May		8 Alley Walk	
14 Aktion Club	1 Aktion Club		10 Beadware	
15 Art at The Arc-Kids	2 Rec Night		11 Finance & Board Meetings	
15 Skills Training	2 Home Based Program Event		12 Skills Training	
16 Chocoholic Frolic	7 Beadware		15 The Verne Stomp (TBD)	
20 Beadware	8 Finance & Board Meetings		17 Beadware	
21 Aktion Club	12 Art Show		18 Aktion Club	
22 Art at The Arc-Kids	14 Beadware		19 Skills Training	
22 Skills Training	15 Aktion Club		24 Beadware	
23 Art at The Arc-Adults	15 Beadware		26 Skills Training	
27 Beadware	21 Beadware			
29 Art at The Arc-Kids	23 Future Planning Seminar		October	
29 Skills Training	28 OFFICE CLOSED		1 Beadware	
			2 Aktion Club	
March			3 Skills Training	
1 Art at The Arc-Adults	June		8 Beadware	
5 Beadware	4 Beadware		9 Aktion Club	
6 Aktion Club	5 Aktion Club		10 Skills Training	
7 Future Planning Seminar	6 Skills Training		15 Beadware	
7 Art at The Arc-Kids	11 Beadware		16 Aktion Club	
8 Art at The Arc-Adults	12 Aktion Club		22 Beadware	
12 Beadware	13 Skills Training		24 Human Rights Meeting	
13 Finance & Board Meetings	18 Beadware		29 Beadware	
13 Aktion Club	19 Aktion Club			
14 Art at The Arc-Kids	20 Skills Training		November	
15 Art at The Arc-Adults	25 Beadware		5 Beadware	
19 Beadware	27 Skills Training		6 Aktion Club	
20 Aktion Club	29 Green Bear Fair		7 Rec Night	
21 Art at The Arc-Kids			7 Future Planning Seminar	
22 Art at The Arc-Adults	July		12 OFFICE CLOSED	
26 Beadware	2 Beadware		13 Finance & Board Meetings	
28 Art at The Arc-Kids	3 Aktion Club		14 Aktion Club	
29 Art at The Arc-Adults	4 OFFICE CLOSED		19 Beadware	
	9 Beadware		20 Aktion Club	
	10 Finance & Board Meetings		22-23 OFFICE CLOSED	
	11 Skills Training		26 Beadware	
	16 Beadware			
	17 Aktion Club			

Scheduling is yet to be determined for Art at The Arc for Summer and Fall, and The Shining Stars Theatre Group.

Remember:
Call 815-965-3455 to sign up for activities.

Stay Informed!

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YouTube Channel:
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Thank you

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July 2010-November 2011

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