



SUMMER IS IN FULL BLOOM

On May 9th, The Arc of Butler County had a Spring Flower and Sidewalk Sale. Pictured are our beautiful hanging baskets!

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A MESSAGE FOR YOU

BY TINA ZIMMERMAN, BOARD PRESIDENT

Hello Arc community members, we had an exciting start to 2024 at The Arc of Butler County. We held several Thursday night parties that are always well attended by clients, staff, and the community. In late April, we hosted a Career Readiness Day event for several of the local high schools that was extremely successful. I want to personally thank our donors and community supporters that once again came out (even in the rain) to support our Spring Flower & Plant Fundraiser! We are looking forward to a jammed packed summer! If you need firewood for your outdoor fire pit or to take camping...come see us at PARC Productions to purchase our ready to go bagged wood, fire starters, and portable candles.

On a more emotional note, I want to thank our board member Joanne Meredith for her multiple DECADES of outstanding service to The Arc of Butler County. Joanne has served every elected position on the Executive Board and was a long term President. She was most recently Treasurer and ran our finance committee. Joanne brought much needed empathy and understanding to our board from her personal life experiences as well as her career as the Director of Special Education at Seneca Valley School District. Please join me in thanking Joanne for all her years of service on the Board at The Arc of Butler County, we wish her well in her new endeavors. She will be dearly missed.

We hope to see many of you at our upcoming summer events and as always THANK YOU for your continued support of The Arc of Butler County!

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CAREER READINESS DAY RECAP

The Arc of Butler County hosted our annual Career Readiness Day on April 18th, 2024, bringing together high school students with intellectual and developmental disabilities from across Butler County. We had 7 schools attend and 91 students participate in the festivities! The schools that attended were Grove City, Moniteau, Knoch, Butler, Slippery Rock, Seneca Valley, and Glade Run (St. Stephens School). Thank you all for coming! The event, held at the Tanglewood Center, provided an invaluable opportunity for these students to engage in various activities aimed at enhancing their professional skills and confidence.

Throughout the day, attendees participated in mock interviews, manicures, and other interactive stations. These activities were designed to simulate real-world scenarios and foster essential skills necessary for future career endeavors.

The success of Career Readiness Day wouldn't have been possible without the dedicated support of volunteers and donors who generously contributed their time and effort to make the event memorable and impactful. Their involvement helped create a supportive and inclusive environment where students felt encouraged to explore their potential and aspirations. The Arc of Butler County extends its heartfelt gratitude to all volunteers and donors who played a role in making Career Readiness Day a resounding success.





May Party



THE MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY

We had a whimsical time at our May Party, themed after the Mad Hatter's Tea Party! Everyone enjoyed an enchanting evening surrounded by charming decorations, with tea cups and pots adorning every table, creating a delightful tea party atmosphere. The evening included a delicious dinner, lively dancing, and fantastic music courtesy of our talented DJ. It was a magical night filled with laughter, joy, and unforgettable moments. Thank you to everyone who joined us and made the night truly special!



You're invited to The Arc of Butler County's

The Mad Hatter's Tea Party

\$1

***All tickets must be purchased in advance to coordinate food.**

tickets will not be reserved, saved, or held

Thursday, May 16th, 2024

5:30 to 7:30 PM
Tanglewood Center
10 Austin Ave
Lyndora, PA. 16045

Purchase tickets from
Marissa at PARC
Productions starting
April 15th.

ADULTS ONLY PARTY

Marissa Wagner
mwagner@arcbutler.org
724-283-3300 x117

SPRING FLOWER & SIDEWALK SALE SUCCESS



On May 9th, The Arc hosted its much-anticipated Spring Flower and Sidewalk Sale at PARC Productions. Originally planned as an outdoor event, the sale was largely moved indoors due to inclement weather. Despite the last-minute change of venue, the event was a resounding success!



The sale featured a vibrant assortment of hanging baskets, flowers, and plants. In addition to the beautiful flora, attendees could also purchase a variety of handmade candles and charming garden flags, adding a touch of warmth and personality to their homes and gardens.



Thanks to the dedicated efforts of our volunteers and the enthusiastic support of the community, The Arc raised an impressive \$2,400. This successful fundraising event not only brightened the homes and gardens of our supporters but also provided crucial funds to support The Arc's ongoing programs and services. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated and made this event such a blooming success!

NEW HIRE FEATURE

JOHN EYTH

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

John Eyth recently joined The Arc as Chief Financial Officer. John has been a Chief Financial Officer/Controller for over 25 years in both for profit and non-profit organizations, with over 15 years of experience in the Intellectual Disabilities sector. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Management Accountant (CMA), Certified Financial Manager (CFM), Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), Certified in Strategy and Competitive Analysis (CSCA) and a Financial Modeling and Valuation Analyst (FMVA).

CASSIE MERRYMAN

HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR

Cassie Merryman, joined The Arc as our new Human Resource Director. Born and raised in Worthington, PA, she currently resides on a farm in the Petrolia area with her fiancé, three horses, and eight dogs! Cassie graduated with a B.S. in Safety Management from Slippery Rock in 2017. Her work history primarily revolves around the transportation industry, with experience in long-term care and construction. Her professional skills include policy and procedure interpretation and implementation, conflict resolution, and turnover and retention strategies. In her free time, she enjoys barrel racing in the summer, hunting with her dogs in the winter, exploring new restaurants and breweries, and spending time with her family!

KYLIE MCINDOE RECEIVES ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

We are thrilled to announce that on May 21st, 2024 one of our own, Kylie McIndoe, was honored with an Achievement Award and a Senate Proclamation from the Unique Source Achievement Awards.

This prestigious recognition celebrates outstanding workers from across the state who demonstrate exceptional character in living and coping with disabilities, particularly in the workplace.

Kylie's dedication, passion, and resilience in overcoming challenges have set an inspiring example for all. As one of the 38 individuals celebrated by Unique Source in 2024, Kylie's outstanding work accomplishments and unwavering determination serve as a testament to her exceptional character. We are incredibly proud of Kylie and her well-deserved recognition, and we look forward to witnessing her continued success and impact in the community. Congratulations, Kylie!

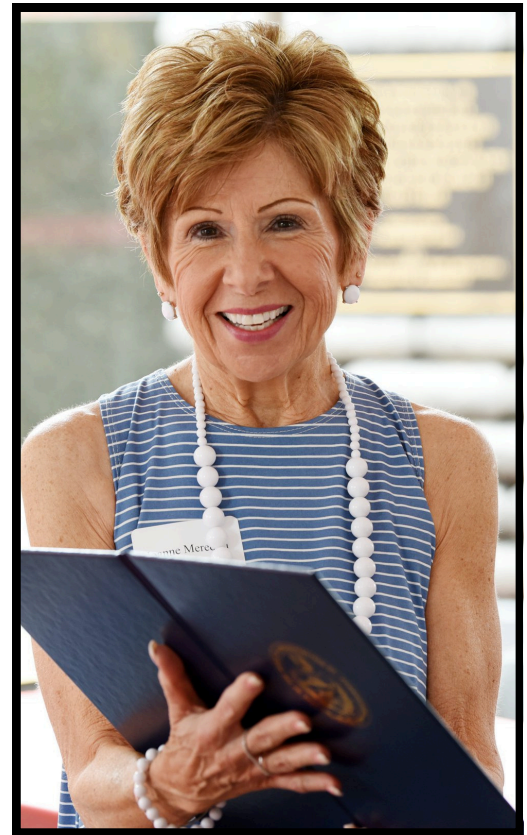


THE ARC THANKS JOANNE MEREDITH

The Arc of Butler County extends its heartfelt gratitude to Joanne Meredith, a long-time board member whose unwavering support and dedication have been instrumental to our success. As Joanne steps down from her role, we want to express our profound appreciation for her years of service and the lasting impact she has made on our organization.

Joanne's commitment to our mission and her tireless efforts on behalf of The Arc have significantly improved the lives of individuals with disabilities in our community. Her insight, leadership, and advocacy have guided us through numerous initiatives and challenges, helping to shape The Arc into the thriving organization it is today. Joanne's passion for our cause has been evident in her active involvement in our programs, her thoughtful contributions during board meetings, and her consistent presence at our events.

We are incredibly fortunate to have had Joanne as part of our organization. Her dedication goes beyond mere involvement; it reflects a commitment to improving the lives of those we serve. While we will miss her on the board, we know that her legacy will continue to inspire and guide us. On behalf of the entire Arc family, we extend our deepest appreciation to Joanne Meredith for her support and exceptional service. Thank you, Joanne, for everything you have done to champion our mission and uplift our community. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors!



Upcoming Events



RICH-MAR ROTARY PRESENTS

PARC FAMILY CORN ROAST

AUGUST 14

5:00-7:00 PM

ROTARY SHELTER
BUTLER MEMORIAL PARK
100 MEMORIAL DR.
BUTLER, PA 16001

CLIENTS OF PARC AND
FAMILY WELCOME!

Please RSVP to Haylee
Kuehn 724-968-6031 or
hkuehn@arcbutler.org

The Arc
of Butler County



REP. MARCI MUSTELLO
IS HOSTING

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

CO-HOSTED WITH

BUTLER COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

TUESDAY, AUG. 20, FROM 5-8 P.M.
BUTLER FARM SHOW, 625 EVANS CITY ROAD, BUTLER

THIS EVENT IS FREE TO THE COMMUNITY. THERE WILL
BE FOOD, MUSIC, VENDORS AND ENTERTAINMENT. LOCAL
ORGANIZATIONS WILL PROVIDE IMPORTANT INFORMATION
THAT MAY BENEFIT YOU.

RESIDENTS ARE ASKED TO BRING NONPERISHABLE
FOOD ITEMS TO "STUFF A BUS" TO PROVIDE FOR
LOCAL SCHOOLS.

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*The Arc of Butler County
invites you to the:*

2024 SUMMER GAMES PARTY

at Alameda Park, Masonic Shelter

Thursday, August 8th, 2024
5:00 to 7:30 PM

Tickets can be
purchased from Marissa
starting July 8th at
PARC Productions

Tickets: \$2.00 each

Marissa Wagner
724-283-3300 x 117
mwagner@arcbutler.org

Tickets must be purchased in advance to plan for food, games, and prizes.

This quarterly newsletter is produced by The Arc of Butler County. It highlights the many ways our dedicated staff, volunteers, and generous donors come together to support and empower individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live, work, and participate in their communities.



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Achieve With Us.

For people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

HELP US ACHIEVE OUR MISSION

The Arc of Butler County is committed to reducing the incidence and limiting the consequence of intellectual and developmental disabilities through:

Advocacy ● Education ● Support ● Service Provision

The Arc of Butler County is committed to securing for all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities the opportunity to choose and realize their goals of where and how they learn, live, work, and play. The Arc of Butler County will work toward securing, consistent with the individual's need, maximum personal independence, choices, inclusion, equal rights, and adequate supports, which are all necessary to guarantee a real quality of life to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The Arc of Butler County will provide leadership in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities and develop the necessary human and financial resources to attain its goal.

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