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The Arc
Quad Cities Area

WHAT INDEPENDENCE, CHOICE, OPPORTUNITY, & COMMUNITY MEANS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES *See page four for Words Matter*



Founded in 1952, The Arc of the Quad Cities Area is an independent non-profit organization that provides support for over 325 Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in our community.

The Arc provides:

- Respite
- Residential
- Day Training
- Vocational Training
- Assistive Technology
- Community Supports
- Supportive Employment

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For more information about The Arc’s programs and support services, visit our website at:

www.arcqca.org



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Cover: The Arc’s directors hold The Arc’s “Catalyst” (or part of The Arc’s logo) in front of the renovated exterior. A new larger logo was affixed to the front of The Arc’s administration building and the old logo was re-purposed on the interior. See page four for more.



DOVE LEGACY MEMBERS

Dove Legacy Members have made a commitment to leaving a legacy of love through their will or estate plan. Their gift will live on in perpetuity through the Wilber L. Burress Endowment.

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- Connie Zogg
- Lizette Desseyn
- Jim & Twila Mitchell
- John & Helen Kerschieter
- Richard & Ruth Marie Motz
- Jim & Carol Horstmann
- Barb Goettig

You Can Leave a Legacy of Love

We all leave a legacy. A legacy can be handed down through children who reflect our values, heritage, and cultural identity. For others, that is shared by their family and community. Everyone can leave a legacy, and the ones who make the greatest impact are those who touch the lives of many - changing them forever for the better.

The Arc’s Dove Legacy Society members are made up of donors who have consciously created their legacies by helping The Arc achieve our important mission *to empower people with disabilities to achieve their own unique abilities and achieve their full potential*. For many, The Arc has been instrumental in the care of a loved one. For others, The Arc’s mission resonates with their central core values and beliefs.

Anyone can leave a legacy. It can come in any stage of life, from a relatively small gift to a large bequest. What matters is that you make the choice to support a cause or mission that you care about most and make a plan.

By including The Arc of the Quad Cities Area in your Will, Trust, or beneficiary designation, you can pass on a lasting contribution to continue our work to protect the rights of people with disabilities and support their full inclusion and participation in community life, now and for future generations. These gifts cost you nothing now and allow you to change your beneficiaries at any time.

If you have already included The Arc of the Quad Cities Area in your Will, Trust or beneficiary designation, please let us know so we can recognize your generous contribution and include you in the Dove Legacy Society. If you would like more information about ways to leave a legacy of inclusion and full participation in community life, or would like to speak to someone about making a gift please contact The Arc’s Development Director at (309) 429-6067 or wrights@arcqca.org. Thank you.

Intelligent Lives



You never know
what people can do

intelligent *lives*
a film by dan habib

WRITTEN, DIRECTED AND PRODUCED BY DAN HABIB FILM EDITOR JAMES RUTENBECK STORY EDITOR JODY BECKER EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS AMY BRENNEMAN, CHRIS COOPER AND MARIANNE LEONE COOPER REGISSEUR MICHAEL FIALKA-FELDMAN, NAOMIE MONPLAISIR AND NAIKEER SHAHEED
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Can any attempt to measure intelligence predict a person's value, or potential to contribute meaningfully to the world?

The film *Intelligent Lives* explores these ideas and attempts to | shatter stereotypes about inclusion and how we measure a person's value.

Please join The Arc for a showing of the film *Intelligent Lives* and a brief discussion immediately following about the film's content. Perfect for parents, educators, students, and anybody interested in the disability community.

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Thursday
February 28
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Community Health Care
Rock Island Clinic

2750 11th Street
Rock Island, IL

The Arc
Quad Cities Area

Join The Arc for the
screening of
Intelligent Lives
followed by a brief
discussion

Michael's Message...

At The Arc of the Quad Cities Area we believe that everyone prospers when people with disabilities have the supports and services in place that allow them to achieve their highest potential. Supports that allow for growth are built on a foundation of powerful ideals that people with disabilities should be given the independence, freedom of choice, control of their own lives, and the opportunity to live fully in their own communities.

President George H.W. Bush will be remembered for many things, but in the disability community he will always be remembered for his role in signing the Adults with Disabilities Act (ADA) which transformed the lives of so many people and will continue to shape lives into the future.

The ADA upheld the right of people with disabilities to get the skills and education they need to get and keep good jobs, with protections against discrimination in the workplace, access to public accommodations, expansion of transportation services, and equivalent telephone services for people with disabilities. It was noted that former President H.W. Bush also enjoyed these same protections in his later years when he was utilized a wheelchair for mobility allowing him to enjoy the opportunity to live fully and equitably in community life. A prime example of how by upholding and protecting the rights of a few, we uphold the rights of all Americans. Said Bush at the signing of the ADA, "Together, we must remove the physical barriers we have created and the social barriers that we have accepted. For ours will never be a truly prosperous nation until all within it prosper."

This is the promise that The Arc upholds on a daily basis for the people we serve. We strive to uphold the ideals embedded in the ADA until everyone is afforded the opportunity to, as George H.W. Bush said, "blend fully and equally into the mosaic of the American mainstream." The road to true equality for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities will not be



paved by a single organization like The Arc, but by thousands who share that same vision and passion. We are thankful for all the organizations that uphold this vision:

The Rock Island Kiwanis Club which helped charter the first Aktion Club here in the Quad Cities and hosted by The Arc for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

For our generous donors who uphold our mission with their year-end giving, especially Don and Kathy Healy who took our Amazon Wish List program to a new level.

For our community partners like the IL/IA Center for Independent Living with whom we celebrated the anniversary of the signing of the ADA, and countless others who share our belief that giving the right supports people with disabilities can achieve their highest goals and aspirations.

Finally, we are grateful for the individuals served by The Arc who take in each new day as an opportunity for growth and wonder.

Michael Glanz
Executive Director
The Arc of the Quad Cities Area

Words Matter

What Independence, Choice, Opportunity, and Community Mean for People with Disabilities

In the disability community - words matter. Because attitudes towards people with disabilities are constantly changing, it is important that the words used to describe a significant proportion of the American public are current and respectful.

Words matter because they can trigger associations with the term 'disability' that shape how people with disabilities are treated and valued. The Arc believes people with disabilities should be afforded the opportunity to imagine limitless possibilities, free of depersonalized or negative words that imply bias. Only then can The Arc realize our full promise to *empower people with disabilities to believe in their own unique abilities and achieve their full potential.*

For over 65 years, The Arc has been creating opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live as independently as possible. It began as a group of concerned citizens who wanted more for their children, and continues into the future with our important mission.

The Arc has a legacy to share with this community. We understand that the true road to equality for people with disabilities will only be laid with the efforts of many who share our vision, which is why it is important that we share a clearly defined, powerful brand that helps connect our mission to our community.

The Arc's administrative building received a reboot with a new enlarged logo, new paint, and the words "independence, choice, opportunity and community" affixed to the exterior.



Prior to the facade upgrades of The Arc's administration building, it was easy to go past the building without noticing because the building was obscured by overgrown trees and bushes. Now the building is clearly visible and has some visual elements and words that communicate The Arc's unique brand with the community:

INDEPENDENCE: All of The Arc's programs and services are calibrated to maximize each individual's strengths as to afford the highest degree of personal independence.

CHOICE: The Arc puts individuals with disabilities at the heart of all that we do, a 'person centered' approach that puts personal choice at the highest priority.

OPPORTUNITY: The Arc is driven by opportunity. The opportunity for hope, growth, and change; the opportunity to be valued, contributing member of their community.

COMMUNITY: The Arc will realize our full promise for driving societal change and creating a welcoming community for everyone to live through collective impact.

Says Michael Glanz, Executive Director of The Arc, "The Arc is proud of its legacy and impact in the community. We feel that the re-branding of The Arc's administration building better reflects our mission and values to the Quad Cities."





TRIVIA NIGHT



TO BENEFIT **THE ARC OF THE QUAD CITIES AREA**

Saturday, January 12, 2019 • Plumbers & Pipefitters Local #25 Union Hall
 Doors open at **5:30 PM** Trivia begins at **6:30 PM**
 \$10 per person / Tables of 8 players

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Plumbers & Pipefitters is located at 4600 46th Avenue, Rock Island



From left to right: Virgil Mayberry, Michael Glanz, staff representative from Congresswoman Cheri Bustos, Sarah Wright, Liz Sherwin, Bonnie Ballard, (top) Representative Mike Halpin, RI Mayor Mike Thoms.



Participants enjoy a beautiful evening along the Mississippi River at Schweibert Park. The Arc sponsored Thursday Night groove because it affords an inclusive experience that is enjoyed by all.



Josh Newlin threw out the "first pitch" at Modern Woodman Park's first Disabilities Awareness Night poses with Michael Glanz, Executive Director of The Arc.



Jennifer Pauley waves to her fans at Rock Island's 34th annual Labor Day Parade with a re-creation of "Chief Black Hawk" from the historic 11th Street Watchtower Plaza sign.

Out In The Community



Individuals served by The Arc get out and enjoy what makes the Quad Cities a great place to live, work and play on a continual basis. In The Arc's program "Adventures with The Arc" individuals enjoyed bus tours to the Field of Dreams, Navy Pier and downtown Chicago, and took in local sites like tours of Isabel Bloom Studio & Factory or Thursday Night Groove at Schweibert Park, among many other adventures.

The Arc of the Quad Cities Area is stepping up its presence and brand in the community through sponsorship of the first ever Disabilities Awareness Night at Modern Woodman Park. Individuals enjoyed a pre-game parade around the park and taking in a game on a beautiful summer evening. The Arc also sponsored Rock Island's Thursday Night Groove series that featured music along the waterfront. The event is inclusive for all people and many people served by The Arc enjoy this event. "It is our way of spreading awareness of what The Arc does, and to give back to our community," says Michael Glanz, Executive Director.

Additionally, The Arc partnered with the IL/IA Center for Independent Living as co-sponsor of their long-standing ADA Anniversary Celebration and Block Party. The block party was free to the public and featured food, fun, and games for everyone in attendance. Says Glanz, "We are pleased to help celebrate this landmark legislation with partners at the Center for Independent Living through this event."

The Arc also took part in Rock Island's 34th annual Labor Day Parade with a float created at Arc Industries that featured a re-creation of "Chief Black Hawk" from the historic 11th Street Watchtower sign. The theme of the parade was "Love Where You Live." The Arc chose to showcase the historic sign to showcase the historic features and peoples with a sign that read "Celebrating the heritage and inclusion of ALL people."

The Arc empowers people with disabilities to enjoy an inclusive life in the community. Through engagement activates such as these we also bring our message of inclusion and societal participation of all people in the community sphere.



CATALYST AWARDS 2019

IGNITING A PASSION FOR INCLUSION



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Under Construction



The Arc Renovates an Existing Home and Breaks Ground on Another



A construction sign warns of danger along 7th Street in Moline.

Along a quiet side street in Rock Island there is a small bungalow that for years served as a residential home for individuals with disabilities. Along with the sounds of hammer and drill are the sounds of birds chirping, a kind of prelude to the peaceful setting the home will return to once construction is completed.

The home is a new model for The Arc of the Quad Cities Area and is geared toward individuals who desire supports in a smaller more intimate setting. The home will provide the least restrictive supports to encourage the confidence and self-sufficiency only independence can provide.

The refurbished group home has been converted into two, two bedroom “apartments” for individuals with intellectual developmental disabilities. The project fits well within The Arc’s vision to promote self-determination and independence of individuals in order to live more independently in community life.

On 7th Street in Moline an earth mover is parked waiting to be put to



The finishing touches are being made to 2930 that will soon house two individual “apartments” for maximum independent living.

work clearing debris for construction of a new home that will house eight individuals with disabilities. The home will look similar to the five homes constructed in 2015 and 2016 and is a direct result of Phase II of the capital campaign completed just last year. “This



Artists rendition of what the sixth home in Moline will look like when completed.

brand new home would not be here without the investments of donors that want to unlock the doors of the community through integrated living,” says Michael Glanz, Executive Director of The Arc. “The capital campaign raised funds for six new group homes and the construction of the sixth home completes the project and makes the Quad Cities a more inclusive and vibrant place for everyone to live.”

A ribbon cutting will be held at 7th Street when construction is complete.

The Arc On The Job

Honeywell’s Servus rubber boot plant has been making durable, long-lasting industrial safety boots in Rock Island, Illinois since 1922. These hardy rubber boots have been keeping feet dry and warm for working men and women all over the world.

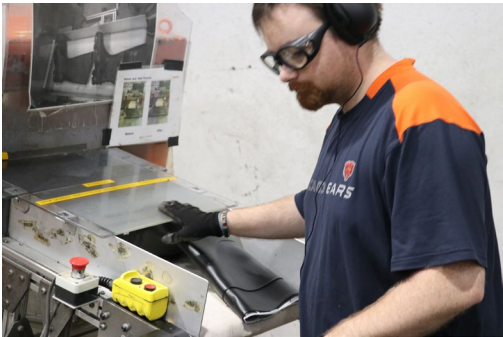
Honeywell is known for providing hard-working people the safety equipment they need to perform their job in a safe and comfortable manner. One of the many reasons why individuals with disabilities who work at Honeywell feel proud and respected for their work at the Honeywell plant.

Alex Hayes listens to tunes from his Honeywell headset that protect his ears as he feeds boots that did not make the quality inspection, into a recycling machine, turning the material back into rubber that can be used at the plant. Because of Alex’s work, Honeywell is able to recycle 100% of its waste products which will never go into the waste stream, improving the efficiency of the plant.

Says John Kulp, Quality/HOS Manager at the Honeywell plants says, “Alex helps keep our operators on the floor running the machines that keep our plant in operation by keeping the waste

materials off the floor and back into production.”

Says Alex of his job, “I love it here.” He also enjoys bringing home a paycheck and doing something as important as helping make Honeywell’s boots that help people all over the world do their jobs safely and comfortably.



Above: Alex feeds boots into a machine that will recycle 100% of the rubber back into production at the plant. Below: Alex moves comfortably around the work area picking up materials for recycling.

Alex found his position through the help of The Arc’s Community Employment Services (CES) department, which creates business solutions for employers seeking qualified candidates that fit their exact requirements and assists people with disabilities looking for job opportunities. Representatives from The Arc help employers find qualified candidates by linking them with people seeking opportunities.

The CES program was there for Alex who found guidance through CES to find the right job for him. Funded in part through the generous contributions of United Way of the Quad Cities Area, Alex was able to learn on the job for six weeks with a Job Coach, which gave him the skills he needs to build on his unique abilities and create the financial independence he needs to attain greater self-sufficiency.