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The Arc provides:

- Residential
- Community Day Services
- Vocational Training
- Assistive Technology
- Community Supports
- Community Employment
- Adventures with The Arc

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For more information about The Arc's programs and support services, visit:

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Cover: An individual looks on at a car show at The Arc's Opportunity Center courtesy of the Quad Cities Cruisers and Kirby Family Racing. The show was a highlight of the early summer season evident in the many smiles, high-fives, and conversations with cruisers, racers, and individuals who attended.

DOVE LEGACY MEMBERS

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Leaving a legacy and including people with disabilities in your estate plan can have a profound and positive impact on the future of The Arc of the Quad Cities Area. Giving through your estate is really not that complicated and might be easier than you think. In its simplest form, an estate gift is a planned gift given to The Arc after your lifetime. Regardless of the size of the gift, this type of giving is a beautiful way to leave your legacy forward and carry on the good work you began in your lifetime.

By including The Arc of the Quad Cities Area in your Will, Trust, or beneficiary designation, you pass on a lasting gift that continues 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. Your gift provides The Arc with a stable, permanent source of funds for the betterment of The Arc's essential supports and services. These gifts cost you nothing now and allow you to change your beneficiaries as circumstances change.

When you leave a legacy to The Arc, you become a part of The Arc's Dove Legacy Society comprised of donors who have created a legacy 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 at any stage of life, and can be anywhere from a relatively small gift to a large bequest. What matters most is that you make the commitment, and we are here to help. 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 contribution and include you in the Dove Legacy Society. If you would like more information about ways to leave a legacy or 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.

Charity Golf Outing

Thank you Golfers, Volunteers, & Sponsors



Michael's Message...

Things like wearing a mask, social distancing, and avoiding social events have kept us safe and brought us through the worst of the Covid pandemic. These tried and true methods are useful tools, although they have come at a high price to our connectivity. Connection to others is an essential element of a happy and fulfilling life. This is why the idea of societal inclusion of people with disabilities has been at the forefront of The Arc's mission and purpose. A diagnosis of a disability shouldn't mean a lifetime of social isolation and life at the margins.

As we look to bring The Arc's services back to full capacity this July, we have a new appreciation for the things that bind everyone together. We have renewed sense of purpose and understanding around the importance of fully including people with disabilities in community life. As the mandates have eased, The Arc is looking to bring more and more of its programming out into the community through partnerships. One of the organizations that The Arc has taken part in is the Disability Awareness Coalition, which is comprised of groups of similar service organizations that look to support and include people with disabilities. The Coalition seeks to build awareness and opportunities to build mutual understanding and respect for people with disabilities. The Coalition was a huge part of making the MLK Food Drive a success and will be hosting **Disabilities Awareness Night at Modern Woodmen Park on August 13**. The involvement of The Disabilities Awareness Coalition enhances and augments the work of The Arc to spread awareness and help others celebrate difference.

The Arc is also working with The Moline Foundation to build a strong foundation for The Arc's Individual Emergency Assistance Fund with a matching funds program that will match one dollar for every two dollars donated. The pandemic has taught us that emergencies can happen at any time, and in all cases it is best to be prepared. All gifts to The Moline Foundation will be endowed permanently, and therefore help build stability for the future. *Please see inserted call to action flier on this matching gift program.*

The Arc is continuing the **Parent Learning Series this fall** to help parents gain the tools necessary to navigate the disability system. These sessions have been specially crafted to help demystify some of the tools families can use to create the life they envision for their loved ones with special needs and help parents gain confidence in those choices.

Finally, we are excited to bring the **Catalyst Awards** back as an in-person event this year on **July 30th**. We will be celebrating our honorees at Schweibert Park on the riverfront. We are looking forward to giving some much needed recognition to the people and organizations who have been an active and integral part of inspiring inclusion and systems-wide changes that have augmented The Arc's efforts to achieve full participation.

We also invite everyone to join us at the **Thursday Night Groove Series at Schweibert Park** on **August 12th and September 16th**. The Arc will be at the large tent with freebies and information on upcoming events. Or join us for sampling of pizza and a cold beer at Crawford Brew Works on **October 1st for the Slice of the QC** fundraiser that combines pizza and beer with a great cause.

The pandemic gave us a taste of the isolation of which so many with disabilities are all too accustomed. Let's make sure our community has the exposure and understanding it needs to be truly inclusive. Help us create that future by participating in any of the events, fundraising, and learning opportunities we have outlined for you. *More information on each of these opportunities inside.*

Disabilities Awareness Night

Disabilities Awareness Coalition Brings Fun, Inclusive Night at the Ballpark

Members of the Disabilities Awareness Coalition are proud to announce a fun, inclusive night at the ballpark for all people, but especially for people with disabilities.

River Bandits will be wearing Disabilities Awareness themed jerseys that will be auctioned off after the game. The design was submitted by a person with disabilities and underwent a transformation through the help of the River Bandits design team. All proceeds from the Jersey Auction will benefit the Disabilities Awareness Coalition to bring more awareness events to the Quad Cities. The jersey's eye catching design features a super hero inspired baseball jersey under a River Bandits jersey.

All proceeds from the jersey auction will benefit the Disabilities Awareness Coalition, see members below. The Coalition was formed to enhance the visibility and representation of people

with disabilities in Quad City community life, through fun, inspiring events.



Disabilities Awareness Night will take place on August 13 starting at 6:30 p.m. (gates at 5:45 p.m.). Tickets are \$8 with \$4 going to benefit the Disabilities Awareness Coalition. Bring non-perishable food items before the game for a chance to win prizes. All food donations will benefit the MLK Food Drive and will be re-distributed by people with disabilities to food pantries throughout the Quad Cities.

Purchase tickets through Coalition members like The Arc of the Quad Cities Area or using promo code AWARENESS through the River Bandits website: milb.com/quad-cities.

Disabilities Awareness Night will also feature a dunk tank, great baseball action on the field, and fireworks after the game. Come for the baseball, stay for the

amazing night that celebrates awareness and acceptance of people with disabilities. We hope you can join us!

QC Disabilities Awareness Coalition



Slice of the QC

Slice of the QC Brings Pizza & Beer Together for Good

Quad City style pizza is more than a cut of pizza, it's a slice of hometown pride. So The Arc is taking that concept and is turning it into a fundraiser for people with disabilities.

The Slice of the QC brings people together over beer, pizza, and a great cause! Please mark your calendar for **Friday, October 1, 2021 starting at 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Crawford Brew Works** in Bettendorf, IA for an in-person fundraising event with emphasis on fun, food, and friends.

Last year participants text to vote for the best Slice of the QC for a completely virtual event. Our winner LoPiez Pizza won in 2020 and received bragging rights for a full year and a very cool trophy. See image below.

The Arc will be kicking off National Pizza Month this October 1st with Slice of the QC. Participants can sample pizza from around the QC and vote for the best slice though text. Everyone who votes for Best Slice and makes a small donation to The Arc, will be eligible for some great door prizes.

For just \$10 entrance fee to Slice of the QC will be able to taste a variety of party slices from various pizza restaurants from around the Quad Cities. A full selection of party slices equals a whole lot of pizza and the right to vote for best Slice of the QC. Voting will take place the evening of October 1, and continue through text until October 15. So there will be plenty of time to drum up support for your favorite pizza.

The Arc is co-hosting this event with Crawford Brew Works who will have a full sampling of offerings that evening.

More information about ticketing will be forthcoming this fall. Watch The Arc's social media pages for more information, or sign up for our e-newsletter to receive more information on all The Arc's happenings at www.arcqca.org so you won't miss out.

Image Right: Sarah Wright of The Arc delivers the 2020 Slice of the QC trophy to Andrew Lopez, co-owner of Lopiez Pizza late 2020.



Memorial Gifts

Since the beginning of the year 1.1.2021 to 6.1.2021

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Greg Johnson

in memory of Judy Grothus
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Arthur and Diane Fanter

in memory of Jack Bateman
William Bateman

in memory of H. Blake Finch
Barb Goettig

in memory of Ellen Roys
Blake Roys

in memory of David Robinson
Illene and Richard Luthanen

in memory of David Allison
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in memory of Dan DeMay
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David and Bonnie DeMay
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Julie DeMay
Frank and Theresa Dewaele
Kevin or Debra Donaldson
Donald and Katherine Healy
Steve Kautz
Marcia Lintz
James and Diane Marchik
Mike and Denise McNeil
Carol Pettis
Linda and Steven Verbeke
Melanie Vice
Alice Wolfe
Robert and Nancy Yeager Trust

in memory of Bill Halligan
Thomas and Deborah Bracke

in memory of Benjamin John Duffy
Barb Goettig



The Arc of the Quad Cities Area is hosting a Parent Learning Series focused on providing the tools parents of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities need to be the most effective. Attendees will learn how to create and protect the life you wish for your child, sibling, or loved one.
All workshops will be from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. with the option to join via Zoom or in person at The Arc of the Quad Cities, Arc Building at 4016 9th St. Rock Island, IL. Refreshments provided for in-person attendees.

- Special Needs Trust versus ABLE:**
- Presented by Mary Anne Ehlert, Protected Tomorrows & JJ Hanley, ABLE Director for IL State Treasurer
 - Which savings and investment account to choose
 - How and when to protect your child's assets

When: September 30th from 7pm-8:30pm

- Guardianship versus Powers of Attorney:**
- Presented by Mary Anne Ehlert & Local Attorney (TBD)
 - Discuss options to ensure you can still make decisions for your special needs child.
 - Identify what works best for your child

When: October 14th from 7pm-8:30pm

- Protecting Your Special Needs Child or Adult:**
- Presented by Lydia Sharp, Staff Attorney & Telly Papanikolaou, Program Manager for Equip for Equality.
 - Prevent abuse through systemic and individual advocacy
 - Identify enforcement of fundamental rights
 - Protect children and adults living at home, in their own in the community, or in a group setting

When: October 28th from 7pm-8:30pm

- How to Plan for the Future – How to Take the First Step:**
- Presented by Mary Anne Ehlert, Protected Tomorrows
 - Learn the process of planning your family's future
 - Focus on growth and transition as a family

When: November 4th from 7pm-8:30pm

All Sessions are free to participate.
To register contact Sue Gadiant
gadients@arcqca.org | (309) 786-6474 | visit www.arcqca.org



MLK Food Drive

Disabilities Awareness Coalition Brings Service Partners Together for Community-Wide Impact

In honor of the legacy of Martin Luther King, members of the Disabilities Awareness Coalition teamed up to hold a Quad City community wide food drive to benefit local food pantries.

People with disabilities from 12 different agencies represented by coalition **picked up over 200 boxes of food** and delivered them to 20 different food pantries throughout the QCA. There were 36 drop-off locations that represented every city in the Quad Cities including three villages.

The MLK Food Drive was an inclusive service opportunity that people with disabilities could

contribute to the betterment of their home communities. The project helped to empower individuals, strengthen communities, bridge barriers, address social problems, and move us closer to Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community."

The food drive was administered by The Arc of the Quad Cities Area courtesy of a grant through the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). **The Disabilities Awareness Coalition will also be collecting food at Disabilities Awareness Night on August 13.** Anyone who brings non-perishable food items to the ballpark that evening will be eligible for door prizes.

Parent Learning Series

Register Now:

<https://arcqca.org/parent-learning-series/>

SEPTEMBER 30

FREE thru Zoom & In-Person
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Food provided for in-person attendees

PARENT LEARNING SERIES

Special Needs Trust versus ABLE

TOPICS: Which savings and investment account to choose and how and when to protect your child's assets.

OCTOBER 14

FREE thru Zoom & In-Person
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Food provided for in-person attendees

PARENT LEARNING SERIES

Guardianship versus Powers of Attorney

TOPICS: Discuss options to ensure you can still make decisions for your special needs child and identify what works best for your child.

OCTOBER 28

FREE thru Zoom & In-Person
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Food provided for in-person attendees

PARENT LEARNING SERIES

Protecting Your Special Needs Child or Adult

TOPICS: Prevent abuse through systemic and individual advocacy, identify enforcement of fundamental rights, protect children and adults living at home, in their own in the community, or in a group setting.

NOVEMBER 4

FREE thru Zoom & In-Person
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Food provided for in-person attendees

PARENT LEARNING SERIES

How to Plan for the Future/How to Take the First Step

TOPICS: Learn the process of planning your family's future and focus on growth and transition as a family

Coming Up...

JULY 30

Schweibert Park
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
**CATALYST AWARDS
Dinner, Auctions, Awards
Honoring 2021 Honorees**
\$40 Individual / \$75 Couple



AUGUST 12

Schweibert Park at 6:00 p.m.
Thursday Night Groove Series
Featuring: North of Forty
FREE



AUGUST 13

Modern Woodmen Park
5:45 p.m. / Game Starts 6:00 p.m.
**Disability Awareness Night
& Jersey Auction**
Tickets \$8 each



SEPTEMBER 16

Schweibert Park at 6:00 p.m.
Thursday Night Groove Series
Featuring: Class of 82
FREE



OCTOBER 1

Crawford Brew Works
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Slice of the QC



Catalyst Awards

Celebrating Champions of Inclusion on the Riverfront

The Arc works to protect the rights of people with disabilities and supports their full inclusion and participation in community life. We know what inclusion looks like when we see it. So we've devised an event **The Catalyst Awards Dinner, & Auction** that is a celebration of inclusion and the people and organizations that make inclusion possible in the Quad Cities and beyond.

The event will be in-person this year held outdoors on the riverfront at Schweibert Park in Rock Island, **July 30th** starting at 5:30 p.m. with entertainment by The Generations! band, great food, beverages by Bent River Brewing Company, awards, and silent auctions.

"We are really excited to bring this event back and to do it safely on the river is extra special," says Michael Glanz, Executive Director.

The Arc will be honoring the 2021 honorees. Army Contracting Command for Business Partner of the Year Award for their assistance is making sure people with disabilities could remain employed at the Arsenal's Mail Room during the pandemic. Rock Island County Health Department who made sure The Arc had the personal safety equipment and vaccine distribution needed to safely navigate the pandemic. RME for Community Partner of the Year Award for their assistance in providing quality programming and entertainment during lock down. Finally The Arc will be honoring long-time board member Terry Esch of SENB Bank with the Lifetime Service Award for his contributions and involvement with The Arc over many years.

The Arc's Catalyst Awards are how The Arc recognizes and honors the people and organizations that have been champions of inclusion. This event is sponsored by: QC Investment Group, Modern Woodmen of America, SENB Bank. Tickets are available at: arcqca.org/catalyst-awards-2021/ \$40 Couple, \$75 Couples Ticket. Silent Auction bidding opens July 19 and will close the evening of July 30th.



IGNITING A PASSION FOR INCLUSION

THE CATALYST AWARDS, DINNER & AUCTION



**Friday, July 30 2021
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Schweibert Park, Rock Island**

You are invited to join The Arc in celebration of the people and organizations who have ignited a passion for inclusion at The Catalyst Awards, Dinner, and Auction. Join us for a delicious dinner, silent auction bidding, and music by The Generations! band as we recognize our 2021 honorees.

Join us!
\$40 Individual / \$75 Couple

For bidding and ticketing:
www.arcqca.org

