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# The Challenge



Summer 2022

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A Message from The Arc's Executive Director

# Michael's Message

"Quality is defined at the point of interaction between the staff member and the person with a disability." ~John F. Kennedy

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those ingredients into a combination that has stood the test of time.

The primary ingredient of quality programming for people with disabilities is caring, professional staff. The Arc strategically values its Direct Support Professional (DSP) workforce as most important to achieving our mission. DSPs are essential staff because they provide direct care and are the closest person to the individuals served providing direct assistance, and also making deep personal connections that build trust and community. The Arc has appreciated the efforts of many long-term staff, including Dolly Wilson who dedicated her entire 41-year career to The Arc. We are, however, experiencing many vacancies, as are many employers throughout the nation. The Arc is focusing its efforts on attracting and retaining staff. This organization has partnered with the National Alliance for DSPs to enhance our training for frontline supervisor in order to promote continuity of care while retaining and developing staff. It is believed that with a careful mix of continued training and recruiting The Arc can maintain a steady workforce that is a core ingredient in overall success.

Another primary ingredient is leaning into initiatives that are aligned  
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Cover: (left to right) Suzy White, Kane Wildermuth, Scott Maess, and Alex Hays enjoy a game of golf at The Arc's Charity Golf Outing.

## Our Mission

The Arc mission's is to empower people with disabilities to believe in their own unique abilities and achieve their full potential by providing quality, innovative services that focus on advocacy, independence, employment, meaningful community life and personal happiness.



## Charity Golf Outing

Mark your calendar for **June 12th, 2023**  
Oakwood County Club

We would like to thank the golfers who came out to enjoy a round of golf and raise important funds for The Arc of the Quad Cities Area.

Congratulations to our first place team players: Mike Stopulos, Pete Stopulos, Tom Garside, and Anne Stopulos, and econd place DARI team players: Dave Tallman, Jason Gordon, Frank Perez, and Andy Fisher.

We are grateful to have your support!





# Memorial Gifts

Gifts in memorandum or honorarium since 12.1.2021

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**In honor of Sue Vroman**

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**In honor of Sarah Clark**

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**In memory of Robert Johnson**

Linda Kendall

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**In memory of Lisa DeWispelaere**

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James Norris

**In memory of Leni Price**

Linda Lambin

**In memory of John Fanter**

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Ann Kerscheiter

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**In memory of Jack Batement**

William Bateman

**In memory of Glenn Wells**

Mary Wells

**In honor of Eric James**

Lisa and Patrick Carroll

**In memory of Ellen Roys**

Blake Roys

**In memory of Darry Kannenberg**

Debra Else

**In memory of Daniel Dawson**

Darline and Joshep Milijush

**In honor of Christine Vroman**

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**In memory of Christine Nelson**

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John and Joann Ackeman

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John and Clara Caldwell

**In honor of Barb Goettig**

Mark and Brianna Lane

**In honor of Alisa Farmer**

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**In honor of Alan M. Hallene**

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**In honor of Alaina Mekus**

Susan and Chris Mekus

**In honor of Michael Black**

Richard and Lois Ann Black

# Dove Legacy Society



Dove Legacy members have made a commitment to leaving a legacy through their estate plan. Their gift will live on in perpetuity.

**Mike & Michele Montford**

Marie DeWispelaere

Rose VandeWiele

Rick Nd Marcia Voltz

Jan & Todd Haugen

Doug & Kyle Rick

Dennis & Sharron Baraks

Cindy Ferguson

Tom & Kathy Conrad

David Conrad

Matt Puck

Connie Zogg

Lizette Desseyn

Jim & Twilla Mitchell

John & Helen Kerschierter

Richard & Ruth Marie Motz

Jim & Carol Horstmann

Barb Goettig

Mary Vande Voorde

John Donald O’Shea

When you leave a legacy to The Arc, you become a part of the Dove Legacy Society. For many The Arc has been instrumental in the care of a loved one, for others our mission resonates with their core values. Whatever the reason, please reach out to Sarah Wright if you’d like to make a planned gift at [wrights@arcqca.org](mailto:wrights@arcqca.org) or 309-786-67474.



## Barbara Goettig

Will be honored at the 2022 Catalyst Awards with the Lifetime Service Award

When Barb Goettig makes a commitment to something, she keeps her word. Proof of that can be found in Barb’s forty-one-year commitment to her former employer, Per Mar Security. She was elected to serve on The Arc’s Board of Directors in Fiscal Year 12, and when asked to further her commitment by serving as Board President from Fiscal Year 17 to 20, she accepted.

The timing of her appointment happened to coincide with her retirement from Per Mar. For The Arc, that coincidence turned out to be a major benefit to its mission and direction because Barb stepped into her role as Board President with wholehearted dedication. The pump had been primed during her time at



# The Catalyst Awards

The Arc knows what inclusion looks like so we’ve devised an event that celebrates inclusion at **The Arc’s Catalyst Awards** that will take place **August 5th** at the Quad City Botanical Center in Rock Island.

The Arc will be honoring Barb Goettig with the Lifetime Service Award, Hy-Vee with the Business Partner of the Year Award, Main at Locust with the Community Partner of the Year Award, and the Quad City Steamwheelers with the Community Advocate of the Year Award.

Attendees will be treated to an delicious dinner, awards ceremony, entertainment from Serenata String

Trio, and a wide array of auctions from local business supporters.

The Arc’s Catalyst Awards are how The Arc recognizes and honors the people and organizations that have been champions of inclusions. This event is ignited by our Title Sponsor, Mutual of America, and Advocacy Sponsors, SENB Bank and Moden Woodmen. Tickets are available at [arcqca.org/catalyst-awards/](http://arcqca.org/catalyst-awards/) at \$40 individual or \$75 for Couples. Silent Auction bidding opens July 29 and will close the evening of July 30.

To learn more about all The Arc’s 2022 Catalyst Awards honorees see page 4.

Per Mar when she developed a working relationship with an employee with developmental disabilities. That relationship turned to advocacy when Barb guided that individual through employment and personal issues. The experience resonated with Barb and fostered a deeper heart-centered approach to her leadership and advocacy work which she brought to The Arc.

During her time as Board President, she helped guide the trajectory of The


Arc through a transition in leadership when the current Executive Director Michael Glanz was hired in May, 2016. Not only was she Chair of the Executive Director Search Committee, but she also was Board President during his first years in that position and was a source of both continuity and guidance.

We are grateful for her unique approach to leadership and are honored to honor her at The Catalyst Awards on August 5th.





The Catalyst Awards (continued)



Business Partner  
of the Year



Community Advocate  
of the Year



Community Partner  
of the Year

Hy-Vee is deserves recognition for many things, one of the most significant of them is their intentional support of people with disabilities through their hiring practices. Additionally, Hy-Vee supported the work of the Disability Awareness Coalition through their MLK Food Drive where Hy-Vee opened their stores as drop-off site for that important impactful project.

How does arena football intersect with the disability community? In so many ways. Primarily through hosting the first ever Disability Awareness Night with the Disabilities Awareness Coalition that will raise important funds for disability providers and raise awarness of people with disabilities and important and valued members of the community. That’s kind of a big deal.

The Arc has worked in partnership with Main Healthcare Pharmacy to provide the medications individuals with disabilities rely on for over a decade. Main Healthcare Pharmacy is quick, curtious, and professional and has maintained a postivie working relationship with The Arc that has been instrumental in maintaining a consistent continuity of care for the people we serve.



DSP Kayla Schmidt (far right) interacts with individuals with disabilities in the Community Day Services program.

Michael’s Message (continued)

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Disability Awareness Night

Disability Awareness Coalition Utilizes Large Athletic Sporting Events to Promote Inclusion

The disability community in the Quad Cities is growing into a more connected and engaged body through the Disability Awareness Coalition. Coalition members represent agencies and non-profit organizations in the Quad Cities Area serving people with disabilities. The coalition utilizes large sporting events as a platform to create inclusive, celebratory spaces for people with disabilities at large venues. The work of the coalition falls in-line with The Arc’s vision that ‘all people’s abilities will be valued and respected by the community so that every person has the opportunity to achieve their best life.’ Whether its Disability Awareness Night with the Steamwheelers or the River Bandits, these types of events create an atomosphere of respect and help reinforce inclusive and welcoming places for everyone.



QC Disabilities Awareness Coalition  
Community • Inclusion • Empowerment

Quad City Steamwheelers      Quad City River Bandits



July 15

This event is sponsored by the John Deere Foundation and proceeds will benefit the QC Disabilities Awareness Coalition. This is a cashless event. Game starts at 7:05 p.m. Ticketing available at: [arcqca.org/dan-ticketing/](http://arcqca.org/dan-ticketing/)



August 26

All proceeds from raffle will benefit the QC Disabilities Awareness. Game starts at 6:30 p.m. This is a cashless event. Ticketing available at: [arcqca.org/dan-ticketing/](http://arcqca.org/dan-ticketing/)

Quad Cities Disability Awareness Coalition

The Quad Cities Disabilities Awareness Coalition is a group of 17 organizations dedicated to empowering people with disabilities and increasing inclusion and community in our area.















Trivia Night



# TRIVIA NIGHT





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


**Saturday, November 19 • Figge Art Museum**  
Doors open a **5:30 PM** Trivia begins at **6:30 PM**  
\$10 per person / Tables of 8 players

**Cash Bar   BYO Snacks   Raffles   50/50 Raffle**  
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Prizes for best decorated Mardi Gras themed table

# TRIVIA NIGHT

sponsors





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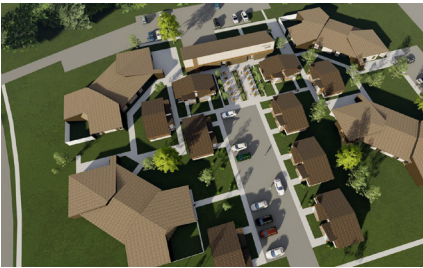
Heritage 53 Re-Development



The Arc Reimagines Future Use of Heritage Fifty-Three Site

In 2014, The Arc initiated a capital campaign that oversaw the construction of six new group homes that are dispersed throughout the Illinois Quad Cities. These homes provide people with disabilities the community-based supportive housing that fits their needs and allows them the highest degree of autonomy. In line with meeting demand, one of The Arc’s strategic goals ‘is to provide programs and services that break down barriers and change expectations about what services are supposed to look like.’

With this goal in mind, The Arc is looking to create housing with community in mind by creating a intentional community at the Heritage Fifty-Three site.



The Arc anticipates that this intentional community model could be replicated and could provide a tool for developers when designing future intentional communities and help improve societal attitudes towards integrated housing models for people with disabilities.

The Heritage Fifty-Three community will feature plenty of open communal space and residential housing for 42 intentional community members, eight of those with disabilities in residential housing connected by walking paths, a central patio, and natural areas.



This project expands affordable housing the Quad Cities and strengthens the collaborations of non-profits working together to house people with differences.

The result is a strengthened community that will create mutually beneficial structures of support. This intentional community at Heritage Fifty-Three will assist The Arc in realizing our vision that all people’s abilities are valued and respected by the community so that every person has the opportunity to achieve their best life.

Silvis Land Development Update



Site will include large pole building similar to above.

The Arc of the Quad Cities Area received a unique opportunity with a gift of land from IHMVU in Silvis, Illinois to re-imagine employment services for people with disabilities.

The goal is to create a self-sustaining social enterprise that will give people with disabilities opportunities in the horticultural and agricultural sectors through on-site job training. The vision for the site features hoop houses that will grow contracted products and also include a large pole barn for seasonal offerings throughout the year, like farmers and craft markets, and provide the community with beautiful rental venue.

The site will serve as a highly visible venue for promoting the idea and benefits of inclusion in the Quad Cities.

Self-Sustaining Social Enterprise



The project will meet The Arc’s mission and provide financial support for programming.

Workforce Training



Our vision is to use the land to offer empowerment, training, and employment for people with disabilities.



# Slice of the QC



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ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT:



**WHEN:** Friday, Oct. 7 from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**WHERE:** Bettendorf Crawford Brew Works

**COST:** \$12 Advance  
\$15 Walk-in



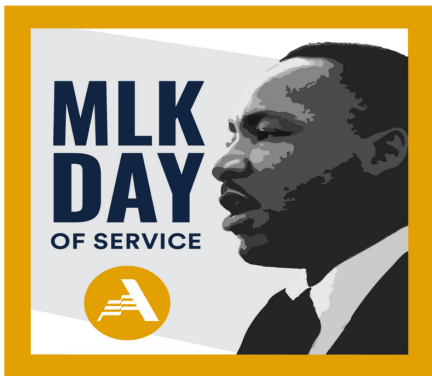
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# Martin Luther King Jr. Food Drive

## MLK Day of Service Becomes Successful Food Drive



The last two years have been tough on many people and in our own community. Food insecurity is continuing to increase. Faced with these struggles, the QC Disabilities Awareness Coalition decided to organize a food drive to help mitigate food insecurity in our community which was a complete success.

The QC Disability Awareness Coalition, a group of 17 organizations dedicated to empowering people with disabilities and increasing inclusion in our community hosted the drive which resulted in 71 volunteers who pick-up and delivered the food to local food pantries. A total of 4,725 meals were donated to local pantries and made a difference in addressing food insecurity.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Food Drive is administered by The Arc of the Quad Cities Area courtesy of a grant through the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the federal agency that leads the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, to help plan and execute volunteer projects that unite Americans in service for the MLK Day of Service and throughout the year.



## Rock Island Commissary - New AbilityOne Contract

The AbilityOne program is among the nations largest sources of employment for people with have disabilities. AbilityOne partners like The Arc can apply for contracts to provide high quality products and services for the Federal government at fair market price. The Arc has had a long standing relationship with the Rock Island Aresenal through AbilityOne providing mail delivery services over many years.

The new contact is The Arc’s largest contract to provide services through Ability One specifically, stocking shelves, managing inventory, janitorial services, and warehousing. The contract is providing good quality jobs to eight individuals and is a major achievement that deepens the relationship The Arc shares with the Rock Island Arsenal and the AbilityOne Program.

