



Arc Friends



WHAT THE FUTURE WILL BRING

Dear Friends of The Arc,

As we reach the half way point of 2004 we can already see that it will be a tremendous year at The Arc. It will be a year of change, a year of growth, and a year of new opportunities.

In 2003, Arc Executive Director Lucy Shifton announced her retirement which led the board to establish a search committee to begin an exhausting search. The board held numerous focus groups to find what the membership, families, and staff wanted and the search was on beginning in February of 2004.

Mary Ann Truitt, Arc Administrative Assistant, decided in January to join her longtime friend in retiring and after 31 years together they said goodbye in May.

New faces will fill these positions, but the values they brought and the mission they worked for will not change.

As we began the year we said goodbye to long time Client Services Director Cherylene Pope and welcomed new director Malon Harbert. Malon has been a wonderful addition to The Arc team and has been working tirelessly as we continue

to see tremendous growth in our case management department.

The Arc's fundraising efforts have grown in 2004 as we start our Legacy of Hope Endowment. The Endowment will help The Arc prepare for the future by designating funds to be available for programming in the future. This will help to start new programs or expand existing programs to better serve our families. It will also serve as a safety net of sorts when we are once again threatened with cuts. An Endowment is a long range plan, but we have a wonderful opportunity to get it started with a matching grant through the Wichita Community Foundation who will give us \$1.00 for every \$3 raised this year. If we raise \$150,000.00 they will give us \$50,000. \$200,000.00 is a wonderful start to secure our future.

*The Legacy of Hope Ladies Luncheon shared The Arc's story to dozens as we raised several thousand dollars for our Endowment.

*The 9th Annual Celebrity and Community Auction was the best ever in money raised and participation. Congratulations to

the Shooting Stars!

*The 1st Annual Legacy of Hope Golf Tournament exceeded expectations raising over \$14,000 to go into our endowment.

*The 1st Annual Independence Day Car Show is coming along nicely and is another wonderful community event. Make plans to attend Sunday July 4th.

*And, we are already in the middle of planning Lights on St. Paul for the up-coming Holiday season.

At our Annual meeting we brought on seven new board members who are very excited about all of the up-coming events and the positive direction The Arc is headed. At that event I was announced formally as the new Executive Director. I look forward to working with you all and realize I have some big shoes to fill. Lucy has been a part of hundreds of lives for over 35 years. Thank you to the many families who have offered their support and encouraging words, I greatly appreciate all you have done.

As you can see it is going to be a very exciting year. In the next few months and years ahead we

will work to keep you informed and involved in what is happening at The Arc. We will be putting together a Parent Advisory Group to help us plan for need in the future and we will be expanding our community outreach through marketing and educational efforts.

Another addition in 2004 will be this newsletter, but from now on it will be E-mailed to those interested. We will offer our E-Newsletter between our regular Sparks Newsletters. This newsletter is to keep you up to date of the exciting happenings at The Arc. Please read through this issue and if you are interested in receiving this in the future please send us your E-mail address. Please see the last page for more information.

As you can see exciting things are happening at The Arc. The staff is doing a wonderful job, program participation is up, and our new events are thriving.

Thank you,
Kevin Fish
Executive Dir.

Work Day

We need you! We are scheduling an Arc work day for Saturday June 26, starting at 8:30 AM.

We have indoor and outdoor work to be done to help us make The Arc look as good as we want people to see us.

We need people to help with landscaping including pulling weeds, planting flowers, and general cleanup. We also need help inside cleaning tables, chairs, baseboards, windows, etc.

Wear your work clothes and bring your tools, Saturday June 26th.

Adopt a Display

In order to make Lights on St. Paul 2004 the best drive through display in Central Kansas we need to continue to add to and improve our light displays.

We have numerous displays we need to restring with rope

lights and to make some minor repairs on. If you and your family are interested please contact The Arc office. We can provide all the supplies and you can work on them in the comfort of your own home.

Call The Arc for more information & to get started.



SHOOTING STARS CELEBRITY COMMUNITY AUCTION

The 9th Annual Shooting Star's Celebrity/ Community Auction on May 1st grossed of \$18,000.00 for The Shooting Star's Self Advocates. This was by far the most successful auction the Self Advocates have ever had. With the help of dozen of volunteers the Self Advocates

put on one of the nicest Auction events in the city. Special Thanks to JD Fredrick's Auctioneer and his crew for all they do to make the night so much fun and a success. Thank you to Gail Dody for numerous donations and hours of preparation. Thanks to Rogene and Dick Keck for

coordinating the kitchen and to Juliet Mochrie and Trish Gracey for running our recording & check-out . There were hundreds of man hours needed to make such an event successful and we thank you all for your assistance and support.

Legacy of Hope Golf Tournament Sponsors

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Make Plans to Attend the 2005 LEGACY OF HOPE Pro-Am Golf Tournament

LEGACY OF HOPE GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Arc of Sedgwick County's First Annual Legacy of Hope Pro-Am Golf Tournament was held Monday May 17th at Rolling Hills Country Club in Wichita. This first year event fielded 18 teams with 90 Players. This event netted \$15,000.00 for the Legacy of Hope Endowment, \$5,000 more than budgeted for this first year event.

Special thanks goes to our Tournament Sponsors SMPI, and Legacy Bank. Their major sponsorship made this event a reality. There are too many other donors and sponsors to mention here, but we would like to recognize Jack Graham for his 3 Hole-in-one Sponsorships including a \$10,000.00 jackpot. Mike Steven's Volkswagen Infiniti also sponsored

a hole-in-one with a 2004 Infiniti G35. We had no hole-in-ones this year, but anxiously look forward to next year. The Mike Steven's corporate team was our 2004 winner and look forward to defending their title in 2005.



YESS 2004 "OH, THE PLACES WE WILL GO"

During the first two weeks of Y.E.S.S. 2004 over 100 students, 45 staff and 15 volunteers have enjoyed sharing our opinions in "My Vote Counts Week and celebrating the 100 year anniversary of Dr. Seuss.

Our 16th summer of Youth Education and Socialization Program began with the inservices of our Arc Y.E.S.S. staff. For the second summer

in a row the families and friends of Y.E.S.S. have stepped up and donated key services and items to keep the Y.E.S.S. program in good financial standing.

Chris Fleming and Caroline Goertz (Y.E.S.S. parents) were instrumental in getting two large school busses donated for the entire summer from Bishop Carroll High School. Mr. Fleming -- Sarah's dad-- trained our staff in first aid and CPR at no cost to our program. Thank You! For the second year in a row our Y.E.S.S. shirts display the Star Lumber and Supply Logo

because this outstanding community company is paying for over 400 shirts! Thanks to Y.E.S.S. family, The Armstrong's, for helping make this donation possible.

To date the "What will you do to make a difference in 2004 program" has netted cash donations of over \$1,300.00 and over 25 cases of water and pop.

Thank You!

Congratulations to our 2004 Y.E.S.S. student council officers:

- President: **Letty Shumard**
- Vice Pres. **Abby Jo Scholfield**
- Sec./Treas. **Niles Berg**
- Social Chair **Tyler Rogers**



INDEPENDENCE DAY CAR SHOW

Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend The Arc's 1st Annual Independence Day Car Show at Century II. This year's event will run from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Sunday July 4th.

Come and enjoy the countless rod and custom cars and enter a chance for a trip in

the award winning Amphicar, giving rides in the Arkansas River every half hour.

If you would like to enter a vehicle into the car show or if you would like to sponsor & present a trophy please contact Carl Fry at 755-2198.

This is a wonderful family

event supporting a great cause. Tell your friends and do not miss this event.

Proceeds to Benefit the Legacy of Hope Endowment.



Independence Day Car Show

July 4, 2004
**Inside Century II *
 Downtown Wichita**
10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
(Stick Around for the Fireworks)

For Car Registration or Questions Contact
CARL FRY, 316-755-2198
 or CarlF@aamicorp.cpm

MEMO FROM MARTY ROTHWELL

As you have read in this publication our new fund raising effort is titled:

LEGACY OF HOPE: securing and endowing our future. As we begin an exciting new program under new staff leadership I suggest that it is not our future(The Arc's) to secure, but it is their (the clients, self advocates and participants) futures we are securing.

In the past 10 years a famous "F" word has become the focal point in the lives of our

participants and their families. **Of course that word is funding.** Those who have funding are the lucky ones, but it is never enough. Those still on waiting lists or those not eligible for funds are surviving under great stress and have an uncertain future.

As we strive to secure the Arc's future I hope we remember the other "F" word, that is so important in all of our lives, and is equally important in the lives of our participants: **Friends!**

It is something that is so simple in concept but so difficult to find on a daily basis. I challenge you to list all of your friends and then list the friends that your child, who has a disability, has. How many of those friends are paid? Do you have the same number of friends? Do you feel they are real friends?

As we sit at IEP's or PCP's please ask about friends. In the next few months The Arc Special Projects will be surveying and making plans to

Camp Pride & Mini Tours are Filling Fast make sure to get signed up Today- 943-1191

develop Circle of Friends so that funding is not the most important "F" word we know.

Marty Rothwell
Director of Programs

FROM THE DESK OF MALON HARBERT

Our department continues to grow! We have received 24 referrals for Case Management since January, and we have added an additional Case Management position to our team. We now have 10 Case Managers!

With our growth we are focusing on training. Several Case Managers have attended workshops such as: The Importance of Documentation, Transition Planning, and a workshop on Social Security Benefits. We also plan on at-

tending Interhab's yearly conference, which always provides quality information.

With the increase in Case Managers we have out grown our office space. I am happy to report that plans are already under way to convert some existing space in our building into 4 additional offices! We will keep you updated on our progress.

If you are a new member to the Arc family or if you have been around for a long time,

we're glad you're here! Please let us know if you have any questions, we are happy to help! Thank you for making the Arc a great place to work!

Malon Harbert
Director of Client Services

Congratulations Sherri!

Sherri Stuber-Charboneau was named the 2004 Case manager of the year.

We are proud to once again boast having the best case managers in the city.

Keep up the Great Work!

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Summer Calendar of Events

Family Swims
at Edgemoor Park 9th &
Edgemoor, Sunday's at
6:30-7:45 \$1.00

Dance Nights
at Orchard Park
Recreation Center
The 3rd Tuesdays
7:00—8:30

Independence Day Car
Show, Century II
10:00AM– 9:30PM
\$5.00
*Coupons Available
at Spangle's*

**Family Night at
Joyland**
Thursday July 8th
5:30-10:00
\$11.00

Camp Pride 2004
Aug. 9th– 13th
5 day 4 Night
residential camp

"Arc Friends" – E-Newsletter

Receive The Arc's E-newsletter and keep up on what is happening at The Arc. This newsletter will be E-mailed out between our Sparks newsletters with highlights and up-coming events. This is completely FREE to our members and donors and our way of sharing our best.

Please submit your E-mail address, by E-mailing me at Kfish@arc-sedgwickcounty.org, and put 'Arc Friend' in the Subject line. Our next newsletter, scheduled for September 1, will be E-mailed to you in a Word Document Attachment. Please don't hesitate to take advantage of this fun free service.

Again to Sign up E-mail Kevin at:
Kfish@arc-Sedgwickcounty.org
and put 'Arc Friend' in the Subject Line.

PARENT/ GUARDIAN ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

**You are invited to a
Free lunch...** I thought
that might get your attention.

I am going to hold a Parent/
Guardian Meeting to establish
an Advisory Group here at
The Arc on Thursday June
24th at 11:30AM.

I want to hear from you...
the parents... the guardians...
the families about what The
Arc means to you, what you
need from The Arc, and how
we can work together.

I would like to establish an
advisory group made up of
individuals who are willing to
share their feedback and

ideas for programming, special
events, and suggestions on
where The Arc could go in
the future.

This is a chance to share your
ideas or thoughts which will
be given to the management
team and shared with the
board as we look forward in
our strategic planning.

This first meeting is just an
open invitation to meet and
discuss what we see as the
role for this group and estab-
lish when it might meet, who
should be involved, and how
meetings should run.

There is no commitment
made by attending this first

meeting, but rather just an
opportunity to share ideas
and to prepare for the fu-
ture. Following the meeting
you can decide if you want
to be involved and to what
extent.

Please Make Plans to At-
tend, **Thank You– Kevin**

Meeting & Lunch

Thurs. June 24

At The Arc Offices
11:30 Welcome
12:00 Discussion
RSVP 943-1191