

## **ANNUAL MEETING PRESENTERS PRAISE AGENCY AND EMPLOYEES**

Several employees who have been with arc for many years were invited to speak at the annual meeting. We appreciated the sentiments shared by all.

*I learned at the beginning of my career that I wanted to help support people who were unable to support themselves. A friend advised me to apply at arc and Bill BeDell and Gary Osborne hired me on the spot. I've been fulfilled by helping people ever since.*

**-Donna Bailey, Family Support (1982)**

*Prior to working at arc, I was always impressed by the staff when I interacted with them. Working at arc, I have been privileged to work with the best of the best staff, agency wide. My colleagues are caring, competent and hard working.*

**-Marie Cavasher, Family Support (1999)**

*I've mostly enjoyed giving to the clients, being there when needed and enjoying moments of laughter, tears, ups and downs. I love cooking for them and seeing the joy on their faces. As the scripture says, it is more blessed to give than to receive.*

**-Carolyn Connors, Residential (1999)**

*I cherish all my years at William BeDell. It's been wonderful to work with the individuals and staff.*

**-Linda Crabtree, CDS (2001)**

*I love the family atmosphere of the agency, the dedication of the staff, and the support of our leaders—Bill BeDell, Gary Osborne, Chad Rollins. Clients have always been held in the utmost regard.*

**-Dr. Fred Golden, Psychologist (1977)**

*I did not expect teaching at arc to become a lifelong career but it is truly where I was meant to be; it brought my son Josh into my life.*

**-Karin King, School (1993)**

*Most of my years have been in the preschool classroom. I've seen lots of firsts—first time sitting, first word, first time feeding themselves. It's still as exciting as when I first started working.*

**-Becky Simmons, School (1987)**

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## LIKE FAMILY

People often say employees and volunteers at arc are like family. In some cases, they are! Melissa Pitts, Lead Supervisor of the Residential Program, has been with arc since 1995. Her mother, Carolyn Connors, joined us in 1999. Between the two, clients are cared for seven days a week with any challenges or special needs. Pictured right: Carolyn at the annual meeting and Melissa with the late, Tony Kubik, who she met at as a Candy Stripper in 1993.



Above: Congratulations to Monica Birdsong on her retirement after 16 years at the arc School Program. She will be missed by students and staff.



Above: Claude and Jeff enjoy a game of ping pong. The table is a popular addition at our Community Day Services Program thanks to a generous donor.



Above: Larry enjoys some one-on-one time with Residential Supervisor, Bryanne Pfeiffer.



Above: Friends Alice, John and Alex had a great time at the Winter Jam Christian Concert at the Family Arena in St. Charles. In recent months, individuals from the Residential and Home-Based Programs have enjoyed outings to restaurants, movies, local sporting events, St. Louis Blues games, the Fox Theater, church, shopping and more.

## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!**

### **Over 40 Years**

Donna Bailey • Dr. Frederic Golden • Barb Hammond • Robert Hunt, Jr. • Terri Shulte

### **Over 35 Years**

Carol Basden  
Darlene Cox  
Wendy Holliday  
Becky Simmons

### **Over 30 Years**

Joe Crawford  
Grace Daubman  
Jane Hibbs  
Theresa Leese  
James Neely

### **Over 25 Years**

Angela Becker  
Kathy Crockett  
Denice Curry  
Rosjean Custer  
Karin King  
Melissa Pitts  
Sandra Singleton

### **Over 20 Years**

Marie Cavasher  
Carolyn Connors  
Linda Crabtree  
Chrissy England  
Terri Hoormann  
Tracie Ingram  
Tracey Johns  
Elizabeth Johnson

### **Over 15 Years**

Monica Birdsong  
Marcie Boyce  
Carla Crawford  
Tina Ewing  
Kathryne Germscheid  
Anne Glassmeyer  
David Harris  
Andrea Robertson  
Cynthia Sanders  
Michael Vandiver  
Frances Wallace

### **Over 10 Years**

Jamie Edwards  
Tamara Grant  
Deanna Morris  
Leigh Ann murphy  
Kirsten O'Donnell  
Bryanne Pfeiffer  
Chad Rollins  
Sheila Weber  
Sandra Welch  
Nita Whitten

## **WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES**

*Carlita Crump, CDS ■ Halli Null, School ■ Ashlynn Schelm, School ■ Dexter Clay, CILA  
Amanda Nesbit, FSU ■ Sabra Boes, School ■ Jessica Schneider, School  
Brenda Overlender, School*

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PERFECT ATTENDEES**

December— Margaret Miller, CDS ■ January — Darlene Cox, CILA

February— Denice Curry, CDS

## **REST IN PEACE, TONY**

Resident, Anthony Kubik, 82, passed away peacefully in his sleep on February 7, and will be greatly missed by the staff. Tony came to arc in 1990 and was one of our first residential clients. Tony was employed at our Community Day Services Program and had many interests including collecting radios which he liked to dismantle, playing Bingo and watching the St. Louis Blues. He had a great sense of humor and was given many nicknames including Cupcake, Arthur, Junior and Papa Smurf. Tony was a joy to be around and took pride in saying his prayers in Latin.



**Anthony "Tony" Kubik**

*April 29, 1940—February 7, 2022*

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### **Mission Statement:**

To provide the highest quality of services to children and adults who have a developmental disability, who reside in Madison County, Illinois.

Serving individuals with a developmental disability since 1957.

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