



MANY THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY

We're very appreciative of the tremendous support we've received from the community in recent months.

We were honored to be selected by RE/MAX Alliance as one of two agencies to receive \$50,000 from their annual Night of Rock Stars.

Our programs continue to benefit from the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll drive held each September. We appreciate our staff who volunteer each year.

Our annual dance was held in November. Thanks to Kirstin and John Hamilton for chairing the event, and to all who attended and made donations including numerous sponsors. A special thanks to Barry and Gaye Julian who sponsored Castelli's chicken.

In December, arc received a generous grant from The Alton Foundation to be used for client transportation and for the School Sensory Room.

Pictured above left: Jill Cummings of RE/MAX Alliance with her sister, Jennifer, at Night of Rock Stars. Top right: The REMAX Alliance team check presentation.

HAPPY RETIREMENT

Congratulations to former Family Support Unit Supervisor, Marie Cavasher who retired December 29. Marie joined arc in 1999, and was beloved by the clients she served. We will miss her and appreciate her dedication to the agency for nearly 24 years.



Marie Cavasher



MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT In December, our school staff hosted a respite day during which many students decked the (school) halls while their parents enjoyed a reprieve. Staff also provided a Santa's Workshop giving students the opportunity to choose gifts for their families. We all appreciate the hard work and extra effort of our school staff through several waves of illness during the cold and flu season. Congratulations to those who achieved perfect attendance and managed to have fun through it all.

Meanwhile many students made wonderful strides in their mobility and therapy goals. They also created a festive group art project pictured above. We look forward to creating a calendar displaying our students' art projects. We're all hoping for a healthy new year filled with joy and progress.



Pictured above, left to right: DJ is not afraid of The Grinch, Sabra Davis, (aka Social Services Coordinator); Polly waiting for Santa by the tree; Aubrey Hall, Teacher's Aide, and Ashlynn creating Christmas crafts. Left: Jay puts his artistic touch on the school art project pictured above.

REST IN PEACE, DEAR FRIENDS



John Novak became a resident of the arc CILA Program in 1993, and attended the Community Day Service Program as well. John was the youngest of 11 children and spent his childhood helping on the family farm. John enjoyed many community activities including the Illinois Special Olympics, Camp New Hope, sporting events, holiday parties, dances and taking trips to Grafton. His home Supervisor, Bob Hunt, assisted John for nearly 30 years. Hunt said, "We really grew up together." John passed away at River Crossing on November 19. He is greatly missed by the staff and his housemates, Kenny and Josh.



Johnathan McKee was enrolled in the arc School at age 3 and remained a student here until he graduated. He then became a client of the arc Family Support Unit until his passing on October 5 at the age of 32. Jonathan always made a room come to life with his smile and laughter. He was the younger brother of arc Self Direction Assistant, Amanda Nesbit. He is also survived by his parents and sister, Amber.



Scarlett Joyce was described as the darling of her family who taught people what love really is. She was a student at our school since 2011, where she liked to chase students and staff with her walker and loved looking in the mirror and having her picture taken. Scarlet, 14, passed on October 31, and will be missed by her parents, two brothers, many extended family, her friends and the school staff.

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

Melissa Fishman—Residential, Miranda Baalman—CDS, Lois Fox—School, Aubrey Hall—School, Patty Jackson—FSU, Bryce Lovsey—FSU, Lisa Sanders—CDS, LaQueta Whitehead — CDS, Jessica Moore - CDS, Fiona Plunk—FSU, Shona Staszkiwicz—CDS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PERFECT ATTENDEES

September—Chrissy England, School

October—Tamara Grant, Residential

November—Jacob Hilkey, FSU

THE SPEAK UP AND SPEAK OUT SUMMIT is an annual conference which empowers people with disabilities. Participants are encouraged to use their voice in positive ways and to make informed choices about their life. The conference is one of many ways arc supports individuals with disabilities, encouraging them to reach their highest potential in education, employment and community living. Pictured below is the 2022 arc delegation.



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