

## The Arcs of Greensboro & High Point: Exploring Stronger Together

### Steering Committee Communication, January 2018

#### Steering Committee Update

The Steering Committee met on January 28 and continued our exploration of the impact of a possible merger. Subcommittee work was reported and led to a more in-depth discussion of possible integration of programs, transportation issues, and the financial aspects of single merged organization. The characteristics and potential structure of a transitional Board of Directors who would serve for the first year were also examined. The information presented by the subcommittees will form the basis of upcoming presentations to both the Greensboro and High Point Boards.

#### Timeline

In early February, both the High Point and Greensboro boards will have the opportunity to discuss and ask questions about the work done by the Steering Committee to date. Feedback from those discussions will be brought to the next Steering Committee meeting with the expectation that a Resolution to Merge will be adopted. That recommendation will be taken to the individual High Point and Greensboro boards for their vote on whether to accept or reject the Resolution at their March meetings. If accepted by both groups, memberships of the Arcs of High Point and Greensboro will then be asked to vote to approve the Resolution at their Annual Meetings in May. As we explore the potential of a merger, we continue to receive positive support and excitement from many of our community partners. We look forward to sharing more information in our next newsletter.

Please direct questions for the Steering Committee to [Stronger2getherHPGso@gmail.com](mailto:Stronger2getherHPGso@gmail.com). For past communications and updates, please visit our webpage [www.Stronger2getherHPGso.org](http://www.Stronger2getherHPGso.org).

#### Noteworthy News

The Greensboro's Self-Advocacy Group (GSAG) was inducted on Thursday, January 24th to become **The Greensboro Aktion Club**. The ceremony was held at the downtown Marriott during The Greensboro Kiwanis Club meeting which will be sponsoring the Aktion Club. Linda Yurko is the club advisor along with fellow Kiwanis Club members who helped organize the club; Preston Allen, Robert Gretton, Sheila Cauthen.



#### Success Story:

The Arc of Greensboro has received its CARF Accreditation! This accreditation allows the Arc to support employment opportunities and community navigator to our members in Greensboro, and if the Arc should merge, would require minimal effort to include High Point!

#### Mark Your Calendars!

- The Arc of High Point's annual fundraiser, Wingfest, is now **ArcFest!** This event will feature a food truck rodeo and expanded beer garden. We will have live music and a cornhole tournament. ArcFest is Saturday **May 4<sup>th</sup>** at the **Piedmont Triad Farmer's Market** from 11-5 and open to the public.
- The Arc of Greensboro's annual fundraiser has a new name and new venue, but the fun will stay the same! **Dancing with our Diamonds** will be held Saturday evening, **June 1<sup>st</sup>**, at **The Public**. The move to the new venue will feature the same friendly competition between dance teams but will allow for air-conditioned comfort and a more varied menu. Teams are forming and will be announced soon!

We can be **Stronger Together**. As we explore the possibility of bringing the Arcs together, our goal is to strengthen our ability to promote and advocate for opportunities that empower people with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities to have choices and determine where and how they learn, live, work, and play.



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