

Annual Banquet November 12

The Arc will be giving thanks this month, not only because it is November, but because it is once again time for our annual awards banquet and fashion show!

The annual meeting is an event that gives opportunity for Arc members, community partners, consumers and friends to remember and reflect on the past year and those who have made a significant contribution in the area of ID/DD.

This year's banquet will be held November 12 at the City of Oxford's Civic Center located at 401 McCullars Lane in Oxford.

A General Membership Meeting, at which The Arc's officers and incoming board members will be elected, will begin at 5:00 p.m. in a designated meeting room at the Center. While



Appreciating the beautiful displays at the Birmingham Museum of Art can take many forms as Richard Pippin demonstrates during a visit with the Adult Camp to the facility. More photos page 4.

this meeting is open to the public, all members of The Arc are encouraged to attend and vote on the slate of nominees.

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Harvey is The Arc's Family Advocate

A new but familiar face is now occupying The Arc's Family Advocate office.

Debra Harvey joined The Arc staff on September 1, 2015 after working 24 years as a transition specialist and 11 years as a teacher at the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind's Helen Keller School.

But Harvey is no stranger to many consumers of The Arc's programs. She spent many summers working at The Arc's summer day camps for children with disabilities, often as a director of the camps for preschool-aged children or children with multiple disabilities. She also was employed for a summer as Director of The Arc of North Talladega County's Summer Camp for children with multiple disabilities and served a term on The Arc of Alabama's Board of Directors.

"I'm home" Harvey observes, "Twenty years after first working with The Arc, I have made a full circle. And it's good to be home."

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Did you know

We have had to tighten our belts and make a few cutbacks here at The Arc following recent economic downturns that have resulted in less government and grant assistance for our programs.

To find out which programs were impacted, please see the letter from our Executive Director inside (page 5).

You can also discover how you can help by reading the articles throughout this newsletter.

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Trent Penny, The Anniston Star

Anniston Runners Select Ervin

Self-advocate Raymond Ervin received the Skylar Brady Heart of a Champion Award from the Anniston Runners Club August 1 at their Woodstock 5K awards ceremony. Named for the late Kidsstock participant who had Dandy Walker Syndrome, the award is presented annually to an runner who does not give up in the face of challenges. Pictured with Ervin is ARC member Brooke Nelson.

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She holds a Master in Special Education from Jacksonville State University and a Certification in Visual Impairment from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Harvey will work with consumers who are requesting assistance in making decisions concerning education, employment or housing needs and/or daily living skills. She will also serve as The Arc's point of contact for parents./family members seeking services for their loved ones and as a liaison to area group homes and other programs serving people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Harvey will be the Coordinator for The Arc's four summer day

camp for children with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

"I enjoy what I do," she concludes, "it's very challenging, but rewarding. I am up for the task."

WE REMEMBER

Brenda Burt

Aged 73, director of The Arc of North Talladega County for 29 years
Sept. 15, 2015

Tommie Leonard

Aged 59, self-advocate
Oct. 25, 2015

Bridges is Exemplary Educator

Congratulations to Shannon Bridges, right, who received The Arc of Alabama's Exemplary Educator Award at the Alabama disAbility Conference. Bridges, a special education teacher at Oxford High School, is also the founder and director of The Arc program "Fit Friends", a free nutrition and exercise program for area people with intellectual disabilities. She also serves on The Arc's board of directors.



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Working to include all children and adults with cognitive, intellectual, and developmental disabilities in every community.



Programs of The Arc (located at 401 Noble St., Anniston) include	include
camps for children and adults	family advocacy
art instruction	recreation activities
Kids on the Block (educational puppet program)	Special Olympics

Thank you for your Tax-Deductible Donation of any amount to support these programs.
For more information, please call 256-236-2857

Please return the lower portion of this page, along with your donation, to:

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or

Make a donation to The Arc through the Regions Tradition "Birdies for Charity" program by going online to regionstradition.com/charity (100 percent of all monies donated to The Arc's account through this program will come to us, and earn interest!)

The Arc of Calhoun and Cleburne Counties' 2015 Board of Directors

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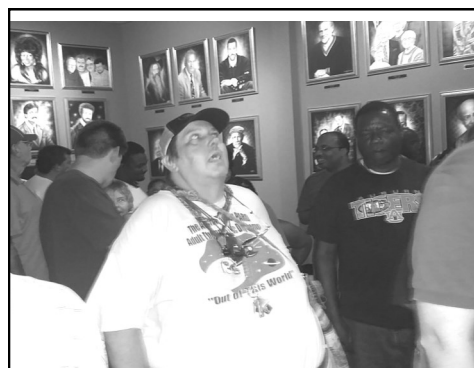
Again, THANK YOU for your donation!



CAMP 2015



Field trips were the order of the day for both The Arc's student camps (above) and adult camp, (below.) this summer. Eighty-seven student campers traveled to places like The McWane Center and Aniston Fire Department from their base camp at Bynum Community Center. The 25 campers in the adult camp co-sponsored by Anniston PARD, went to The Alabama Theatre, many Muscle Shoals music sites and the Birmingham Museum of the Art, Berman and Anniston Museum of Natural History and had artists Jason Wright, Joe McCary and Ken and Jennifer Howell visit them at the PARD Therapeutic Recreation Center



A Word From The Arc's Executive Director

Recent budget deficits on the state and local government levels, reductions in the dollar amounts of grants from several agency funders and the overall weakened economy in general have resulted in the cutbacks to several of The Arc's programs for the upcoming fiscal year.

Perhaps hardest hit was The Arc Art program for adults with intellectual disabilities, which was temporarily suspended following the loss of funding for a teachers and transportation. The program is now being operated on a total volunteer basis and is once again meeting at The Arc office on Wednesday afternoons. However, transportation is no longer provided to the classes. All those who attend provide their own way or rely on their friends or family to get to and from the class. Participation in the class is still free.

Other programs of The Arc will be experiencing budget cuts as well, most notably the summer camps for school-aged children, the adult summer camp and the Christmas parties for elementary and high school -aged students in area self-contained special education classrooms.

The student camps will be reduced from three weeks to two weeks under the current plan, while the adult camp and Christmas activities will be operated with less available funds.

The Arc staff and board members remain committed to finding ways to make these programs operate with as little an impact as possible on consumers and their families. Community support, whether it be in donations of funds or supplies, is most certainly welcomed. To find out how you might make a donation, please review the suggestions throughout this newsletter, or contact us at 256-236-2857 for specific ways you can volunteer or contribute.

— Tammy Moreno



Give to Regions Tradition's Birdies to Help The Arc



SouthWest Water Company.

To create additional excitement, the Regions Tradition is giving you the chance to "Guess the Birdies" that will be made during the tournament by the Champions Tour Players! The donors who guess the correct amount of birdies are entered into a drawing to win \$2,500!

Please help us reach our goal by making a donation to The Arc through the Birdies for Charity program! To make a donation, please go online and donate at www.regionstradition.com or contact The Arc for a pledge form. The last day to submit your donation is Friday, June 10, 2016. Thank you in advance for your support.

Charity begins on the golf course at the Regions Tradition. You have the opportunity to support The Arc of Calhoun and Cleburne Counties by participating in the Birdies for Charity program.

Birdies for Charity is a fundraising program through the Regions Tradition that is designed to give charities the opportunity to generate contributions for their organization. Through this program, The Arc will receive 100% of the donations generated on its behalf! Simply make a flat donation of \$20 or more, or make a pledge of \$0.05 or more per birdie. It is expected that approximately 900 birdies will be made by the Champions Tour players at the 2015 Regions Tradition.

Why is your donation important? All of the participating charities will have the opportunity to receive additional funds by having a percentage of their donations matched by Regions Tradition thanks to the Matching Funds Sponsor,





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In this season of Thanksgiving, we would very much like to extend our sincere appreciation to all of the donors and volunteers who make the work of The Arc possible !

To all the Anniston Civitans, Moose Lodge Member or Anniston Therapeutic Recreation program staff who host a supper dance, or the JSU Student Council for Exceptional Children members and community folks who serve the food; To the hundreds of high school students, Knights, community folks and self-advocates who help staff the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Fundraiser, Spring Fundraiser, or our Sunny King Charity Golf Classic project; To those who volunteer at Special Olympics, in the art class, as puppeteers or on the board; To everyone who donates funds or time; To these and so many others we say; **THANK YOU!**

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The banquet portion of the meeting will begin with a meal catered by Betty's Barbeque at 5:30 p.m. followed by the much anticipated fashion show.

Thirty-one models are scheduled to participate in this year's show, modeling clothes supplied for the event by Dillard's at Quintard Mall.

The Anniston High School Jazz Band will supply the entertainment.

After the fashion show, awards will be presented to those who have made considerable contributions in the area of intellectual and developmental disabilities in 2015.

Photographed from left, Kim Merrill, who accepted on behalf of award winner William Lawhon; Rep. K.L. Brown, Glenda Knight, Logan Davis, Tammy Moreno and Amanda Jackson of Kelly Services. Not represented, Greenbrier Animal Clinic Above, Moreno receives her award from Teresa Simmons of ADRS.

Moreno Among Recipients of Governor's Committee Honor



Tammy Moreno, The Arc's Executive Director, was among several individuals honored at The Greater Calhoun County Area Governor's Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities In October, Moreno, receive the Partnership of the Year Award.

Other award winners include Kelly Services, large Employer of the Year, Greenbrier Animal Clinic, Small Employer of the Year, William Lawhon, Outstanding Employee of the Year; Glenda Knight, Outstanding Educator of the Year; Rep. K.L. Brown, Public Service Award; and Logan Davis, Youth Leadership Award.

