

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 31ST, 2024

End of Year Update

Goodbye 2024! We have had a wonderful 70th Anniversary year from exciting Recreation vacations to community events and fundraisers to the day to day memories being made! We are excited to share a look back on all that has been happening here these last 3 months and what is to come at the Arc of Hunterdon County.

We are so grateful for these past 70 years and are hopeful and excited for all the future holds.



We Will Never Go Out of Style

As we close the chapter of our 70th year we want to express the deepest gratitude to everyone who has been apart of our story. From our formation in 1954 to today we have had so much support from the Hunterdon County community. We could not have gotten here without our wonderful folks, their families, incredible staff, and loving community. We hope you continue to be apart of our story for years to come!

In this newsletter you will find:

Latest projects, ArcWorks Updates, Rec Updates, and more. Keep Reading!

LATEST PROJECTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



Our Latest Fundraising Campaign

THERE IS NOTHING TO WINE ABOUT WITH THIS FUNDRAISER!

We were blessed with the opportunity to partner with Old York Cellars for a custom label fundraiser. To celebrate our 70th Anniversary, we have special 70th edition wine labels, created with the help of our wonderful folks at ArcWorks! The fundraiser is still ongoing so please continue to share and spread the word!!

The Arc of Hunterdon County will receive a portion of each sale of our specially labeled bottles. Donation amounts can be found next to each option on the fundraising page.

So please sip and support The Arc of Hunterdon County!



[CLICK HERE TO ORDER NOW!](#)

The Arc of Hunterdon County ANNUAL APPEAL

Put the Fun in Fundraise

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!

As you consider your year-end gifts, please think of the Arc of Hunterdon County and the goals we have for 2025. Will you be a part of our 70th anniversary and contribute to the lives of people who live and work in your community? Your gift can provide the support systems and services individuals with developmental disabilities need for full participation in their living, learning, work, play, and worship communities. Your generosity turns their dreams of living happy, productive lives into reality. Please remember regardless of the amount, your gift makes a difference.

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE!](#)



For 70 Years We are THANKFUL

To know those we serve; their courage and determination inspires us.

For 70 Years We are GRATEFUL

For our wonderful and dedicated staff; their tireless devotion to our people is endless.

For 70 Years We APPRECIATE

Our friends and supporters; your generosity enriches many lives every day.

WHAT'S UP AT ARCWORKS

Making Spirits Bright

GETTING INTO THE FESTIVE MOOD!

October was a great month for ArcWorks! There were many tricks and treats given out all month long in preparation for Halloween! The energy was electrifying and there was so much anticipation. Halloween was such a fun time for everyone at ArcWorks! (see page 4 for more on Halloween).

November was spent getting outside and preparing for the holiday season! From enjoying the nice weather to making sensory jars the activities were plentiful! They were hard at work helping the Fundraising Department mail the Annual Appeal letters out!

December was equally busy! From creating festive decorations for the tree and the room to celebrating at their holiday party ArcWorks was filled with holiday joy!





HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST



After much anticipation and ArcWorks being decorated all month long for the event, Halloween is finally here! It was all smiles for trick or treating in the office for Halloween! Everyone donned their best costumes and were thrilled with all the treats (and maybe a few tricks) provided during the event!





— NOVEMBER IS —
NATIONAL FAMILY
— CAREGIVERS MONTH —

IN RECOGNITION OF FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

November is National Family Caregivers Month, which raises awareness of caregiving issues, educates communities, increases support for caregivers, empowers caregivers to prioritize their needs, and raises awareness about resources and services for caregivers' health and well-being.

“They’re cheerleaders and crisis managers, nurses and advocates, therapists and service coordinators. They’re not just family members—they’re lifelines. Family caregivers are the backbone of care for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), and their stories often go untold.”

The Arc’s [2023 Family and Individual Needs for Disability Supports \(FINDS\) survey](#) highlights the need for better support systems for caregivers and their loved ones. Their insights challenge how our society views disability, family, and community:

- Over 50% report very high or extreme stress levels
- 90% have seen their careers impacted
- More than 4 in 5 have had to provide increased support

Please read [The Arc’s article linked here which highlights several caretakers and their experiences.](#)

KEEPING UP WITH RECREATION



Greetings from Cape May! Sun, Sand, and Smiles! October 3rd - 6th, 2024

October started off with sun, sand, and lots of smiles during the annual trip to Cape May! From sunset on the beach, to Washington Street shopping and even going to the Cape May County Zoo there was much to see and lots of memories made.

November started a new tradition for their Meet n' Munch programs. Every month the Recreation Department will host a Dine to Donate fundraiser to help raise money for various programs.

December was a very exciting month for REC as there were so many seasonal programs. From Christmas with Elvis to The Nutcracker Ballet to the Holiday Dinner Dance, the festive feeling was all around!

Looking Forward: The Recreation department is very excited about the new year! January will be host to another Dine to Donate at California Pizza Kitchen in the Bridgewater Mall on January 22nd!

Recreation meets every week for various activities such as movie days, bowling, mini golf and more! They are open to expanding programs as well, if that is of interest to anyone.



OUT OF THE ARCHIVE: ARC OF HUNTERDON HISTORY

Recreation Vacation!

CAPE MAY 2018

Featured on the right is a photo collage flashback to a previous Recreation trip to Cape May in 2018! Cape May is a yearly trip for our Recreation crew to look forward to!



Happy Halloween!



The photos on the left are a flashback to Halloween's past. Our Recreation department holds a yearly Halloween dance for everyone to celebrate together!

Taste of Generosity

2007

The photos on the right are a flashback to a 2007 Taste of Generosity event! Taste of Generosity was an annual fundraiser where chefs from all over the country came to prepare samplings of their signature dish. The event was held at the Ryland Inn and consisted of the samplings along with a silent auction for our 200 guests to enjoy.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE ARC OF HUNTERDON COUNTY!

It was a festive time here at ArcWorks for our Holiday Party on Thursday, December 19th! The day of celebration kicked off with the Hunterdon Preparatory School's Vocal and Music Labs performing a sing along with everyone!

After the music everyone enjoyed a special lunch together, tacos at ArcWorks and a Potluck Lunch in the office.

After lunch, ArcWorks has a very special visitor! Santa had a gift for everyone and stayed for some photos before heading back home!

It was such an amazing day all around and a MASSIVE thank you goes to everyone at ArcWorks and the office who helped this day merry and bright!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE ARC OF HUNTERDON COUNTY!

The festivities continued with our Recreation department's Holiday Dinner Dance at the Glen Gardner VFW on Friday, December 27th! It was a jolly good time celebrating the holiday season with everyone.

From dancing to holiday songs to taking photos at our gingerbread photo-op everyone was feeling festive. Spirits were bright and merry all night long, and, to make the night even brighter the event ended with a surprise proposal!

We also want to thank The Stanton Ridge Golf Country Club for supporting our event by providing the food for the evening!



SPECIAL EVENTS

Recreation Dine to Donate MONTHLY EVENTS

Our Recreation Department like to thank everyone who participated in their Dine to Donate events at the Panera Bread in Phillipsburg on Monday, November 11th and Riley & Jake's on Monday, December 2nd!

BIG THANKS
for all your support!

Doing Good Never Tasted so Great!

Thanks to your help, our Recreation Department raised over \$200 from our Dine to Donate event at Panera Bread!

Panera
FUNDRAISING

The Arc
of Hamilton County



Thank You so Much
for Your Support!

Doing Good Never Tasted so Great!

With your support, our Recreation Department was able to raise over \$250 from our Dine to Donate event at Riley & Jake's!

Riley & Jake's
RESTAURANT & BAR

The Arc
of Hamilton County

1st Annual Designer Bag Bingo/Tricky Tray Event!

DECEMBER 7TH, 2024

Our 1st Annual Designer Bag Bingo/Tricky Tray event was a huge success! We want to thank everyone for coming out to support us and our mission. We also want to thank our volunteers and committee members who put so much hard work into making this event a success. Finally, we want to thank all of our Corporate Sponsors and all businesses who donated products for our event!



Thank You Knights!

DECEMBER 15TH, 2024

The Knights of Columbus spread some holiday cheer this December at one of our group homes! They surprised everyone with a visit from Santa and gifts. The highlight of their visit was a holiday sing along to truly make everyone's spirits bright!

We wanted to give a big shoutout to The Knights of Columbus Council for their wonderful visit and their continued support!



LOOKING FORWARD

Register, Educate, Vote, Use your Power!

OUR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP

In partnership with The Starthrower Group, our RevUp mission was a massive success this election year! We had a lot of great community events, guest speakers, and contests that increased awareness and accessibility. We hope our program helped everyone feel confident and empowered to vote this year, and for years to come!



Dine to Donate

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22ND

Join the Recreation Department at their next Dine to Donate night at California Pizza Kitchen in Bridgewater! When you dine in or order takeout and mention The Arc of Hunterdon County, we will receive 20% of the check!



california
pizza kitchen

Sensory Room for ArcWorks

CURRENT FUNDRAISING PROJECT

News from our Fundraising Department! We are very excited to announce a new big fundraising project, creating a sensory room for ArcWorks. We have recently released an Amazon Wishlist for anyone to donate an item to our Day Program for the Sensory Room. Scan the QR Code to the right to see our wishlist!

[Click here to view the wishlist!](#)



Social Media Presence

BE SURE TO FOLLOW US!

Be sure to check out our website archunterdon.org for more information. Follow us on our social media platforms to see all that we are up to and stay engaged with us! We love highlighting the incredible individuals we support.



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