

The ARC News

Information for Members & Friends of ARC Services of Macomb, Inc.

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From the Executive Director's Desk...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came out to our Annual Golf Outing & Silent Auction. It was a wonderful event this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Sponsors once more. Thank you Lori Dillard, D.O. for being the Beverage Cart Sponsor. Thank you Allied Insurance Managers, Inc., JHP Pharmaceuticals, LLC, UAW Local 600 (Bernie Ricke, President), Smalltoys.com (Novelty House), Memorial for

Marlene Bloomingburg, J&J Sheet Metal, Community Housing Network, Inc. and Springhill Housing Corporation, Mid American Supply, Community Central Bank, Triangle Vending Services, Inc., Creative Solutions Group, Inc., Petitpren, Inc., Donice Breza, Century 21 (Town & Country), Davis – Vandebossche Insurance, Citizens Bank, and HealthPlus of Michigan for being Tee Sponsors.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Luanne DeGueisippe and Annette Fobare for all of their hard work!

Also, just as a reminder, we will be having our Annual Consumer Appreciation party this October at Metro Beach. Please continue to look at our website for information on this event and all other events we hold.

**Special points of interest:
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A Fond Farewell to Friends of ARC

Long-time friend and consumer Robert M. passed away on June 17 after courageously battling a number of medical difficulties. Robert was a recipient of several services provided by ARC, including vocational training and community living supports, for the past 14 years. He enjoyed his many friends he'd made over the years, and was known for his strong voice and quick smile. Robert was blessed to be part of a very loving and

supportive family. His mother, Lucy, made sure that his choices were realized and that he was very involved in his community. Robert will be missed by many.

We also say goodbye to staff member Chris Becker, who passed away unexpectedly on July 6. Chris had worked at ARC for over nine years, primarily providing vocational training services at ARC's work center.

Chris was a friend of and

loved by many staff and consumers at the work center. He always had a smile on his face, and he brought smiles and laughter to many with his lighthearted pranks, bad jokes, and even worse puns.

Chris showed us all, every day, that he truly loved his job and cared about his special group of friends at ARC. He, too, will be missed by many.

Dining with ARC



Where:

Stevi B's Pizza
50670 Waterside Drive
Chesterfield, MI 48015

When:

Thursday, August 19,
2010
3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

ARC Services will receive
20% of all sales from
receipts that are
deposited in the
designated box.

Annual Pizza and Beer Party

Where:

Father Kramer's Knights
of Columbus Hall
7400 Bernice (Near I-696
& Van Dyke)
Center Line, MI 48015

When:

Friday, September 24,
2010, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00
p.m.

Prices:

Donation: \$20.00/ Adult
\$10.00/Child 10 Years &

Younger in Advance

*Featuring Music &
Dancing with DJ Bill
Brado*

***Pizza – Beer – Raffle
Silent Auction – Prizes
FUN!!***

Third Annual Legislative Continental Breakfast



Where:

MISD – Main Building
44001 Garfield Road
Clinton Twp, MI 48038

When:

Friday, August 27, 2010
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

You will have a brief
opportunity to meet those
legislators in attendance.

No Pre-Registration
Necessary

Any questions, please
contact Annette Fobare at
either
afobare@arcservices.org
or (586) 469-1600.

Cleave, Inc. Annual Golf Outing

Cleave (Community
Living, Education &
Vocational Enterprises),
Inc., will be holding their
Annual Golf Outing at
Sycamore Hills Golf Club
on Sunday, October 3,
2010. The cost is \$100
per person, this includes
four-person scramble, 18
holes with cart, buffet
lunch, shotgun start,

beer and pop during golf,
free driving range, and a
full buffet dinner with
premium bar.

For the registration form or
to fill out the form to
become a sponsor, please
visit our website at
www.arcservices.org.

For information and tickets,
please contact Walter Bogus
at (586) 791-1061.

Become Your Child's Best Advocate

Ensure that your child's educational needs are being met by being his/her best advocate throughout this and every school year.

Develop a positive teacher/parent relationship:

Developing a positive relationship with your child's teachers and professionals is always in the best interest of your child. The key to success is in developing a good working relationship with your child's IEP team members.

Understand your child's disability and their needs:

Learn as much as you possibly can about your child's **specific** disability. Ask questions in reference to best practices and your child's needs regarding his/her educational setting. Attend workshops, conferences, and local support groups to become more informed,

building a support system. and to help build a positive support system.

Be a good note-taker:

Keep track of correspondence you have with school staff, support service providers, physicians and therapists. Keep ongoing records of conversations, dates of conversations, and the outcomes.

Always ask questions:

Be candid and up-front if you have concerns or questions regarding your child and his/her educational performance. If you ask a question of professionals and you don't understand their response, **ask for clarification.** Getting answers to your questions can be a proactive way to head off future disagreements and help to keep issues from becoming road blocks to the IEP process and your child's success.

Involve your child:

The entire special education process is about your child. Periodically ask both your child and school personnel how things are going at school; ask specific questions, such as what is working for your child and what is not. Remember, your child's feelings and sense of ownership are important. Involving your child early on can be an effective tool to help build your child's self-advocacy skills.



Think positively:

Maintaining a positive working relationship with your child's IEP team is the best way to keep your child's outcomes moving in a positive direction. Always keep in mind the difference between aggression and assertion, and remember that the key to any good working relationship is trust.

Do You Know About: Being a Community Partner?

The best workers in the world—the consumers of ARC's vocational training services—are looking for more diversity in the kinds of jobs they do. You can help them to earn as they learn by developing a community partnership with ARC.

Do you or someone you know work at or own a business that needs help assembling or packaging parts? We can do that! Work in an office and need help collating sales, marketing or benefits literature? Yep—we can do that, too! We can arrange to

have your work brought to us to perform at our work center, or we can send a crew to your place of business to perform the work. Contact Dave Hargrave today for a quote on any job, large or small: (586) 469-1600 or dlhargrave@arcservices.org

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We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

<http://arcservices.org>



Weekly Activities

"BINGO!" SMOKE FREE!

Where:

Warren Plaza Hall (SW
Corner of I-696 and
Schoenherr)

When:

EVERY TUESDAY

Morning Bingo: doors open
at 8:30 a.m.; games begin at
10:30 a.m.

Evening Bingo: doors open at
4:00 p.m.; games begin at
6:30 p.m.

About ARC Services

ARC Services of Macomb, Inc. is a CARF accredited, 501(c)(3) nonprofit membership association composed of people with disabilities, parents, friends and professionals involved with supporting people with disabilities in Macomb County, Michigan.

The ARC exists to assure

Dance Exercise Class

Where:

ARC Services (44050 Gratiot,
Clinton Twp.)

When:

Wednesdays
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Cost:

\$25 (prepaid) for 8 sessions,
or drop-in for \$4 per session.

All fitness levels welcome!

ARC Raiders Bowling

Where:

Friendly Sterling Lanes
Bowling Center (14 Mile and
Schoenherr)

When:

Saturday mornings at
9:00 p.m.

Cost:

\$5 per Week

Contact Information:

Betty (586) 575-9798 or
Barb (586) 790-9813

that people with disabilities are valued and that they and their families can participate fully in, and contribute to, the life of their communities.

We are committed to securing, for all people with disabilities, the opportunities to choose and realize their goals

and dreams regarding where and how they learn, live, play, and work.

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