

## Circus of Dreams Success

For the second consecutive year, The Arc of Dearborn County has offered a week-long summer day camp.

This year, attendees included 32 enthusiastic school-aged children at "Circus of Dreams" day camp, held July 13 through 17 at Dearborn Hills United Methodist Church in Bright. Focusing on abilities, the camp was planned and conducted by director, Brandy Bittner, and a team of local therapists and educators. A staff of 35, which included school

nurses, special education teachers, a music teacher, librarians, community volunteers and peer buddies, helped the program run smoothly. We express gratitude to all of you!

A fun circus theme was woven into daily activities designed to help campers retain social, academic, fine and gross motor skills over the summer. Special events included visits from a



balloon artist, a small petting zoo, the Kona Ice truck, an inflatable bouncing gym, and Reno, the horse.

Camp groups closed the week by performing their favorite circus acts for their families and guests.

We hope these images will demonstrate the joy that resulted.

## Bowling Begins Tuesday, September 8



It's time for Tuesday evening bowling at the

Durbin Bowl to resume. Last year 37 participants of R. O. D. Special

Olympics were sponsored by The Arc of Dearborn County for a season that extends to early spring. For more information contact Tish Stiegler at 812-926-2148. Bowling families—pick up a

spare—join us at The Arc's monthly meetings and for more opportunities to share in the support of our citizens with developmental disabilities.

The Durbin Bowl is located at 158 Front Street in Lawrenceburg.

## The Arc of Tomorrow ~ Technology Aided Planning

The Arc of Dearborn County is proud to be one of eight participating in a two-year effort to develop a plan for what chapters should look like in the future.

This forum allows Arc members, family members, self-advocates and staff to participate collaboratively in a computer-supported meeting environment that allows real-time discussion and planning to take place.

The planning group met June 13 at the new office of the Arc of Indiana and used the new COVOH (Council of Volunteers and Organizations for Hoosiers with Disabilities) Collaborative Work Lab to network to a central data base to submit and then prioritize ideas.

The focus of the meeting was on outreach in the community, membership, family support, state-wide participation, self-

advocacy and participation in public policy activities.

Other participating chapters and organizations are: Achieva Resources in Wayne County, Evansville, Knox County in Vincennes, Noble of Indiana in Indianapolis, Bartholomew County, Jackson County and Tippecanoe County.

Marie Dausch serves as our liaison to this group and will continue to keep us posted of new findings.