



Reach Out

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New Office, New Venture

Big news for The Arc of Dearborn County and its members!

We are going to have a physical office established in Dearborn County before the end of October!!

We are pleased to announce that The Arc of Dearborn County is teaming up with Southern Pines Pediatric Care Center at Woodland Hills to further help individuals who have I/DD, their families and caregivers.

The Arc's office will be in the addition to Woodland Hills on Bielby Road. This



makes possible a resource center for regional families who have a loved one with I/DD...a go-to place for information and tips on navigation through raising and caring for a child who has special needs. This has been a gap in our outreach to people who have I/DD—and for their families.

Gathering from the wide background of our active members including parents of children with various diagnoses, professionals in I/DD-related fields, educators, home-school parents and therapists we continue to make possible programs that integrate our communities and to increase awareness of the value of all lives. Teaming with Southern Pines, members of The Arc can now help bring community to individuals unable to easily access it otherwise.

With the opening of the new Pediatric Care Center in the spring of 2012, individuals who are too clinically complex for their needs to be met at home now have a location close-to-home where they can reach their fullest potential in a safe, loving and home-like environment.

The re-engineered third floor of Woodland Hills accommodates varied requirements, including

EVENTS AND NEWS

- New Office, New Venture
- Campers Make a Connection
- Ultimate Brony Challenge
- November 9 - Fall Dance
- Thank You!

NEXT MEETING DATES:

OCTOBER 22

NOVEMBER 26

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*“Three keys to
more abundant
living:*

*caring about others,
caring for others,
sharing with
others.”*

- William Arthur
Ward

New Office, New Venture – cont.

ventilator support and emergency power back-up. Its staff is accredited in many different careers. Access to education through R.O.D. Special Education Cooperative is available for school-aged children. In addition, the center can also provide short-term respite care to caregivers who need a temporary break in order to allow needed time for rest, vacation or time to deal with a family emergency.

Brandy Bittner, program director of our chapter of The Arc became pediatric coordinator for the center in August. Over the next several months she'll oversee a redesign of the therapy room and design of an all new accessible playground, along with other responsibilities. In the future we hope to extend our summer day camp programs at Southern Pines and include the young

people living there. While the two organizations will remain separate entities, both of our goals remain strongly focused on helping people who have I/DD to experience a life of dignity and self-fulfillment. **On October 22, join us at 7:00 p.m. to tour Southern Pines and the new office of The Arc of Dearborn County at 403 Bielby Road in Lawrenceburg.** Refreshments will be provided.

Campers Make a Connection

Even as the last child leaves summer day camp, the directors are working on the next year's theme. Each year, the sensory camp includes a theme that allows children to grow in a community experience beneficial to them and to those they encounter as a result of camp.

The 2012 theme was designed around 4-H. A puppet show helped introduce 4-H during story time and virtually every activity subtly incorporated various

sensory skills as children created 'projects.' Music, snacks and outdoor activities were enjoyed by more than a dozen younger, school-aged children and their peers. Eleven area high



-school aged and young adults attended Life Skills camp—which involved shopping and

meal preparation; and, outings including lunch and a movie, a library visit, volunteering at the North Dearborn Food Pantry, and touring the 4-H fairgrounds during the county fair.

This year's guest on closing day was Marcia Parcell, Dearborn County 4-H youth development director. For more information on the program, contact Marcia at mparcell@purdue.edu or call 812-926-1189.

Ultimate Brony Challenge Nets Huge Reward



Was our logo hijacked by a Facebook user? At first glance it appeared so—but, not the case! Instead the industrious, creative sons of Erik and Paula Simmons were up to a brilliant

fundraiser and one that only 20-somethings could pull off! On August 5-6, they watched all 52 episodes of the **My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic** in a single sitting (roughly 19 hours) and broadcast the entire event online—conquering

the Ultimate Brony Challenge. How'd they do, you wonder? Their parents presented a check for **\$1,861** to The Arc at our August meeting. Way over the top, guys!!

Big thanks!!!!

"If you want to build a ship, don't drum up people together to collect wood and don't assign them tasks and work, but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea."

- Antoine de Saint

Membership Update

The Arc of Indiana, in recent years, switched to an online membership tracking method that was subsequently rolled out to local chapters.

With the transition from a manual to an online reporting system, some of our members may not have received a renewal opportunity within the past two years. These members are being sent a letter from The Arc of Dearborn County that can be used to renew membership and that will

also add them to the state roster.

As a group we gain new members month-to-month—leaving us with sporadic timing for renewals. To help with efficiencies, we've recently decided to narrow renewals to a bi-annual event to help streamline membership.

As a result, depending on the month you joined The Arc of Dearborn County, your renewal will shift to either October or April. All

future renewals will be captured and synched-up between our local chapter and the state organization.

Membership fees currently are \$15. Optionally, we are always grateful if you choose to make a simultaneous donation to The Arc of Dearborn County.

If you have questions about membership, please email us at info@dearborncountycastle.org.

Fall Dance ~ Friday, November 9



Join us on Friday, November 9 at St. Martin's Hall in Yorkville for an evening of fun and dancing. Doors for the dance open at 7:00 p.m. and the event ends at 9:00. Bring some friends! If you're able, bring a canned good donation for admission.



Achieve with us.

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The Arc of Dearborn County is part of the largest national community-based organization advocating for and serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

Vision

This group of families and supportive people aim to build a truly integrated community for individuals whose needs are as unique and special as the people they represent.

Mission and Purpose

The purposes of The Arc of Dearborn County include partnering with various community members to heighten awareness of people who have developmental disabilities and to routinely provide opportunities for enrichment and dignity to occur within their lives.

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Thank You!!

To the United Way of Greater Cincinnati for generous funding of our 2012 Summer Day Camps... to all who helped make Spice Up Your Summer successful, raising over \$2,000 and awareness of The Arc of Dearborn County... and to the Aurora and Lawrenceburg Knights of Columbus for continued support of our recreational bowling!

