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Mission Statement

The Arc of Denton County, a non-profit volunteer organization, is committed to expanding opportunities for people with any developmental disability to exercise the same rights, freedoms, and responsibilities as their fellow citizens by providing family support, public awareness, advocacy service and referral.

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**ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET
APRIL 23, 2007
“GOING THAT EXTRA MILE”**

Please join us and honor those that are “Going That Extra Mile”.

The Arc of Denton County cordially invites you to attend the Annual Awards Banquet

April 23, 2007

6:30 P.M.

Fremaux’s Metropolitan Catering
932 W. University Drive
Denton, Texas

Dinner \$20.00 a person

RSVP and monies must be received no later than April 13, 2007

Call 800-375-4520 or 972-436-8471

To place your reservation



Join The Arc of Denton County at ElChico’s at Golden Triangle Mall for “The Woodlands or Bust”

.Come eat at ElChico’s in Denton at Golden Triangle Mall on Tuesday, April 17th during the hours of 5-9 pm. We will receive a % of proceeds from diners who give The Arc of Denton County’s name. We have to have at least 100 people to attend during these hours to receive the proceeds.

Raffle tickets will be on sale until 8:00 pm and the drawing will be held at 8:30 PM

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**Sibling Camp Out
May 5 and 6, 2007**

April 2007

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WHAT: Sibling Camp Out

WHEN: Saturday, May 5th and Sunday, May 6th

WHERE: Briarwood Retreat Center

The Arc of Denton County will host the Sibling Camp Out again this year at Briarwood Retreat Center. This event is for brothers and sisters of children with disabilities. Ages for the siblings can be from 5 years of age to 16 years of age.

If your child is interested in attending camp, please call the Arc of Denton County so a packet may be sent out to you.

We will meet at Briarwood Retreat at 9:30 on Saturday and will leave after lunch on Sunday. Information will be in packets of items needed and permission forms.

This year we will have a meeting prior to camp to turn signed packets in and to discuss any information that you need. This meeting will be held at Central Park in Lewisville at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 21st. The meeting will be short as to not take a lot of time on a busy day. If the meeting is not at a time you can attend, please call Arc and we will give you information and inform you as to what you need to do.

Woodlands or Bust
ElChico's
April 17th
5-9 pm

Raffle Tickets can be purchased by calling the office, or from a Board Member or Self Advocate Member

Tickets are \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00

The Woodlands or Bust

The Arc of Denton County sponsors the Self Advocate Leaders of Denton County. This group of adults with developmental disabilities is dedicated to the concept of "self-advocacy" for all citizens. Members of this group learn to speak up for themselves and take responsibility for their own lives to the best of their abilities. Every year, the local chapter participates in a three day annual conference. This year, the conference will be held in The Woodlands and it will be necessary for our group to charter a bus due to the number of participants. This is an extremely important event for the Self-Advocates!!

Please help us assist them on this adventure!!

Come eat at ElChico's in Denton at Golden Triangle Mall on April 17 during the hours of 5-9 pm and purchase a raffle ticket then or call the office to purchase one.

SIBLING SUPPORT PROGRAM

We are restructuring our Sibling Program and we would like to extend an invitation to any brother or sister, between 5 and 16 years of age, of a child with disabilities to attend our meetings.

Our meetings will be held once each quarter and will be divided into a

session on Saturday for elementary age and a "eating out" one night-session for middle and high school age.

Our Sibling Campout will be held on May 5th and 6th, 2007 at Briarwood Retreat Center. We will meet at Briarwood at 9:30 am and will leave

Sunday after a lunch with all our families.

If you are interested in more detail information, please call The Arc at

972-436-8471

800-375-4520

Or email us at

info@arcofdentoncounty



Listening to instructions

THUMBS UP

Goes to each and everyone that donated or worked at getting donations for our Mardi Gras Madness Fundraising Event. This was a very good success for us and we look forward to doing it again next year.



WHICH ONE OF THESE DO YOUR ACTIONS SHOW?



THUMBS DOWN

goes to the waitress that spilled drink in the lap of someone in a wheel chair and then made the statement, "I'm glad that was you and not your friend, you don't have to stand up, so no one will see the spill."

Make it a rule...never, if possible, to lie down at night without being able to say, "I have made one human being at least a little wiser, a little happier or a little better this day."

February Donors and Members We Thank You

Donations

A thanks to everyone that contributed to our Mardi Gras Madness Fundraiser

Carol Foote and Louise Ferry were our top "Jesters"

Members

Luke Garrison

In Memory

Please take a moment to have a special thought about someone you love that is no longer with you.

Want to donate?

___ Please accept my gift of
___ \$10 ___ \$25 ___ \$50
___ other

___ In honor of _____

_____.

___ In memory of _____

_____.

___ My company _____

_____ has
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Your donations are deductible to the fullest extent of the IRS laws.

THE ARC'S CLASSIFIED ADS



Put your business card or description of your business in our newsletter. We distribute 1800 copies monthly.

Download or view a copy of "It's a New IDEA" at www.arcoftexas.org

Look for the Arc's Donation boxes in your area.

We can use prom or formal dresses. Let us know if you have one you would like to donate.

Thanks to Staples in Lewisville for printing our newsletter, the "ArcLetter".

Their generosity allows us to send our newsletters to Denton County families with children with special needs, adults with special needs and concerned citizens.

If you are interested in putting your business card on this page, please send information to:

The Arc of Denton County
P.O. Box 1279
Denton, Texas 76202
Enclose a check for \$15 a month or \$150 a year.

Donations of Clothing

If you have any gently used clothing to donate, please put it in one of the Arc donation boxes in Denton County..

The Address we have at the moment are Terrys Supermarket on Fox Avenue, Albertsons on W. Main Street, and Lowes on I-35. We will



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The Arc of Denton County's Wish List

- Paper goods for adult socials
- HP ink cartridges 45 and 78
- Copy paper 8 1/2x11 11x17

The Arc of Denton County is planning a "Prom" for our adults with disabilities. If you have a prom dress or bridesmaids dress that you no longer need and would like to donate to us, please call us and we will make arrangements to get it. A lot of our adults have never experienced this type of event and we would like to help them do this.

Nominations for Awards Banquet

Please don't forget to fill out the nomination forms included in this newsletter and send them to us or fax them to us.

These need to be to us no later than April 9th. We will not be able to accept nominations after

that date.

You may do more than one nomination for an individual or a group.

Do this by copying nomination form or just using plain paper.

You can mail this to The Arc of Denton County,

fax to us or email to info@arcofdentoncounty.org and we will do the rest!

Please join us at this Awards Banquet and help us honor the people that have "Gone the Extra Mile".

Nominate a person or group that has "Gone that extra mile" and join us at the Annual Awards Banquet.

Help The Arc Earn Money

There is a new and easy way to raise money for The Arc of Denton County—just by searching the Internet with GoodSearch.com.

It's simple. You use GoodSearch.com like any other search engine-the site is powered by Yahoo!-but each time you do, money is generated for The Arc. Just be sure to fill in "The Arc-Denton County" and click verify for the GoodSearch field "Who do you GoodSearch for?"

Last year, search engines generated close to \$6 billion in revenue from advertisers. With GoodSearch, part of the advertising revenue will now be directed to our organization.

We hope that you will not only use GoodSearch as your main search engine from here on out, but that you will also pass this message on to your friends and family. If you go to GoodSearch.com there is a sample email you can use to

ask your friends and family. The more people who use this, the more money The Arc of Denton County will receive.

This is a good way for you to contribute to your favorite charity (Arc, we hope!) with no money directly out of your pocket and no extra time involved. This can be used at most work places and at home when you are searching the net.

"Donate to The Arc of Denton County"



SELF ADVOCATE LEADERS OF DENTON COUNTY

MEETINGS ARE THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 3600 E. MCKINNEY STREET, SUITE A, FROM 7:00—8:30 P.M. MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ANY ADULT WITH A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY.

Come and develop leadership skills, learn more about your rights and responsibilities, and learn about voting and decision making.. This is just a example of items discussed at meetings.

The Arc of Denton County Annual Awards Banquet

Listed below are the categories that the Arc of Denton County will be honoring at our Awards Banquet on April 23, 2007. Each of the following categories need to fit the following criteria:

“Positively influenced the attitudes and thinking of the general public regarding the life and ability of a person with intellectual or developmental disabilities”

Categories for nomination:

1. Special Education Teacher
2. General Education Teacher
3. Educator/Administrator
4. Employee of the year (person with disability)
5. Employer of the Year (hires people with disability)
6. Case Manager/Foster Care Provider
7. Self Advocate (Person with disability)
8. Support Person (Therapist, Paraprofessional, Bus Driver, etc.)
9. Community Support
10. Arc Volunteer
11. Community Volunteer
12. Advocate (Person who advocates for people with disabilities)

Please fill out nomination form on back for each category that you have a nomination for. You may use blank paper if needed or make copies of the information sheet. **PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN MONDAY, APRIL 9TH. WE CANNOT ACCEPT NOMINATIONS AFTER THAT DATE.**

Mail to The Arc of Denton County, P.O. Box 1279 Denton, Texas 76202 or
Fax to us at 972-436-8471 or
Email your information to: bonniel@arcofdentoncounty.org

REMEMBER: WE CANNOT ACCEPT NOMINATIONS AFTER MONDAY, APRIL 9TH



THE ARC OF DENTON COUNTY AWARDS BANQUET NOMINATION FORM

CATEGORY OF NOMINATION: _____
(Please print or type)

NOMINEE INFORMATION: (Check one) ___ Individual ___ Group

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

EMPLOYER: (IF APPLICABLE): _____

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

PLEASE CHECK THE SPELLING OF YOUR NOMINEE'S NAME !!!

SUMMARIZE WHY THE NOMINEE QUALIFIES FOR THIS AWARD
(Use blank sheet if necessary or make a copy)

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Cash or Check enclosed for \$ _____

Payable to:

The Arc of Denton County

P.O. Box 1279

Denton, Texas 76202

Membership Form

- Self Advocate \$15
 Member or Family \$20
 Supporting Member \$50

Check all that apply

- Interested citizen
 Self Advocate
 Professional in field of disabilities
 Parent/Relative of child with developmental disabilities
 Parent/Relative of Adult with developmental disabilities

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