

“committed to expanding opportunities for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities”

ArcLetter

Board of Directors

Gayle Hoyt-President
Carol Foote-Secretary
Louise Ferry-Treasurer
Raji Damle
Kay Goodman
Linda Martin
Meg Taylor
Marshall West

Project Coordinators

Bonnie Lewallen
Blake Hensley
Heather Matthews

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.

(800)375-4520

(972)436-8471

www.arcofdentoncounty.org

A United Way Agency

The Arc of Denton County's looking for a few good men and women

The Arc of Denton County wants to increase it's Board of Directors. If you would consider joining us in that position, please let us know. If you are interested, please join us at a Board Meeting or call The Arc of Denton County for more information on the board positions. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

The Arc of Denton County is also looking for volunteers for our activities and programs. If you are interested in giving us a few of your extra hours each month, or only a few times a year, please visit our web site at www.arcofdentoncounty.org and fill out the volunteer application and send it to us by fax or mail.

Fax: 972-436-8471
The Arc of Denton County
P.O. Box 1279
Denton, Texas 76202



Presidents Bush's Administration's Request—2008 A Potentially Devastating Proposal

For those who receive the official publication of The Arc of the US called insight, this information may be familiar. For those of you that do not read it-the following information from Pages 6 and 7 of the May issue is a must to read, especially since it may greatly impact you, the reader!

“The Bush Administration's Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Request is perhaps the most devastating budget the disability community has ever faced, since it attacks virtually every program important to Americans with disabilities,” said Staff Director Paul Marchand, the Disability Policy Collaboration. In the unveiling of its Fiscal Year 2008 Budget proposal on February 5th, the Bush Administration proposed serious cuts to entitlement programs, level funding for most other human service programs, and the elimination and consolidation of other key programs. Of most concern is the serious squeeze on human services spending and the proposed elimination of and cuts to vital programs.

Medicaid—Medicaid reimbursements to school systems for related services for special education students would be cut. The president proposes a total of \$24 billion in savings over five years. States would be asked to assume the \$24 billion loss from Medicaid's federal share, something most states are unable to afford.

Medicare—The proposed budget will reduce Medicare spending by \$76 billion over five years, expected to come from reductions in payments to hospitals, health agencies and nursing homes.

Housing—Two programs of interest to the disability community are the Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities and Section 8 voucher program, each which is slated for cuts. Overall the budget request for the Department of Housing and Urban Development would be \$36.2 billion. These program cuts would exacerbate already unacceptable waiting lists for community-based, residential opportunities for people with disabilities.

Education—The Department of Education's budget would be frozen at current levels. Disability programs within the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services would be cut by \$118 billion.

Employment—The Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy would receive \$18.6 million (down from \$27.7 million in FY 2006) and is the only department scheduled for staff reductions. The Administration also proposes eliminating the work incentive grant program.

Disability advocates will need to weigh in from around the country. Personal stories of how disability programs and services affect the lives and families of people with disabilities are critical. Advocates, please educate the members of Congress.

Check out The Arc of the United States new state of the art website. The ultimate goal is for the Arc.org to be the premier repository for all information on disabilities worldwide. The website's address is:
www.thearc.org

Prom, Party, Bridesmaids Dresses Needed

We need donations of dresses for our upcoming “Dancing with the Arc Stars”

This will be a semi-formal dance and we are trying locate dresses for each of our adults with disabilities that want to attend. Most of these adults have never experienced a prom or formal event and we want to make this an event they will cherish for a long time to come. If you have any formal dresses that you do not need anymore please call The Arc of Denton County and let us make arrangements to get them from you. We have already received some dresses but need many more.



**If we cannot end our differences,
at least we can help make the
world safe for diversity**

John F. Kennedy

**Our sympathy goes to Board
Member Carol Foote**

**Carol's mother, Isabelle Staples,
passed away June 15th in Houston**

THE ARC'S CLASSIFIED ADS



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

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.

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

If you receive our newsletter home from school and want to receive it in the mail for the summer, please call or fax us at 800-375-4520 or 972-436-8471. You can also email us at info@arcofdentoncounty.org and let us know. We will be glad to put it in the mail to you.



**Darin and Angie Yocum, Realtors,
RE/MAX DFW Associates II**

972.402.4185

- Denton County Residents
- RE/MAX International Hall of Fame
- Certified Luxury Home Marketing Specialists



Please call us for a free Custom Market Analysis of your home
972.402.4185

www.teamyocum.com
teamyocum@bigfoot.com

Each office independently owned and operated

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

Techno-Tote

Due to an extra amount of funding from The United Way of Denton County, we are able to update our Techno-Tote this summer. Techn-Tote gives an opportunity for our members to borrow items to see if their child or friend with a disability would be able to use a certain item for independence or pleasure.

We will have an updated list in the September ArcLetter so everyone will know the items we have in our Techno-Tote inventory.



Memberships

Kirsten Brown
 Sharon Cowan
 Alex Alexander
 Laura Snyder
 John and Mary Kuhfeldt
 Art and Barbara Green
 Carolyn Riley
 Dorothy Funk
 Mikey Green
 David Horton
 Ben Moturi
 Bob and Elaine Bays

The Self Advocate Leaders of Denton County had a successful EIChico Night and Bake Sale and are now anxiously waiting to leave for their trip to The Woodlands for The Texas Self Advocate Convention. They will attend workshops to increase their knowledge of self advocacy and have fun meeting other self advocates from the state of Texas.

The Arc of Denton County wishes all of you a safe and exciting trip!

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.

Sibling Corner

This page will highlight stories or information from siblings of children with developmental disabilities. If you have a story or information that you would like to share with other siblings, please fax, mail or email it to:

The Arc of Denton County, P.O. Box 1279, Denton, TX. 76202

972-436-8471

bonniel@arcofdentoncounty.org

Our first story is from Ann Carter. Ann has been involved with our sibling group for 5 years.

Sibling Camp To Me IS.....

Hi, my name is Ann Carter. I have been going to Sibling Camp for five years, and I love it! This camp means so much to me because, it's a place where I can express my feelings and emotions about my disabled brother to other people that have been through the same things. At Sibling Camp you meet a lot of people, make new friends, and do a lot of fun activities. I would like to thank The Arc of Denton County, and especially Bonnie, for helping keep Sibling Camp together, and making it fun. She's the best!



TAKE A MOMENT

To realize the value of a sister: Ask someone who doesn't have one.

To realize the value of ten years: Ask a newly divorced couple.

To realize the value of four years: Ask a graduate.

To realize the value of one year: Ask a student who has failed a final exam.

To realize the value of nine months: Ask a mother who gave birth to a stillborn child.

To realize the value of one month: Ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby.

To realize the value of one week: Ask an editor of a newspaper.

To realize the value of one minute: Ask a person who has missed the train, bus or plane.

To realize the value of one second: Ask a person who has survived an accident.

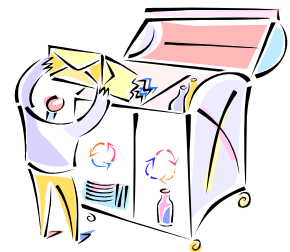
To realize the value of a friend or family member: Lose one.

Time waits for no one.

Treasure every moment you have.

You will treasure it even more when you can share it with someone special.

Get involved with The Arc! Donate clothing and household items. Donate your used goods to The Arc. Call 214-337-8900 for donation pick-up schedule for large items. If you have clothing there are deposit boxes in Lewisville at this time. The locations we have at this time are:
Terry's Supermarket on Fox Ave
Albertsons on W. Main St.
Lowes on I-35 (close to service road)
WalMart Center on Main St (Behind Payless Shoes)
Fox Ave. and I-35 Service Road



This list will be updated as new information comes in. The Arc of Denton County gets a percentage from the donated items.

Your Support Makes A Real Difference To The Arc of Denton County!

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE ARC

The Arc of Denton County
P.O. Box 1279
Denton, Texas 76202
Phone: 800-375-4520
972-436-8471
Fax: 972-436-8471
Email: info@arcofdentoncounty



Non Profit Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Lewisville, TX
Permit No. 230

*If you have an address change, or prefer an e-newsletter, or want you name removed from our mail list, please notify us at info@arcofdentoncounty.org or contact us at 972-436-8471 or 800-375-4520.
The editor of the ArcLetter writes as a non-professional. We attempt to report items of interest to our members. These items are not necessarily endorsed by The Arc of Denton County or reflect the opinion of The United Way. The Arc of Denton County does not promote any therapy, institution or professional system. Our desire to bring information to families in an attempt to create an informative dialogue.*

A United Way Agency

