

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

ArcLetter

Mardi Gras Madness!!!

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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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Mardi Gras Madness Jesters are needed for the Arc. We need Jesters, but it's no joke. It's all about raising funds for our programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

During Mardi Gras week (Feb. 11-17, 2007), if you agree to be a jester....

1. You'll pick one day to wear an official Mardi Gras Madness hat (provided)
2. To take your hat off,

you'll collect donations equaling or exceeding a targeted pledge amount. Your goal is "hats off by noon"

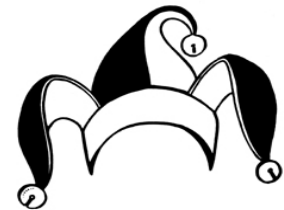
Individuals and Groups willing to participate in this festive fundraiser are asked to call or email for more information.

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

As a final celebration of our fundraiser we will have a Mardi Gras Madness Dance for our adults with disabilities and all the participants of this fundraiser.



Annual Awards Banquet April 23, 2007

The Arc of Denton County's Annual Awards Banquet will be held on April 23, 2007. This event will be held at Fremaux's in Denton.

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a nomination form for

your nominations of individuals and groups for this years consideration for awards.

Please fill out the form and return to the Arc of Denton County or email us at info@arcofdentoncounty.org

with your nominations.

Please check the future newsletters for additional information on the Banquet and PLEASE SAVE THE DATE on your personal calendar.



Spotlight: Support Services at College Level

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- Alternative examination formats and additional time
- Readers and note takers
- Adaptive equipment
- Textbooks on tape
- Sign language interpreters
- Course substitutions or waivers

To receive these accommodations, students with disabilities enrolling in college should **take the following steps:**

- Understand your disability and the accommodations you have needed in high school

- When you are accepted for college, contact the disability support office about the documentation you must provide regarding your disability
- Register with the disability support office or other office that handles disability accommodations
- Determine with the help of the support service personnel what types of accommodations you will need on a routine basis
- Make sure that you have transportation to and on campus
- Register as early as possible to make sure you get the classes you need. Also make sure you can get the books on tape you need or interpreters for the classes in your schedule
- Consider taking a lighter load of classes during the

first semester

- When planning your class schedule, make certain you will be able to get to class on time in the mornings if you receive attendant services. Provide yourself enough time to get to classes throughout the day. Plan for breaks if there are disability related issues that need to be handled during the school day
- Find the actual locations of your classes and make sure they are accessible to you
- Go inside each classroom you will be in and see if it has the things you will need
- If problems arise, go immediately to the disability support office to ask for assistance
- Learn about all services, disability-related or not, that might be helpful to you.



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

THE ARC'S CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

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, Tx. 76202

Enclose a Check for \$15 a month or \$150 for a year.

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

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Or email us at

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Campers at the 2006 Campout

THUMBS UP

Thumbs Up goes to everyone that helped with our Holiday Socials. We had a great attendance and everyone had lots of fun.

We especially want to say thanks to Santa and his elf (Sid and Donna) and to the music therapist, Mary, Michelle, and Bill!!



WHICH ONE OF THESE DO YOUR ACTIONS SHOW?



THUMBS DOWN

Thumbs Down goes to the couple that were very nasty in a local family restaurant when a child with autism could not handle all the extra noise. The parents were trying to deal with this in a great way, but were more upset by the comments made by the couple. Please remember that not all disabilities show on a person's face!

*Smiling is infectious,
you catch it like the flu.
When someone smiled at me
today, I started smiling too.
I passed around the corner
and someone saw my grin.
When he smiled I realized
I'd pass it on to him.
I thought about that smile,
then I realized its worth.
A single smile, just like mine
could travel round the earth.
So, if you feel a smile begin,
don't leave it undetected.
Let's start an epidemic quick
and get the world infected!*

Donors and Members We Thank You OCT.-DEC.

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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

Name: _____

Address: _____

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