



SPOTLIGHT



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Anne Gundle and Joseph Ripa

Congratulations to our Camden County Freedom Medal Recipients Anne Gundle & John McMordie

Kathleen Sincavage nominated Mrs. Gundle, calling her a modest woman, who defends and advocates for the rights of persons with developmental disabilities, especially within Camden County. She currently serves as a board member for The Arc, as well as the President of the Arc Circle of Family and Friends, the organization's parents' group. She is a very family oriented person. One of her six children, Kenny, was born with a developmental disability, which is the driving force behind Anne's unfaltering, tireless devotion to the men, women, children, families and caregivers who make up the community of people living with developmental disabilities, and their causes. Even to this day, with Kenny's untimely passing in 2008, she is still relentlessly pursuing her mission to make life better for people with Developmental Disabilities, and their families.

Mr. John McMordie was also a proud recipient of the Freedom Medal. Mr. McMordie unselfishly continues to contribute his time, effort and energy to better his community. He has worked with individuals with developmental disabilities for many years. John has also been very helpful with The Arc of Camden County Circle of Family and Friends on Fridays at the bowling ally assisting in score keeping and helping in anyway needed.

The Arc of Camden County Board of Directors Sign new Trademark License Agreement

After reviewing the agreement with national Arc at the January Board of Directors meeting, The Arc of Camden County signed on as an early adopter of the new logo and rebranding efforts at the national office of The Arc. The official launch of our new brand will be on March 1, 2011, at which time a new style guide, visual icons, tagline, and descriptor will become a part of the face of The Arc to our stakeholders and to the world. National Arc has worked very hard to recruit a significant number of chapters to be involved in the initial launch of the new brand so that the kick-off event at the National Press Club will resonate across the country. March is National Disability month, a perfect stage from which to launch our new identity. The Arc of New Jersey has formed a bridged between the national office and local chapters to help leverage publicity for the event here in New Jersey. We are excited about the energy and vitality that we think this new brand will bring to our chapters, and look forward to the strength of the connections that we expect our new identity will bring. Stay tuned for more developments as we embrace this change.

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Employee News

Welcome to the following new employees who have recently joined The Arc of Camden County: **Jennifer Ahlem**, Certified LPN Amherst G H - **Sheronne Carstarphen**, Home Health Aide, Amherst G H - **Erica Lawson**, Certified Nurse Attendant, Berlin G H - **Doreen Taylor**, Manager Chandler G H - **Shirley Dawson**, Residential Aide, Garden State G H - **Lolita Hopkins**, Residential Aide, Garden State G H - **Candance Payne**, Driver Garvin ATS - **LeTia Davis**, Residential Aide, Heathers SA - **Hasani Harrison**, Residential Aide, Heathers SA - **Cynthia Lovett-Thomas**, Supervisor, Pennsauken ATS - **Dana Horcey**, Instructor, Stratford ATS - **Serenity Martinez**, Assistant Manager, Sherwood GH.

March is our Month

March is officially Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month thanks to a 1987 Presidential proclamation in response to the advocacy efforts of The Arc, and it is just as much, if not more relevant today as it was so many years ago. To promote awareness, celebrate the contributions of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and raise the visibility of The Arc as we are set to launch our new brand identity, a new set of resources has been created to help chapters get the word out.

A lot has happened in the nearly quarter century since the 1987 proclamation. Awareness of and support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) has gone up and down depending on public opinion and current events. As a movement, we have made incredible strides forward with landmark legislation protecting the rights of people with I/DD, as well as taking steps backwards as we see budget cuts in this tight economy.

We now find ourselves at a unique moment in history when the public appears to be receptive to our message. In 2010 President Obama signed Rosa’s Law eliminating the use of outdated and derogatory terminology in federal legislation. Always ahead of the times in this field, the great State of New Jersey already purged the use of the ‘r’ word from usage in official documents. Health care reform brought in elements that benefitted people with I/DD and their families. Attitudes are shifting with more emphasis on respect through successful campaigns, such as the one to eliminate the ‘r’ word, and to discourage bullying in our schools. I/DD is represented more accurately and positively in the arts with actors who have Down Syndrome appearing in a top television show, and a major motion picture about a woman with autism recently won a Golden Globe award. In this climate of change, the Arc at the national level believes there is no better time to reassert the position of The Arc as a leader in the I/DD community with the strong collective voice of more than 700 chapters nationwide promoting and protecting the rights of people with I/DD.

Upcoming Events

The Circle of Family and Friends meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the OTC at 7:30. New members are welcome.

The Coffee House meets on the first Monday of every other month: next meeting will be on April 4th.

The 10th annual Walkathon will be held on Sunday, May 15th at Lindenwold Park..

The 3rd annual Art Show will be held on Thursday, June 16th. This year's theme is "In the Mind's Eye".


The Riley Kennedy Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, September 30th at Valleybrook Country Club.

The Circle of Family and Friends Flower Sale and Yard Sale will be held at the OTC area on Saturday, April 16th. The cost per table will be \$15.00. The time and more information to follow.

The ARC of Camden County

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*The Arc of Camden County
Circle of Family & Friends has
applications available at all times
for anyone interested in joining the
group. If you have any questions
regarding memberships please feel
free to contact: Anne Gundle
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