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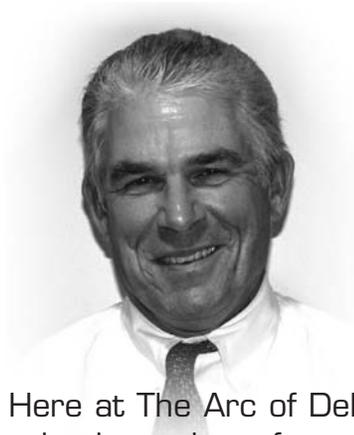
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In tribute to John Wheeler

John Wheeler was a remarkable man. He loved his family, his profession and his community. John died in March after being struck by a car while he was jogging near his home in Landenberg, PA. We all mourn his loss. John was a true community leader who served on many boards of non-profits in Delaware where he generously shared his time and his talent.

Here at The Arc of Delaware, John served three terms as our Treasurer and valued member of our Executive Board. The father of a daughter with developmental disabilities, John was especially devoted to The Arc's mission of improving and enhancing the lives of people with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Because John was an avid golfer and longtime supporter of our golf tournament, we are honored to be holding this year's tournament in tribute to John.

So, mark your calendars for Monday, August 3, 2009 for The Arc of Delaware's 17th Annual Golf Tournament. Join us for a wonderful opportunity to remember join and enjoy the great game and course that he loved. Once again, this event will take place at the beautiful Hartefeld National Golf Course.

We are looking for another full field of 144 golfers for the day, which includes lunch, snacks, various contests, as well as a cash bar, dinner, and silent auction. What a great way to enjoy the outdoors, camaraderie with friends, and support The Arc, our programs and services.

You don't golf, you say?? Not a problem, there are many opportunities to get involved in this day of fun and festivities. We welcome volunteers to help make the day a success. We need help with registration, setting up the silent auction, preparing and handing out gift bags, raffle sales, and much more.

Only have a few hours? Come and enjoy lunch at the course, and watch the golfers make their rounds. Or come for dinner and the silent auction. We expect over 150 silent auction items to bid on, including restaurant certificates, theater tickets, jewelry, and much more.

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MID-DEL CHAPTER 9TH ANNUAL RUN/WALK & ROLL

Our **9th Annual Run/Walk & Roll** was a tremendous success. With more than 100 runners, walkers and rollers and over 100 advertisers and patrons supporting us, it was truly “*a community effort.*”

Wild Quail Golf and Country Club has hosted this event for the past nine years. Starting at the pool clubhouse, our race circles the beautiful Wild Quail community and returns back to the clubhouse. Pauline Blehart, a resident of Wild Quail and a Mid-Del Arc board member, started this project nine years ago. Participation has grown over the years, including both serious athletes as well as those participating for fun to help raise pledge money. Regulars include students from the St. Thomas More Prep National Honor Society and the Caesar Rodney High School National Honor Society.

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More Than Serendipity

In May 2009, Homes For Life Foundation donated a brand new home on Foulk Road in Wilmington to The Arc of Delaware. Over the last 20 years through her fundraising efforts directly for The Arc and then through Homes for Life, Micki has given The Arc 20 houses which now provide beautiful, safe homes for 80 people with intellectual disabilities.



Micki Edelsohn, founder of Homes for Life, attributes the success of the Foundation to serendipity, noting that she was in the right place at the right time and received the support of many wonderful people. All of which is true, but serendipity is only one factor in the success of the Foundation and its extraordinary legacy in this community.

To say that Micki and her husband Lanny have worked tirelessly to improve the lives of people with intellectual disabilities would be a cliché and an understatement. Their passionate commitment set the standard for quality, safe, community based group living in Delaware.

They didn't just build houses: they created homes so that people with intellectual challenges could live full, active lives engaged in and with the communities where they live. Working together with The Arc of Delaware and other advocacy groups, Homes for Life helped break the back of institutionalization for people with disabilities in Delaware.

The Arc of Delaware is proud to support the work of The Homes for Life Foundation. We look forward to managing and maintaining this beautiful new house, a real home, offering all the possibilities of life lived well in our community

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The golf tournament is the primary fundraiser for The Arc. Its success is crucial to our continuing efforts to fund our programs and services. It attracts support from more than 200 individuals, corporations and business sponsors. However, this year, more so than ever, we need this to be a roaring/huge success. Why not join us this year and add to the fun! Contact Elaine Raign at **(302) 996-9400** or **eraign@thearcofdelaware.org** to become involved or for more information.

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We would be remiss not to mention a group that has raised more than \$2000 for the second consecutive year. Known as “*Team DeSanctis*”, they are headed up by Tony DeSanctis, a local business man who has a family member with a developmental disability. This year they had six participants in the race, with pledges coming in from more than 20 sponsors, including donors from North Carolina, Virginia, Washington D.C., and Maryland, as well as Delaware. A special “**thank you**” to this team who worked so diligently to make this event a success!

Once again, Tri-Sports Events did a fabulous job managing the race. Local businesses sponsor our event tee-shirts, which are given out to all who participate. Refreshments were provided by donations from several local businesses. Overall, we raised over \$11,000 this year. Kudos to One and All whose efforts made this such a success !!!

*Lieutenant Governor Matt Denn and
sons Adam (r) and Zachary (l)*



Beauty in the Community

JPMorgan Chase takes on rampant weeds and winter debris!

Amid the chaos of the current financial downturn, 70 employees of JPMorgan Chase recently took time out of work to help beautify community group homes owned by The Arc of Delaware. Chaos of a different sort reigned in the flower beds of 11 Arc group homes before the volunteers spent two days cleaning, mulching, planting, trimming trees and shrubs, and digging new gardens for the residents to cultivate.

It was a huge project and the volunteers attacked it with gusto and a lot of humor. Some of the groups used the event as a team building exercise and reported that it was very successful.



The Arc has benefited from generous financial support from JPMorgan Chase for many years, in particular for its housing programs. JPMorgan Chase's commitment to community support includes a model that encourages their staff to become volunteers at the agencies and organizations that the company supports. This can take many forms: board or committee membership; mentoring; community projects.

The event "Beauty within the Community" was championed internally by Judy Doody of the Partner Integration group. Judy is a force of nature herself who lobbied for JPMorgan Chase to adopt The Arc for this corporate approved event and then sought co-champions within the company to build the eight teams that eventually worked on the project. She also applied for and received a special grant so that mulch and plants could be purchased. This saved The Arc many thousands of dollars in landscaping fees. So the financial support that Chase provides is multiplied many times by the impact of a volunteer project of this magnitude.

Judy recently joined The Arc's Board of Directors and has also become involved in monitoring Arc community group homes. She embodies the goal of JPMorgan Chase to support the community both through financial donations and direct and dynamic volunteer involvement.

The Arc is very grateful for the support of JPMorgan Chase and its employees, and for the strengthening of our relationship over the years.

Left to right
Tom Angelucci
Nancy Woodall
Mark Datillo
Jen Billips
Judy Doody
Lisa Wasson
Russ McComsey
Tanya White

Got Email??

Help us get to the 21st century! Many businesses today utilize email as an efficient, and cost effective way to stay in touch with clients and members. If you have an email address, please let us know. Rest assured, we will only use it for Arc purposes, and never distribute or sell it to outsiders. Help us stay in touch with you!!!!

Call Elaine Raign at **996-9400** or better yet, email her at **eraign@thearcofdelaware.org**.

Grant Dollars at Work

Thanks to a generous grant from the Longwood Foundation, we have upgraded our PCs and software programs. What does this mean on a practical basis? It means we are now able to build an integrated database system that helps us track the requests and services we provide to clients.

Now we can easily track a client's housing, employment education, care management and advocacy needs. We can more easily access our database of members, donors, and friends. The new system enables us to easily retrieve data that is useful as we apply for outside funding and grants. And on a daily basis, staff can more quickly get the information they need to effectively perform their jobs. We are saving time and money. Much needed, and very appreciated.....

Thank you, Longwood.



Housing Information Center for Persons with Disabilities

The Arc of Delaware and the Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council recently collaborated to create a wonderful new database and website to assist individuals seeking housing information. Through the expertise of our very own Patricia Kelleher, Housing Coordinator for The Arc, this site brings together information on virtually all affordable housing options available in Delaware.

Whether you are looking for an affordable apartment, a roommate, thinking about buying your own home, or searching for other housing options in Delaware, The Arc of Delaware Housing Center can help you find the information you need to make the right choice. We can also help you find information and help from other sources such as the Developmental Disabilities Council, Delaware State Housing Authority, first time homebuyer programs, credit counseling agencies, rental assistance, mortgage assistance, home modification and home repairs.

Just log on to the website for The Arc of Delaware at **www.thearcofdelaware.org**, and click on the new Housing Center button at the top of the page. All the contact information is readily available for you at this one site. If you have any questions, or you find additional resource information that we can include in this program, please contact Patricia Kelleher. She can be reached at **pkelleher@arcde.org** or by calling our office at **(302) 996-9400**.



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Housing Center

Welcome to the Housing Information Center for Persons with Disabilities

A collaboration of the Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council and The Arc of Delaware.

This site will bring together all information on affordable housing options available in Delaware. If you know of any resources that should be included but we missed, please let me know at pkelleher@arcde.org.

There are so many different resources available I'd like to highlight something new each week. This week, we are highlighting the services provided by the Delaware State Housing Authority. Their website at www.dstatehousing.com has a wealth of information on housing for renters and homebuyers. Please follow the link and look for the information you need right on the home page. There is a great link called the Affordable and Accessible Housing Locator on the Services for Renters page. You can also apply for assisted rental housing from this page and seek information on Housing Choice vouchers (previously known as Section 8 vouchers).

Please e-mail me at pkelleher@arcde.org with any housing related questions you may have, or about using this new housing resource. If you have suggestions about information or links that should be added to the site, I would be glad to receive your feedback.

Finally if you are looking for a housemate, let me know. On this site we will have "classifieds" so that you can look for a roommate or a housemate. Lots of people are looking for someone to share their home and help pay the rent, but it's often hard to find a person who will be suitable. Our goal is help link you with someone you can live with happily.

Trish Kelleher

Which housing option is right for you?

Whether you are looking for an affordable apartment, a roommate, thinking about buying your own home, or searching for other housing options in Delaware, The Arc of Delaware Housing Center can help you find the information you need to make the right choice. We can also help you find information and help from other sources such as the Developmental Disabilities Council, Delaware State Housing Authority, first time homebuyer programs, credit counseling agencies, rental assistance, mortgage assistance, home modification and home repairs.

- Independent Residential Options
- Supervised Residential Options
- Housing Support Programs
- Other Things You Should Know

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Our Offices Have Moved.....

Come Check Out Our New Location. After 12 years at our Chestnut Run office location, The Arc moved its state headquarters to 2 South Augustine Street, Ste B., in Newport, Delaware. As you all can appreciate, moving is never a fun affair. But after nearly six months in our new offices, all the staff agrees that this change was well worth the effort.



Why? For several reasons..... Staff have individual offices, allowing for greater privacy and security. Rather than sharing meeting space with other DuPont groups, we now have two meeting areas, a smaller room for one-on-one meetings, and a larger room that easily accommodates staff meetings, Board meetings, and also serves as our lunchroom. Parking is closer and more convenient to the building.

We have our own identity. Rather than being immersed in the DuPont Chestnut Run facility, we now have our own building, easily identified and recognized as The Arc's office. We saved thousands of dollars in rent. We have upgraded our PCs and computer equipment to provide staff with the tools to more efficiently perform their jobs. We hope you will stop by and visit us at our new location, and perhaps have a cup of coffee with us. We think you will be proud of all the upgrades and improvements we have made.

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