Dear Friends of The Arc:

The year 2016 was very eventful for The Arc of Delaware, our mission, programs and services.

The Arc of Delaware had the opportunity to create new services through the Division of Developmental Disability Services’ (DDDS) Non-Facility Day Habilitation program. We also now serve younger persons age 14 - 25 with new funding through Pathways to Employment. The Arc is also extremely excited that the new DDDS Lifestyle Waiver Amendment scheduled to begin on or around July 1, 2017 will include modest funding for some important, long-awaited new family support services. These services will include respite care, in-home supports, behavioral consultation, nurse consultation and environmental (accessibility) modifications for persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) living at home with their families.

In late 2016 The Arc of Delaware began construction on our long-awaited new Suffolk Boulevard home in Bear, Delaware. This home will serve four persons with complex needs, including two women currently residing on the grounds of Stockley Center. We anticipate the home, will be opening by or before June 1, 2017. We believe this home sets a new standard for functionality, accessibility and Universal Design in small group homes within the state of Delaware. We appreciate the support from the state, DDDS and our many, many community partners for their funding, grants, and other contributions to this home.

Like the state of Delaware and our nation, The Arc of Delaware is also facing some serious and escalating financial challenges. We are particularly burdened by a funding deficit in our 27 HUD 811 homes within our housing partnership with the state Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) and DDDS. These losses have been created primarily by state decisions to reduce the number of persons served in these homes, and by vacancies. We are engaged in discussions with DHSS and DDDS and working to resolve this crucial issue.

We also continue to be alarmed and concerned by the critical impact on all services to adults with I/DD, which we see resulting from the long-standing, 25% (and growing) DDDS provider funding deficit. The Arc continues to actively work with other advocacy groups, the Ability Network of Delaware (A.N.D.), key legislators and others to advocate for providers to receive this essential funding.

Clearly, the persons we serve, state officials, legislators, advocates and providers must actively collaborate in unprecedented ways to meet these growing challenges. It is only through our combined strength and passion that we will be able to continue to preserve and promote the choices, rights, services and opportunities in our communities, which all persons of all abilities deserve.

In closing, I want to thank our board of directors, volunteers, members, employees and donors for honoring The Arc of Delaware and our mission.

Suffolk Boulevard
2016 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

INCOME
Rental Income $2,377,173 -78%
Management Fee Income $219,642 -7%
Contributions $177,676 - 6%
Federal and State Grants $123,850 -4%
Special Events (net) $66,995 -2%
United Way $54,839 -2%
Other Sources $43,206 -1%
Membership Dues $3,100 - <1%
TOTAL $3,066,481

EXPENSES
Program Services $2,911,373 -93%
Management & General $222,369 -7%
Fundraising $3,278 -<1%
TOTAL $3,137,020

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