

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK WITH GUEST WRITER - KYLE SCHRAMP

With the recent news of United Healthcare (UHC) exiting the Iowa market, 70% of individuals served will be forced to change to a new Managed Care Organization (MCO). Both The Department of Human Services and UHC have their own versions of what prompted the departure, but in the end why isn't the issue. What is at stake is vulnerable Iowans who have already been tossed back and forth between MCOs.



When privatized Medicaid was rolled out in April of 2016, The Department of Human Services was in compliance with the requirement set forth by the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services, to have three MCO choices for members. In the three years since, members have only had two choices the majority of that time. In December of 2017 when AmeriHealth departed, it was because they could no longer afford the losses incurred. That left members with two choices; UHC and Amerigroup. The plan was to split members evenly between the two MCOs. Amerigroup then determined they were not in a position to take on any more members, forcing all AmeriHealth members to UHC resulting in 70% of members being served by one MCO. UHC's withdrawal from the Iowa market affects a large number of people, who will have to spend large amounts of time figuring out implications to the continuance of critical medications, adaptive equipment needs, provider networks, not to mention building new relationships with their case managers.

The state has secured a contract with Iowa Total Care effective 7/1/19. This would have brought the state back into compliance by having three MCOs options for members. Many members received a mailing in the last week or two that included UHC as an option. That mailing is now obsolete and a new mailing will be forthcoming. The exact transition plans for UHC are unclear at this time. It has been over a year and a half since the required three MCO options have been available and it looks as though that might continue to be the norm.

We hope that we can be a constant during this time of turmoil and make sure that the services you have come to rely on are not impacted. Please reach out and we will do our best to answer any questions we can. As we learn more we will do our best to keep you informed. Hang on, the road ahead is bumpy, but together we will navigate the detour.

Sincerely,
Kyle Schramp
Sr Operations Director

THE ARC MARCH WAS A SUCCESS!

THANK YOU to everyone who participated, raised money, or donated to the 2019 Arc March. It is because of your hard work and your belief in the mission of The Arc, that this event continues to be a great success each year!



We also want to say **CONGRATULATIONS** to our top fundraisers!

- 1st Place: Team Amy Rettenmeier
- 2nd Place: Team Emma Wilkinson
- 3rd Place: Team Charlea Johnson

and not far behind was...

Team Larin Krautbauer, Team Aaliyah Moore, & Team Cam Kinder

We still have some extra shirts available for purchase!

Stop by the The Arc office to see what's available.

\$15.00 for adult sizes & \$10.00 for youth sizes.

All sales go towards the 2019 Arc March.

SUMMER JOB OPENINGS

WE NEED STAFF! We are looking for employees for our Daycare Enrichment Program and Summer Day Program this summer. Shifts are Monday - Friday ending at 6:30 pm at the latest (depending on setting). No weekends, holidays, or nights! Beginning pay rate of \$10.15/hour plus opportunities for advancement. We offer paid training and flexible scheduling. Great opportunity for college students looking to gain experience in the Human Services field or educators seeking summer employment.



Please contact Human Resources at 319-365-0487 ext. 1054 or HumanResources@arceci.org for more information. Applications are available [here](#) or at The Arc offices: 680 2nd Street SE, Suite 200 Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401.

PROJECT SEARCH IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Arc is accepting applications for the next Project SEARCH group which will begin in September 2019. Project SEARCH is an employment training program for young adults ages 18-30 who have graduated high school (or the equivalent) with an intellectual or related disability. It is located at UnityPoint Health - St. Luke's Hospital. Please click on the button below for an application and if you have any questions please contact Stephanie Beary at sbeary@arceci.org.



[PROJECT SEARCH APPLICATION](#)

SPRING FLING DANCE

Sunday, April 14th
2:00 - 4:00 pm

Elk's Lodge
801 33rd Ave. SW | Cedar Rapids
\$5.00 per person



Spring is in the air! Please join us at the Elk's Lodge for the Annual Spring Fling Dance. There will be a DJ playing all your requests, so make sure to dust off your dancin' shoes cause it's time to boogie down!

~ Refreshments will be served ~ No RSVP needed

2019 TOGETHER WE CAN CONFERENCE

Saturday, May 4th

Varied Industries Conference Center
Iowa State Fairgrounds
Des Moines

A full day of learning and networking opportunities focused on helping to meet the lifelong needs of people with disabilities across the state!

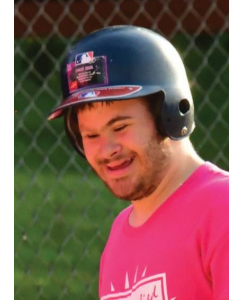


[CONFERENCE FLYER](#)

SIGN UP TO PLAY UNIFIED SOFTBALL

Games:
Tuesday Evenings
June 4th - July 23rd at Ellis Park

Sign up to play for The Arc Angels, The Arc Aces, or The Arc Astros! No experience is necessary, just team spirit and a willingness to have fun. Each player is required to have a "peer partner" who can assist them on the field, as a coach, or in other areas as needed. Players and partners must be at least 15 years of age.



Registration is \$10.00 which includes a team t-shirt. Additional t-shirts are available for only \$10.00 each. **Forms are due no later than May 6th. This years' color is Yellow!**

REGISTRATION FORM

RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED

As we prepare for our Annual Raffle Fundraiser we are seeking donations. Donations can be in the form of items, money, gift cards, services, trips, etc. If you, someone you know, or you know of a business that would like to donate something, please contact Lexi at lcoberly@arceci.org or 319-365-0487 ext. 1024.



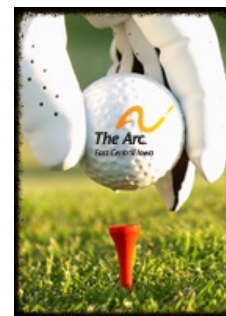
All raffle item donations are welcome and greatly appreciated!

THE ARC'S ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTER TODAY!

**Thursday, June 13th
12:30 pm - Shotgun Start**

Hunter's Ridge Golf Course in Marion

Please join us for a wonderful day of golfing as we golf for a cause in helping those with disabilities in our community realize their dreams. For details or to register - please download this years' [registration brochure](#).



Entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, and dinner from Outback Steakhouse. On-course competitions include hole-in-one, putting green, and flag events.

***Registration deadline is June 4th.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

REGISTRATION FORM

SUMMER DAY PROGRAMS

The Arc has various summer programs for your child and teen to participate in. Sign up for summer programming has begun for all sites.

Check out this year's [Summer Programming Opportunities Flyer](#) for details.



THE VALUE OF VOLUNTEERS - APRIL IS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

Non-profits would not exist if it were not for volunteers. Volunteers play a vital role in the success of the organization by providing their time, talent and voice. They allow us to better serve our clients and are advocates within the community raising greater awareness of our mission.



Some of the ways volunteers make a difference include:

- **Fundraising** - two of our largest fundraisers, The Arc March and Wrapping for a Cause, are both events that achieve success because of loyal volunteers. Without the hundreds of volunteers that wrap gifts and do peer to peer fundraising these events would not be sustainable.
- **Administrative** - although a smaller group of volunteers, they provide much needed support to keep filing current and to assist with programming.
- **Governance** - volunteers who serve on board of directors or committees provide invaluable oversight on matters such as policy making, financial review, and program results. This group of volunteers is made up of community leaders who lend their expertise to The Arc to ensure our operations are intact and sustainable.
- **Legislation** - all voices matter and we are thankful for those who stand up for legislation that makes life better for those who can't speak for themselves.

To all of you who have unselfishly given of yourself to help us in our mission to serve those in our community with disabilities, we are indebted to your generosity. Thank you for your gifts to help us be the best we can be, so others can be their best.

No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another. Thank you.

~Author Unknown

WELCOME MONIKA

Hello, I'm Monika Jacobsen, the new Service & Support Coordinator. I enjoy being with my family and have a young daughter. I enjoy working to help others succeed. The spring and summer are my favorite times of year because we enjoy camping.



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help us support those
with disabilities in
our community.



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