

## \* From The Director's Desk \*

I want to start off by saying THANK YOU to the many people I have met during my first month as the Executive Director of The Arc. You have all been so kind and informative. One of the things that has stood out to me is the giving nature of all our supporters. A good example is our Wrapping For A Cause fundraiser. Although this month long event is in its 14<sup>th</sup> year, it is a new event for me. I was amazed to learn that it takes nearly 900 volunteer hours to make this event a success! And it would not be possible without the continued support of Veridian Credit Union. Your willingness to work together with The Arc for the betterment of our consumers, families, and our community is one of our most valuable resources. Especially during this busy holiday season, your spirit of giving of oneself- taking time from your own lives to help make a difference- warms my heart. Even the smallest act of caring has the ability to change a life. So whether you volunteer on our Board of Directors, at our many events during the year, or in our office, I thank you for sharing your time, your skills, and most importantly your heart. You have my deepest gratitude. If you are interested in volunteering please feel free to contact Lexi, our Volunteer Coordinator at [lcoberly@arceci.org](mailto:lcoberly@arceci.org), or call (319) 365-0487 ext. 1024. May your holidays be filled with peace, joy and laughter.



Sincerely,  
Anne Armknecht  
Executive Director

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## Holiday Schedule

The Arc offices will be closed the following days for the upcoming holidays.

### Christmas

December 25th & 26th

### New Years

January 1st & 2nd

**\* The Arc Daycare WILL BE OPEN January 2nd.**

We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season!



## Save the Date!

21st Annual  
Arc March  
March 17th, 2018  
Lindale Mall



"The Gift of a Friend"... our 2017 Annual Campaign only has a few weeks left. Be sure to check out this year's [Campaign Video](#) and [Story](#). The Arc has helped so many individuals and families over the years in so many ways. We rely on support from you to help us accomplish this mission. As you think about giving your final donations of the year please consider a tax deductible donation to our "The Gift of a Friend" campaign.

**DONATE NOW**



**December 1st - 24th  
Lindale Mall Food Court  
Open daily at 11:00 am**

Wrapping for a Cause, sponsored by [Veridian Credit Union](#), is up and running! No matter where you shopped, online or in a store, stop by and see us with all of your Christmas gifts and let us wrap them for you! We accept cash, check, and credit cards!

Help us spread the word. Let everyone you know about our wrapping booth and help us raise more money than ever before!

1. [Download and print this flyer](#) to hang at work, church, or other boards.
2. Share our [Wrapping for a Cause's Facebook event page](#).
3. Tell friends, family, co-workers, neighbors.... tell everyone you know!



As you're doing your holiday shopping don't forget to use [Amazon Smile](#). Make sure to designate **The Arc of East Central Iowa** as your charity and a portion of your sales will come back to benefit us! Go to: <https://smile.amazon.com/>



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