Summer is a special and very busy time at The Arc of East Central Iowa. Staff work very hard to prepare for summer programs that help provide care for our consumers while school is not in session. This is but one of the many vital programs provided by The Arc that families have come to depend on over the years. It allows their loved ones to remain active, spend time with friends and allows caregivers to maintain their careers without interruption. As we look outside and see the faces of those playing with balls, swings, bikes, games, toys and going out into the community on field trips, we know all the work is well worth it.

In July we will participate in two great advocacy events; we will once again host Journey of Hope; a group of young men who ride their bicycles across the country to raise awareness for those with disabilities. We will be hosting them on Tuesday, July 18th at Ellis Park as they help to cheer on our three Arc softball teams. Please join us for what promises to be a fun evening. July 29th will be ADA night at Veteran's Memorial Stadium. Tickets will be available here at the Arc beginning the week of June 19th. Watch your email for more details.

I hope you will find time in your busy schedule to carve out time to spend with family and friends. We are lucky to be in such a vibrant community with so much to offer. Say yes to the ice cream truck, play in the sprinklers, participate in the Freedom Festival, go on a picnic or whatever makes you and yours smile.

Savor the memories,
Kyle Schramp
Interim Executive Director

* Get Your Raffle Tickets! *

Make sure to stop by The Arc to purchase your raffle tickets by June 22nd for your chance to win one of our great prize packages. All proceeds from the raffle stay here and benefit The Arc! We have some great prize packages this year... check them out!

**Prize Packages Include:**

- *Notre Dame Football Package* - Tickets to a Notre Dame game, & Gas card
- *Kansas City Getaway* - Tickets to a Royals game, Gas card, Tickets to the zoo, & Hotel stay
- *Chicago Getaway* - Tickets to the Shedd Aquarium, Tickets to Navy Pier, Gas card
- *Kid Crazy Package* - Passes to the Children's Museum, Pass to Prestige Dance Studio, Passes to AirFx, Passes to the Playstation
- *Omaha Getaway* - Tickets to the zoo, Passes to Lauritzen Gardens, Gas card

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**Welcome to The Arc!**

Hi my name is Krista Sigel and I am the new Service Center Coordinator. I just moved back to Iowa to be closer to family and am very excited to be working at The Arc. I'm excited to do and plan lots of fun summer activities with everyone!!
* Adult Staycation - Tickets to TCR, Ochrestra Iowa goodie bag with tickets, Riverside Theatre tickets, Hotel stay ... plus more!

$3.00 each | 4 - $10 | 10 - $20 | 25 - $40 | 40 - $60 | 100 - $100

Drawing is Friday, June 23rd, 2017 - Need not be present to win!

* John Deere Classic - Birdies for Charity *

This year we are a participating charity!

The John Deere Classic is one of the biggest golf tournaments of the year. Whether you can make it to the tournament or not there is still a way you can join in all the fun. Chip in for your chance to win some great prizes while helping out your favorite charity, The Arc! We receive every single penny of your donation plus their 5% - 10% bonus!

Simply make a one-time flat donation OR pledge one cent or more per birdie. After the tournament, you'll be mailed a notice of your pledge amount due.

Please see the brochure for more details and your pledge card! Birdies for Charity Brochure & Pledge Card or go online to make your pledge. (Bird Number 1459)

Please contact Lexi at lcoberly@arceci.org or 319-365-0487 ext. 1024 for questions.

* Guardianships & Conservatorships Workshop*

If you missed the last one, here's another chance to attend this workshop!

Monday, July 31st
6:30 - 7:30 pm
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Christian Ed Building
201 N Ford Street | Anamosa, IA

Please join us in Anamosa as David Wenzel, an attorney from Lynch Dallas, P.C., covers the basics of guardianships and conservatorships and how to go about the process.
Part of the Family & Community Workshop Series.

Please RSVP by July 26th to Bailey at bfreese@arceci.org or 319-365-0487 ext. 1001.
Space is limited.

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* Come Watch Us Play! *

Come out and cheer on our Unified Softball Teams: The Arc Angels, The Arc Aces, & The Arc Astros!

Games are held on Tuesday evenings from May 30th through July 25th and will be held at Ellis Park in Cedar Rapids.

Click here to download a game schedule.

For questions, please contact Derek at dxayasouk@arceci.org or 319-365-0487 ext. 1056.

* Project SEARCH Accepting Applications *

The Arc is accepting applications for the next Project SEARCH group which will begin in September 2017.

Project SEARCH is an employment training program for young adults with intellectual and related disabilities. It is located at UnityPoint Health - St. Luke’s Hospital.

If you would like further information, please contact Nancy Rife at (319) 365-0487 ext. 1063 or nrife@arceci.org.