

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

This spring has been marked by so many "Warms My Heart" moments. You know those moments, when you see, hear or experience something where you can almost feel your heart growing. Or even a tear of happiness fills your eyes. A good example of this was the Project Search Graduation ceremony. After 9 long months of classroom instruction and internships throughout UnityPoint - St. Luke's Hospital eleven wonderful people earned their certificate. During the ceremony they each spoke about their experiences, what they liked best, what they learned, and a couple relayed that they would be glad to be able to finally sleep in! One intern had at least ten family members present, who cheered loudly. They were all so proud. Seeing these successes first hand and their family support warmed my heart. And then to find out a week later that one intern had already been hired for a full time job? Pure joy...



Another one of these moments came during this year's 28th Annual Golf Tournament. Months of planning goes into this event. But the one thing we couldn't control was the weather, and oh my did it rain! We had 21 golf teams waiting for hours, not knowing if they would even be able to get on the course. After about a 2 hour wait they were able to get on the course for 9 holes. I didn't hear one single complaint. To the contrary, people were socializing, laughing and making the best of the situation. Everyone there knew why they chose to be there- not to just play golf, but to support The Arc and the people we are here to serve.

A final warm your heart moment came just last week. A mom and her child were coming to our all day Daycare. As they held hands coming to the building he was literally dragging her along behind him, saying Arc, Arc, Arc over and over again. His excitement to be here was clear and his mom was smiling all the way. It is easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of life. To focus on what went wrong and our challenges. What warms my heart the most is being able to experience on a daily basis these warm your heart moments at The Arc of East Central Iowa. It is wonderful to know that our work and the work of those who support us make a positive difference in the lives of so many. I hope your summer is filled with many warm your heart moments. And you are able to capture the joys in life that are all around us if we look.

Sincerely,
Anne Armknecht, MBA HC
Executive Director

ONLY A COUPLE DAYS LEFT TO GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS

Make sure to stop by The Arc, speak to an administrative staff member, or connect with one of our board members to purchase your raffle tickets by **Thursday, June 21st at 4:30**

PM for your chance to win one of our great prize packages. All proceeds from the raffle 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 & Visa Gift Card
 - * **Kansas City Getaway** - Tickets to a Royals Game, Tickets to the Zoo, & Hotel Stay
 - * **Chicago Getaway** - Tickets to the Shedd Aquarium & Hotel Stay
 - * **Kid Fun Package** - Passes to the Iowa Children's Museum, Prestige Dance Studio Punch Card, Passes to AirFx, Passes to the Playstation, & Monster Jam Tickets
 - * **Omaha Getaway** - Tickets to the Zoo, Passes to the Children's Museum, Passes to Lauritzen Gardens, Passes to the Durham Museum & Passes to the Joslyn Art Museum
 - * **Des Moines Getaway** - Passes to Botanical Garden, Hotel Stay, Cheesecake Factory Gift Card, Iowa Cubs Tickets, Passes to the Blank Park Zoo
 - * **Sports Lovers Package** - John Deere Classic Tickets, Scheels Gift Card, UNI Football Game Tickets, Autograph Pictures, Coin, Football, Baseball
 - * **Explore Cedar Rapids** - Tickets to a Cedar Rapids Kernels Game, Riley's Certificate, Hotel Stay, Passes to Museum of Art, Zio Johnos Certificate
- ... plus more packages like.... *Casino Time, *Home & Me, *Eastern Iowa Family Fun, *Wisconsin Getaway, *See The Arts, *Minneapolis Getaway, *Iowa State Football*

\$3.00 each | 4 - \$10 | 10 - \$20 | 25 - \$40 | 40 - \$60 | 100 - \$100
Drawing is Friday, June 22nd, 2018 - Need not be present to win!

JOHN DEERE CLASSIC - BIRDIES FOR 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.

2018 GOLF FOR A CAUSE

Thank you to all the wonderful golfers, volunteers, donors, sponsors, and staff that helped make this years' 2018 Annual Golf Tournament such a success! Even though mother nature gave us a little delay, we still had a great time and appreciate everyone who participated! Special thanks to [Hunter's Ridge](#) for being so accommodating and getting us out onto the course as fast as possible, [Outback Steakhouse](#) for a wonderful meal, [Iowa Brewing Company](#) & [Thew Brewing](#) for handing out some tasty samples.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018 PROJECT SEARCH GRADUATES

Another exciting and successful year of Project SEARCH is complete! Congratulations to this years' eleven graduates. Best of luck to each and every one of you as you continue to grow and succeed each and every day!



Congratulations!

DANCE PARTY ON THE PATIO WITH JOURNEY OF HOPE

Tuesday, July 17th
6:00 - 8:00 pm

\$5.00 admission fee

Come hang out with the guys from Journey of Hope!

Have some fun with them and your friends dancing to some rockin' music on The Arc's patio.
(680 2nd Street SE | Cedar Rapids)



No need to RSVP... just show up!

COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR ARC SOFTBALL TEAMS

Looking for something to do on Tuesday evenings this summer? Come cheer on our three wonderful unified softball teams as they have fun playing ball!

The Arc Angels
The Arc Aces
The Arc Astros



Games will be held on Tuesday evenings from June 5th through July 24th and will be held at Ellis Park in Cedar Rapids.

[2018 Softball Schedule](#)

THE ARC NIGHT AT THE KERNELS

Saturday, July 28th at 6:35 pm

(Gates open at 5:30 pm)

Tickets can be purchased at The Arc's main office
(680 2nd Street SE)
Monday - Friday | 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.



Tickets purchased by Monday, July 23rd are \$6.00 each.

*After July 23rd you must purchase tickets directly from the Kernels for full price.
Children 3 and under do not require a ticket as long as they sit on a lap.*

Stay after the game for the fireworks show!

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