

* From The Director's Desk *

The Arc of East Central Iowa was just announced as a 2017 Torch Award Winner! The Torch Awards for Ethics (Torch Award) honors companies whose leaders demonstrate a high level of personal character and ensure that the organization's practices meet the highest standards of ethics, and consequently generate trust. Torch Award winning companies generate a high level of trust among their employees, customers and their communities. The award embodies the Better Business Bureau® (BBB) mission of advancing marketplace trust. The Torch Award is open to for-profit, 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(6) non-profit organizations of all sizes physically located within sponsoring BBB service areas annually. 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations have to complete the BBB Charitable Standards Evaluation process, and currently meet all BBB Standards for Charity Accountability. Entries were evaluated by an independent, voluntary panel of judges comprised of business and community leaders. Written submission included examples, stories, and documents that provided a robust and accurate description of the organization's culture. Criteria for selection are based on the six Principles of TRUST!, established by BBB.



In December 2016, The Arc of East Central Iowa became BBB accredited. This means BBB has determined that The Arc of East Central Iowa met accreditation standards, which included a commitment to make a good faith effort to resolve any consumer complaints. BBB accredited businesses are monitoring for continued compliance and for support of BBB services to the public.

The Arc of East Central Iowa will be honored BBB's Annual Torch Awards Luncheon on, Thursday, April 20th at the Downtown Marriott located at 700 Grand Avenue in Des Moines. Four businesses, two not-for-profit and five high school seniors will be awarded the Torch Award in a memorable and inspirational program.

David Thielen
Executive Director

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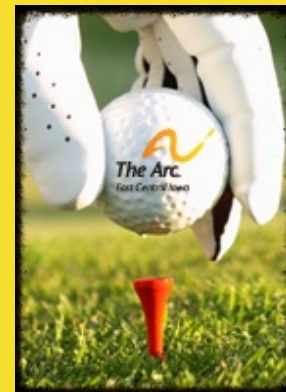
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* Save the Date! *



**27th Annual
Golf Tournament**

**Thursday,
June 15th, 2017**

**Hunter's Ridge
Golf Course**
Marion, Iowa
Tee time - 12:30 pm



20th Annual Arc March
March 25th, 2017
Lindale Mall

Walk with me *Celebrating the **abilities** in all of us!*

Join Us!

Saturday, March 25th
Lindale Mall Food Court

8:00 am | T-Shirt pick-up - Breakfast - Entertainment
9:30 am | Walk begins

Continue to promote your Arc March fundraising page as we work together to raise awareness for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**Consumer
Marketplace**

Compete for your chance to earn one of these great prizes.*
Raise \$1,000 - individuals raising \$1,000 or more will receive an Arc logo'd Bluetooth Speaker

Top Three Fundraisers:

- 1st Place** - Samsung 32" LED Smart HDTV with a Blu-ray Home Theater System and a hand-crafted Arc Afghan
- 2nd Place** - Amazon Echo with a Amazon Gift Card and a hand-crafted Arc Afghan
- 3rd Place** - Keurig K250 Brewing Package

*Prize winners will be based on data entered online as of 12:00am, CST on Saturday, March 25th.

Together we can celebrate the abilities in all of us!



*** 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.

*** Summer Job Openings ***

We are looking for employees for our Daycare Enrichment Program and Summer Day Program. Shifts are Monday - Friday ending at 6:30 pm at the latest (depending on setting). No weekends, holidays, or nights! Beginning pay rate of \$9.90/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.

*** 12th Annual Easter Egg Hunt ***



Saturday, April 8th

Regis Middle School

735 Prairie Dr. NE | Cedar Rapids

10:00 am - Activities

11:00 am - Egg Hunt

For consumers ages 21 and under and their siblings up to age 10.

Join us rain, snow, or shine!

In case of inclement weather, activities will be held inside.

Activities Include: Arts & Crafts, Games, Prizes,

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and a visit from the Easter Bunny!

Please RSVP by March 31st to Lexi at lcoberly@arceci.org
or 319-365-0487 ext. 1024.

* Get Registered For Unified Softball *

Play for The Arc Angels or The Arc Aces

No experience is necessary, just team spirit and a willingness to have fun. Find a "peer partner" and *LET'S PLAY BALL!*

(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.



Games will be held on Tuesday evenings from May 30th through July 18th and will be held at Ellis Park in Cedar Rapids.

[Click here for a Registration Form!](#)

*** Forms MUST be returned no later than May 1st. ***

Registration is \$10.00 which includes a team t-shirt. Additional t-shirts are available for only \$10.00 each.

This years' color is Spring Green!

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

* Welcome Ashton Wilson *



I graduated from Coe College in 2009 with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology. After College I started working as an Educational Associate in the Linn-Mar School district. While with the school, I discovered my real passion was making a difference in the lives of those with disabilities. After seven years with the school district, I decided it was time to make a career change and I am so excited for my new position. Some of my interest are watching sports (Iowa Hawkeyes), spending time with family and friends, and traveling whenever I can.

* Welcome Derek Xayasouk *

Hi, I am the new Community Integration Coordinator. I have previously worked at The Arc with individuals 1-on-1 and look forward to this opportunity with The Arc's Day Hab program. If I'm not working or occupied with other obligations, you can usually find me near a body of water with a rod and reel in my hand. I am excited to be back at The Arc and look forward to being a part of the of The Arc family again!

