Thank you... Leadership for Five Season Youth Class. This group of high school individuals went through many months of learning more about community and how to become a leader in it. At the end of it, they were tasked with finding a non-profit to help. Lucky us, they chose The Arc. Boy did this group spoil us! They came in with bags and boxes of so many items for our daycare. Items such as juice, zip lock bags, toys, books, animal crackers and so much more! The kids in our daycare LOVED all their new goodies, and more than that we all loved and appreciated their support.

This year’s Easter Egg Hunt was made entirely possible by some very generous individuals and organizations. We had 138 kids (a new record) participate in a morning full of activities, a visit from the bunny and of course the egg hunt. Without the help of over 35 volunteers this morning wouldn’t be possible. Organizations such as Ryan Companies, Prairie High School Key Club, Cedar Rapids Jaycees, Wilson Middle School Youth group, Thriverant Financial with Teressa Hackenmiller and numerous other individuals were there to volunteer. Not only did they come in to volunteer and help us have fun, the Cedar Rapids Jaycees even brought prizes with them for the kids to win! All these generous individuals gave our consumers a morning to remember!

Brady Lowe, a current Project SEARCH participant, just signed his employment letter for his dream job! Ever since working in the cafeteria at Oak Ridge Middle School he has wanted to work in food service. After his Project SEARCH rotation, Brady will become a permanent Food Service Aide at UnityPoint Health - St. Luke’s Hospital. Congratulations Brady!

Haylea Petrie, a current Project SEARCH participant, was the first out of her class of Project SEARCH participants to get a job and the first to get hired in Dietary from all three classes. Haylea began work as a Food Service Aide - Dining Services at UnityPoint Health - St. Luke’s Hospital on April 26th. “I am excited to have job in dietary. I love the people and the variety of jobs I get to do. I also enjoy the fact that I am now getting a paycheck!”
From the Director’s Desk

With Spring weather settling in, we shift our focus to being outside and enjoying time with family and friends. The rebirth of all things in the Spring is a gift of nature and the silver lining to making it through winter. Our two springtime events were met with great success because of the many wonderful individuals and businesses who share our belief that individuals with disabilities should live active and productive lives in their communities. The Arc March reached a new milestone this year and the Easter Egg Hunt had its largest turnout ever. Look for more details of these events in this edition. We turn our focus now to our Annual Golf Tournament and our raffle. We welcome you to join us at Hunters Ridge on June 15th for a round of golf followed by a fabulous dinner courtesy of our friends at Outback Steakhouse.

On April 1st we achieved a milestone with our online documentation system. All services are now implemented and we have said goodbye to the last of the paper service documentation. This brings about great efficiencies downstream in billing and remittance processing as well. A huge thanks to our staff who all played a role in making this possible.

On April 12th we concluded a three day CARF survey required for accreditation of Project SEARCH, Day Habilitation and Supported Employment. Feedback from the surveyors was very complimentary of the agency overall, the knowledge of our board members, and the programs being surveyed. We expect to receive official word of our three year accreditation shortly.

On Thursday, April 20th The Arc was recognized as a winner of the Better Business Bureau’s Torch Award. This award represents organizations who encourage and support ethical business practices. Being a recipient indicates that The Arc not only believes in the high standards promoted by the BBB, but also consistently acts on them and continuously integrates them into daily practices. We are honored to have been given this recognition by the BBB in 2013 and again this year. This is a reflection of our staff doing the right things for the right reason.

As the interim director, I am honored to share this space with you for this edition of our Challenger. Our search committee is in the process of hiring a new Executive Director. The position has been posted on job boards nationally to find the best candidate to continue the legacy of The Arc of East Central Iowa. We’ll keep you posted on our progress. In the interim it is my privilege to provide oversight to assure our mission remains our top priority.

Enjoy your spring,

Kyle Schramp
Interim Executive Director
20th Annual Arc March

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Achieve With Us

Ice Cream Social & Family Fun Night
All friends and families of The Arc are invited to join us for free ice cream, treats, entertainment, & fun for all! Sponsored by the Staff & Congregation of St. Mark’s Lutheran Church.

Wednesday, June 14th
6:30 - 8:00 pm
St. Mark’s Lutheran Church
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Please RSVP to Derek by June 5th at dxayasouk@arceci.org or 319-365-0487 ext. 1056.

Annual Raffle
Support The Arc and YOU could be a winner!

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Drawing to be held June 23rd. Need not be present to win.

Save the Date for these Upcoming Events!

• Z102.9 Mug Club Night •
  Friday, July 21st

• Arc Night at the Kernels •
  Saturday, July 29th

• Sundae Fun Day •
  Sunday, September 17th

• Annual Meeting & Awards Night •
  Monday, September 25th

John Deere Classic
Birdies for Charity

This year we are a participating charity!

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 stop in for a brochure and your pledge card or go online to our Events page at www.arceci.org to download or make your pledge. (Bird Number 1459)

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

Arc Unified Softball

Come cheer on our players!

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

Games start at either 6:00, 7:00, or 8:00 pm.
Complete schedule will be posted to www.arceci.org once released.

Project SEARCH
Sign Up Today!

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.
Volunteers  Hours - 411

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Thank you for all of your continued generous contributions to The Arc. We will continue to recognize volunteers, donations and members in the quarterly editions of The Challenger newsletter. February - April 2017
Consumer Spotlight

Amir Brown
Hi, my name is Amir. I'm 21 years old and live in Cedar Rapids. I have three siblings; Britt (33), Jenna (25), & Jay (16). I love my dog, Lilly! She is a shitzu and is 5½. I collect Hot Wheels, love anime videos, and have many awards for volunteering.

My Favorite Arc Activity: I like to go to the Kernels Getaways. I like to eat peanuts there!

My Favorite Arc Memory: I used to deliver TidBits when I went to Dayhab! That was my favorite.

My Favorite Outside Activity: I like to deliver Meals on Wheels

My Favorite Hobby: I enjoy playing video games.

My Favorite Food: My favorite food is MCDONALDS!

Frozen Fruit Pops

• Servings: 4
• Serving Size: 1 pop

Ingredients:
• 1/3 cup diced kiwi
• 1/3 cup diced watermelon
• 1/3 cup diced strawberries
• 1/3 cup diced pineapple
• 1/4 cup fresh pineapple juice or orange juice

Directions:
Combine diced fruit in a bowl and fill each 5 oz cup with fruit. Add 1 tbsp of juice and insert craft sticks into each cup. They easily stay in place because of all the fruit. Place in the freezer a few hours until firm. To remove the pops from the cups, run under warm water a few seconds.

Enjoy!

Wish List

From every day items to special requests. We are always in need of items to keep our office and programs running. Donations can be dropped off at The Arc’s main office anytime. Thank you for your support!

Kitchen Needs
Paper Towels
Ziploc Bags (Gallon & Sandwich Size)
Plastic Spoons & Forks

Snack/Cooking Activity Items
100% Juice
Snack Crackers (Graham, Animal)
Granola Bars
Cake Pans
Blender
Aprons
Knife set

General Supplies
Laundry Detergent (HE type only)
Baby Wipes
Dish Soap
Hand Sanitizer, Soap, Soap Refills
Spray Bottles
Kleenex
Broom/Dust Pan (4)

Office Supplies
Copy Paper (8.5” x 11”)
Post-It Notes

Program Needs
Batteries (AA, C and D)
Coloring/Activity Books
Jewelry Making Kits
DVD Games (i.e. Family Feud)
CDs (Kid Music, Nursery Rhymes)
Electronic Handheld Games
Hot Potato | Sequence | Boggle
Wii Games (Interactive/Body Moving Games/Karaoke)
Karaoke CDs (w/vocals) | Microphone
Bean Bag Chairs
Legos (Ages 8+)
Lincoln Logs, Tinker Toys
Whiffle Ball & Bat Set
Dramatic Play Sets - Kitchen, Grocery Store, Tools, etc.
Air Mattress (Twin)
Ipad/Android Tablet
Bingo Prizes (Assortment)
Tennis Racquets (Used)
Youth Life Jackets
Bubbles
Dress Up Clothes (Various Sizes)
Sensory Items (Water Tubes, Soft Plastic Gel Filled Shapes)
Pool Floaties
Water Shooters For The Pool
Books on CD For Kids
Weighted Blankets
Wagon
Newer DVDs (G or PG)
Hair dryers
Paint For Crafts

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

Memorial Day  Monday, May 29th
4th of July  Tuesday, July 4th
Labor Day  Monday, September 4th

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