

The United Arc

April 2019 Newsletter

A Note from the Executive Director

Thank you to all of the wonderful musicians who donated their time and their talent at the Open Up and Achieve With Us benefit concert on February 28th. Everyone who attended the concert thoroughly enjoyed the music and the chance to support the individuals and the families we serve. The concert was a great success thanks to Shawn Garland, Falltown String Band, Scotty Kuzmesus, Terry Mckeon, Heath Lewis, Danny Hescocock, and Don LaCoy!

Additionally, this year the Knights of Columbus, Council #133, are partnering with The United Arc for their 6th Annual Charity Golf Tournament. It will be held at the Crumpin-Fox Club in Bernardston, MA, which continues to be recognized as one of the best courses to play in New England, on Friday, May 31. We hope to make this the most successful Golf Tournament ever!

Thanks Knights of Columbus, Council #133, for selecting us as your tournament partner!

Lynne Marie Bielecki, Executive Director

**Showcasing
Talents & Pursuits
Turners Falls
Open House**

**April 11, 2019
5:00 - 7:00 PM**

294 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA



Come celebrate the talents and pursuits of people we serve!

The United Arc's Turners Falls Open House is back, featuring the talents and pursuits of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Take this opportunity to tour our Turners Falls location: our Franklin County Family Support Center and our Positive Parenting Center.

A special treat this year: Our wonderful neighbors at Greenfield Savings Bank will also be showcasing the artwork of several individuals we serve who donated their work to our 2017 Annual Gala & Auction. The artwork will be on display from Monday, April 8th to Friday, April 12th.

Help Us Make this the Best Golf Tournament Ever!

Friday, May 31st

This year the Greenfield Knights of Columbus, Council #133, recognizes The United Arc as their tournament partner. Thank you Knights of Columbus!

The Greenfield Knights of Columbus are looking for golfers, sponsors, and raffle donations for their 6th annual charity golf tournament to be held on Friday, May 31st at Crumpin-Fox golf course in Bernardston, MA. Crumpin-Fox Club continues to be recognized for its excellence as one of the best courses to play in New England and was honored by Golf Adviser as #2 on their Best of Massachusetts 2018 list.

The event will be an 18 hole, 4-person scramble with tee advantages for senior golfers. The entry fee of \$125 per person includes greens fees, carts, lunch, and dinner and prizes for the winners. Dinner-only tickets are available for \$30. Foursomes signing up by May 1st pay only \$475.

Two raffles and a silent auction will also take place and include: \$1000 cash, 3-day Cape Cod vacation, Jewelry, Crumpin-Fox golf certificates and much, much more. Pioneer Volvo Cars of South Deerfield is sponsoring a "Hole-in-One" contest for a chance to win a new car.

In addition to The United Arc, the proceeds from the event will be used to fund a number of Council #133's worthy causes in Greenfield and Franklin County. To sign up or to get more information, call Jason Semaski at (413) 626-3378, Lou Grader at (413) 774-2848, Joe Ruscio at (413) 768-9876, Tom Campbell at (413) 772- 9802 or Bob Wanczyk at (413) 774-2465.



Welcome to The United Arc Team

TOGETHER
EVERYONE
ACHIEVES
MORE

Hired February 15, 2019: Holly Bartolon, Family Support Specialist - North Quabbin & Franklin County

Hired March 4, 2019: Taylor Pease, Direct Care/Individual-Home Support Staff - Summer Street

Hired March 13, 2019: Kiania Berndt, Direct Care/Individual-Home Support Staff - Summer Street

Hired March 20, 2019: Justin Hawk, Parent Educator/Youth Transition Associate

Hired March 22, 2019: Lidia Collazo, Direct Care Staff - Hastings A and George Street

Hired March 25, 2019: Julia Mish, Representative Payee Assistant

Are you interested in joining our fabulous team or know someone who is looking for a career opportunity that makes a difference in lives of others? Check out all the wonderful jobs we are currently offering on our website:
theunitedarc.org.

Tap into the Excitement: The United Arc Annual Business Meeting

Lead Sponsor



We are delighted to announce that Greenfield Cooperative Bank/Northampton Cooperative Bank Division will be our Lead Sponsor and USI Insurance Services as well as Mutual of America will be our Associate Sponsors for The United Arc 2019 Annual Business Meeting at Terrazza Ristorante on May 16th at 6:00 PM. This event features The United Arc Awards, the election of the Board of Directors, and our Auction Kickoff. Become a member today to receive an invitation to join us for this event. Contact Director of Communications Willow Ross at willowross@unitedarc.org for more information to becoming a member.

Associate Sponsors



Greater Athol Area Advocates for Families with Special Needs Annual Dinner

On Friday, March 15, Greater Athol Area Advocates for Families with Special Needs (GAAAFSN) held its Annual Dinner at the Orange American Legion. At the event, Kathy Coles, president of the GAAAFSN advisory board, honored the following with awards:

Representative Susannah Whipps stopped by and delivered signed citations from The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives for the honorees.

Outstanding Contribution Award

Will Johnson

Community Partnership Award

The Federation for Children with Special Needs

Ingrid Arvidson & Elaine Arsenault

Innovation Award

Sarah Marshall & Nick Estrada (AmeriCorp Volunteers)

The United Arc/GAAAFSN Scholarship Awards

Abby Bonk—Jordyn Berry—Samantha Adams

Sponsor The United Arc 2019 Gala & Auction

The United Arc Annual Gala & Auction will be held on Saturday, September 14 at Hadley Farms Meeting House. Become a sponsor or donate a package by contacting Development & Events Coordinator, Kristina Tams at kristinatams@unitedarc.org.

Supporting Sponsor



Associate Sponsors



April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Frontier Club 5:00-7:00 PM	3	4 Grandparents/ Kinship Care Support Group Amherst 10:00-12:00 PM Pioneer Club 6:00-8:00 PM Creative Adventure Club 6:00-8:00 PM	5 Friends in Common Turners Falls 6:00-8:00 PM	6 North Quabbin Friends Athol 12:00-2:00 PM
7	8 North Quabbin Caregivers Support Group 5:30-8:00 PM	9 Grandparents/ Kinship Care Support Group Turners Falls 11:30-1:00 PM Frontier Club 5:00-7:00 PM	10 Fine Arts Club 6:00-8:00 PM	11 Pioneer Club 6:00-8:00 PM Turners Falls Open House 5:00-7:00 PM	12 Friends in Common Turners Falls 6:00-8:30 PM	13 North Quabbin Friends Athol 9:00AM-12:00 PM
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28 Inclusion Theatre 12:00-3:30 PM	29	30 Frontier Club 5:00-7:00 PM				

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