

The United Arc

June 2019 Newsletter

A Note from the Executive Director

May was a marvelous month of celebration, especially at The United Arc Annual Business Meeting. Thank you everyone who joined us!

June promises to be another exciting month. Next week, we are celebrating staff who have served many years with us. I hope you'll join us on June 14 for our Holyoke Open House and on June 19 for our Annual Picnic.

Our online auction is up and running! Get those bids in and peruse our catalog of auction packages! Make sure to get your Early Bird Tickets to the 2019 Gala & Auction before they sell out.

See you soon,

Lynne Marie Bielecki, Executive Director

Sharing Stories: Holyoke Open House

Friday, June 14, 2019

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

208 Race Street Suite #2, Holyoke, MA

Join us, our partners and community members at our Holyoke Positive Parenting Center for a conversation on inclusion, choice, and independence. Featuring stories of parents, their families and advocates in Hampden County and beyond! The United Arc Positive Parenting programs provide training and support for parents who have learning differences and cognitive challenges.



Our mission is to support people living with intellectual and developmental disabilities in achieving the universal goals of inclusion, choice, and independence. We provide services in Franklin, Hampshire, Hampden, & Worcester counties.

The United Arc Annual Business Meeting, May 16, 2019

This yearly gathering of our members featured The United Arc Awards, the election of members to the Board of Directors, and our Auction Kickoff! Congratulations to The United Arc Employees of the Year: Nora McAuliffe, Killeen Perras, Sue Shea, and Tammy Stevens! We appreciate each of these employees for their hard work and dedication. It is critical to the success of The United Arc. We recognized Naomi Dratfield with the Canedy Award, honored the Chat & Knit Group with the Dittfach Award, and Yankee Candle with the Legacy Award. In their own ways, each of these wonderful people and organizations have made significant contributions to promote understanding and support throughout Western Massachusetts. Five packages were enthusiastically auctioned by Tom Dillon, Jr., kicking off The United Arc 2019 Auction season. Our last package of the night was Greenfield Golf & Dinner at Terrazza, offered by The Country Club of Greenfield and Terrazza Ristorante. Congratulations to Doreen for winning the Magic Mystery Box Raffle! We offer our deep appreciation to Tom Dillon, Jr., and Nicole Guertin for their many contributions to The United Arc as board members. Welcome to our new members: Bobby Campbell and Norma Mackey-Bovat. Thank you Diane Gumaer for renewing your term of service. Congratulations to Bruce Biagi for taking on the position as President of The United Arc Board of Directors and to Maria Fernsebner & Janice Herlihy for becoming our new Co-Vice Presidents, and Jessica Howard for continuing her position as treasurer/secretary.

Welcome to The United Arc Team

Hired April 29, 2019: Justine Lyford,

Direct Care/Individual-Home Support Staff for 111 Summer Street

Hired May 6, 2019: Michael McDonough, Direct Care Staff – Hastings A

Hired May 14, 2019: Jason Hance, Direct Care Staff – Hastings A

Hired May 14, 2019: Kecelyn DeArmond, Direct Care Staff – Hastings A

Hired May 23, 2019: Daisha Alston, Parent Educator – Holyoke
Thank you to Grace Oliver for the referral!

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.



Annual Picnic

Wednesday June 19th, 2019

5:00 - 7:00 PM

1 Health Camp Road, Greenfield, MA

Call Sandra by **June 12th** to
reserve transportation from Athol
(413) 774.5558 x1047

Bus will leave Ocean State in Athol at 4:10 PM

Bus will leave Orange Armory at 4:20 PM



Activities

- **Swimming**
- **Face Painting**
- **Sports**
- **Crafts**
- **Trolley Rides**
- **Games**
- **Music**
- **Dancing**

Food, Beverages & FUN for EVERYONE will be provided!

Sponsor The United Arc 2019 Gala & Auction

The United Arc 2019 Annual Gala & Auction will be held on Saturday, September 14 at Hadley Farms Meeting House. We are delighted to announce that Greenfield Savings Bank and USI Insurance Services are again joining us as Supporting Sponsors! Dillon Chevrolet, Renfrew Real Estate, Greenfield Cooperative Bank, Kyocera Document Solutions New England and Snow & Sons Landscaping are also returning as Associate Sponsors.

Join us for a splendid evening of celebrating The United Arc and supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Featuring our Live and Silent Auctions, we're also bringing back the very popular Magic Mystery Box and a new Pandora's Box. Get your Early Bird Tickets by July 31!

Can't wait for the Auction? Support us all summer by bidding on packages online. Want to get the word out about your business' wonderful products and services? Reach our community by becoming a sponsor or donating a package. Contact Kristina Tams. The sooner you do, the sooner we can promote you!

Committed Sponsors for 2019:

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Friends in Common Turners Falls 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM
2	3	4 Frontier Club 5:00-7:00 PM	5 Fine Arts Club 6:00-8:00 PM	6 Grandparents/ Kinship Care Support Group Amherst 10:00-12:00 PM Creative Adventure Club 6:00-8:00 PM Pioneer Club 6:00-8:00 PM	7	8
9	10 North Quabbin Caregivers Group 5:30-8:00 PM	11 Grandparents/ Kinship Care Support Group Turners Falls 11:30-1:00 PM Frontier Club 5:00-7:00 PM	12	13 Franklin County Caregivers Group 5:30-7:30 PM Fine Arts Club 6:00-8:00 PM Pioneer Club 6:00-8:00 PM	14 Friends in Common Turners Falls 6:00-8:00 PM Holyoke Open House 10:00-12:00 PM	15 North Quabbin Friends Athol 6:00-8:00 PM
16	17	18 Frontier Club 5:00-7:00 PM	19 Grandparents/ Kinship Care Support Group Huntington 10:00-12:00 PM Annual Picnic 5:00-7:00 PM	20 Pioneer Club 6:00-8:00 PM	21	22 North Quabbin Friends Athol TBD
23 /	24	25 Frontier Club 5:00-7:00 PM	26	27 Grandparents/ Kinship Care Support Group Northampton 9:30-11:00 AM Pioneer Club 6:00-8:00 PM	28 Family Fun Night Athol 5:30-8:00 PM	29
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