

## Mission Statement

We advocate for the rights and full participation of all people with intellectual or developmental disabilities through targeted services.

## Vision

A community of open doors where all lives are celebrated and valued.

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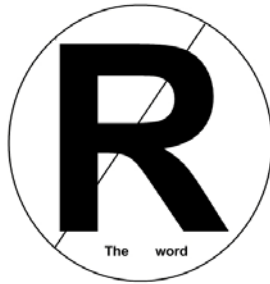
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On August 28, 2009 Governor Ted Strickland signed Senate Bill 79 requiring agencies to remove the term “**mental retardation**” from their organizational names by October 7, 2009.

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## What Matters Most



On **Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**, voters of Hamilton County will have an opportunity to express continued **support** for MR/DD services by approving another five-year levy. The last was passed in November, 2004.

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Photo of Valentino Gray

The Arc just completed the second part of a series in **teen enrichment** programs offered in five local high schools and around the community. The program allows students to learn skills necessary to reach their full potential – social, management, and leadership skills.

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**“[The Arc’s clients] are particularly vulnerable during this economic crisis ...”**



The Arc Hamilton County has been notified by the United Way of Greater Cincinnati that **our funding relationship will end on December 31<sup>st</sup> of this year**. This action **ends the 53-year-long partnership** between The Arc and our community’s United Way.  
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## Facts Involving the November Levy

● **Services are critical to more than 7,900 individuals with disabilities** and their families who rely on our support.



● Since 2004, the number of people served has **increased 44%**. The number of infants and their families served has **increased 307%**.

● Four adult centers and two schools operated by the agency serve individuals with the most significant disabilities.

● Currently, the owner of a \$100,000 home in Hamilton County pays \$89.32 a year for this levy. With a small increase, the owner of a \$100,000 home will pay an **additional \$15.12 a year**.

● Several performance reviews and audits show that the **Hamilton County Board of MR/DD is the best and most efficient county board of MR/DD in Ohio**.

● More than 70% of Hamilton County Board of MR/DD's funding comes from the Hamilton County tax levy.

● The Hamilton County Board of MR/DD leads the state in contracting services for financially supporting dozens of community agencies (57% of its budget), including The Arc Hamilton County.

● **Each of the 14 stipulations from the 2004 tax levy has been met**, including consolidation of three schools to two, eliminating preschool services, instituting early retirement incentive programs, and asking each of the public school districts in Hamilton County to share in the costs of providing educational services.

**Vote for ISSUE #5 MR/DD Levy on November 3**

## PLAN Tenth Anniversary Bash



PLAN (Planned Lifetime Assistance Network) of Southwest Ohio celebrates its tenth anniversary with a dinner/dance at Embassy Suites in Blue Ash on October 17, 2009 from 6pm-11pm.

PLAN cares for loved ones with disabilities now, but perhaps more importantly in **the future** when parents and other caregivers can no longer provide care and support.

Visit [www.planswohio.org](http://www.planswohio.org) to learn more details.

**Find more information about the Anniversary Bash on page 5 - "Upcoming Events in Your Community."**

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## Tifanei Moyer Joins Arc Staff

We are pleased that Tifanei Moyer joined The Arc Hamilton County staff in June as the Communications Coordinator. Although Tifanei is new to that position, she is not new to The Arc. She worked as an intern since January of this year, thanks to a grant from the Scripps Howard Foundation.

Tifanei's responsibilities include writing articles, formatting, and configuring the newsletter. She's also taken over primary responsibility for The Arc's web site, including making it more accessible and easier to navigate. She's working hard as a committee member to make this year's *Dancin' With The Arc* another success.

***"This organization does amazing things. It's a joy to be a part of the advocacy and great fun planning different ways to communicate The Arc's efforts to the community."***

At the same time, Tifanei is getting ready to finish her degree in Communication from the University of Cincinnati in 2010, with a certificate in Public Relations and a certificate in Professional Writing. Some of her current roles are Marketing & Publicity director of the Society of Professional Journalists, Vice President of the Forensic Speech Organization, a Major Mentor, and Teaching Assistant in Interpersonal Communication.



Originally from Sacramento, California (although she will admit she's an "Air Force brat"), she just moved to Hyde Park. When she is not working she enjoys reading, exercising, and volunteering in the community.

We are fortunate to have someone of her enthusiasm, talent, and creativity. Please join us in welcoming Tifanei to The Arc.

## The Marvin Moss Award



Photo Provided by Ohio Valley Goodwill  
Michael Flannery, Bob Herzog, Marvin Moss

The event recognized advocacy in "People First" language and awarded Bob Herzog, WKRC, with ***The Marvin Moss Award***.

This advocacy award is named after our very own Marvin Moss, because of his great influence on the Advocacy in Media (AIM) group.

Earlier this year the second annual ***Advocacy In Media Awards Luncheon*** took place, hosted by Ohio Valley Goodwill in partnership with Community Ambassadors Resource Alliance (CARA).

The Arc works with members of the media to educate them about "People First" language. This is the first year for the award, which recognizes a reporter who takes special interest in people with developmental disabilities.

In addition to Bob Herzog's media advocacy, last year he was emcee at ***Dancin' With The Arc***. He was a very enthusiastic celebrity host, providing laughter, and adding his own memorable dance moves to the fun ambiance. We applaud his supportive efforts and thank him again for a wonderful time last year.

We're very proud of everyone involved in this advocacy and congratulate all of the award recipients of 2009!

## A Letter from the Development Department: The Arc does not retire from the Challenge of anticipated United Way Funding Loss

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*Dear Arc Supporters,*

*The Arc Hamilton County is nearly 65 years old. However, there are no plans to retire from the work and “sit back in easy chairs”. On the contrary, the work continues and seemingly every day there are new challenges facing both the organization and those with intellectual/developmental disabilities.*

*Specifically, for more than 53 years The Arc Hamilton County has been part of United Way of Greater Cincinnati. It has been a significant partnership which has helped to position The Arc and those it serves about important tables within this community. And, in recent years the allocation has provided nearly \$60,000 annually for core advocacy services.*

*The Arc Hamilton County has been informed that United Way has made a decision to redirect resources away from The Arc to increase funding for its Agenda for Community Impact. We were informed that this loss to our funding was not the result of any dissatisfaction with the quality of Arc services and/or achieved outcomes. Rather, it was based upon the economic environment and United Way’s funding priorities.*

*The Arc Hamilton County’s priorities remain constant. We are committed to supporting individuals and families living with developmental and intellectual disabilities. We remain committed to working to minimize the impact of these disabilities. **The reality is that today:***

- The vast majority of adults in this country with disabilities live on incomes significantly below the poverty level in both good times and bad;*
- Although wishing to work, most individuals with disabilities are chronically underemployed;*
- Social isolation is a reality for far too many; and*
- Most will experience some type of abuse within their lifetime.*

*Consequently, The Arc Hamilton County’s efforts to stabilize households, provide direct assistance, develop community systems, make self-advocacy training available, and referral to information and supports are essential because individuals with disabilities are too often disproportionately impacted by economic downturns.*

*History has shown that securing United Way funding was vital for those who were advocating for supports for individuals with disabilities when few existed. Replacing those dollars will be critical for maintaining those supports and for the success of future advocacy efforts.*

*In recent years, The Arc Hamilton County has sought to ensure both the stability of its services and the sustainability of its advocacy efforts by attempting to secure diversity of funding. The Arc is very grateful to the many funding sources which have so generously partnered to create the community we envision: **One of open doors where all lives are valued and celebrated.***

*That being said, the loss of United Way support has significant implications.*

*It may herald a “new age” which will necessitate revisiting long held practices of how funding is directed to critical community resources. Towards that end, The Arc Hamilton County has created new strategic alliances and is working to further stabilize itself. One such strategy is to increase the organization’s own discretionary funding. Should you wish information on planned giving opportunities and/or how to include The Arc Hamilton County in your estate contact Jay Allgood @ 821-2113 (ext. 119).*

### **United Way donor designation:**

*Again, The Arc Hamilton County is very grateful to those of you who have donated to The Arc by designating your United Way pledges to us. Thank you for your support of persons with disabilities and their families. If our issues continue to resonate with you, we ask that you consider maintaining your personal donation to The Arc. We are told United Way will no longer honor United Way campaign donor designations to The Arc.*

*Please consider continuing your support by contributing to The Arc Hamilton County directly.*

*If you wish to make routine contributions via payroll deduction, consider establishing an electronic deduction. Please apprise your employer of your contributions – this may allow your employer to match your dollars. Should you need any assistance with this please give us a call.*

*Yours Sincerely,*

*Jay Allgood  
Mark Shannon  
Tifanei Moyer*

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## Upcoming Events in Your Community



**WHAT MATTERS MOST FASHION SHOW**

**Wed., October 28 · 5-8pm**

Kingsgate Marriott

Grand Ballroom

**Cash Bar & Lite Bite Buffet**

**\$25 per Ticket**

Contact: Debbie Baker 487-3911

Debuting fashions by: **Visionaries and Voices Artist, Nikki Martin**

**Wednesday PEOPLE FIRST Meeting**



October 21 · 6:30-8pm  
 The Arc Hamilton County Office  
 801A West 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 400  
 Call **Ann Snyder** 513-821-2113 x103



**Celebrate 10 years of helping families dealing with disabilities, with a Sweetest Day dance:**

Saturday, October 17 · 6pm – 11pm  
**Embassy Suites 4554 Lake Forest Drive, Blue Ash**

Price: **\$50 per person**  
 Call **513-821-6111** for reservations  
**Auctions · Raffles · Music**

Promoting Augmentative Communication Together (PACT) Meeting  
**Give them something to talk about**

Oct. 13 · 630-8pm ·  
**Pleasant Ridge Community Center**  
 5915 Ridge Road

Friday Night Movie and Pizza

Oct. 23· 6:30 -9pm  
**United Cerebral Palsy Association**  
 3601 Victory Pkwy  
 Call Ann for questions 821-2113 x 103

### Financial Planning Seminar



- Topics of Discussion**
- \***Special Needs Trusts**
  - \***Letter of Intent**
  - \***Guardianship**
  - \***Government Programs**
    - Supplemental Security Income
    - Social Security Disability Income
    - Medicaid/Medicaid Waivers
    - State Specific Programs

**Reservations Only (513) 698-1363**

**Saturday, Sept. 26· 9am-12pm**

*The Drake Center*

*151 W Galbraith Rd.*

## Our Services

**Mission:** *The Arc Hamilton County advocates for the rights and full participation of all people with intellectual or developmental disabilities through targeted services.*

**Vision:** *A community of open doors where all lives are celebrated and valued.*

**WHO WE SERVE:** We serve people with developmental disabilities of all ages and all races, their families, friends, and caregivers. Research shows one in ten people either has a developmental disability, has an immediate family member with a developmental disability, or has a job caring for or supporting people with developmental disabilities. We serve those in Hamilton, Butler, Clermont and Warren Counties.

**PROBLEMS WE ADDRESS:** People with developmental disabilities and their families face overwhelming challenges related to their disability. Among the most difficult of these challenges are complex and confusing systems of services and resources making it difficult for people with developmental disabilities and their families to know where to turn for help. Skill deficits, expensive service needs, inadequate fiscal resources, social stigma and isolation make life difficult for people with developmental disabilities.

**(SERVICES LISTED BELOW)**



**Self-Advocacy Training and Empowerment:** Educational programs providing information and skill development to enable adults who have developmental disabilities to lead self-determined lives as active independent participants in our community. This includes providing technical assistance and administrative support to People First of Hamilton County, Hamilton County's consumer-led and driven self-advocacy association.

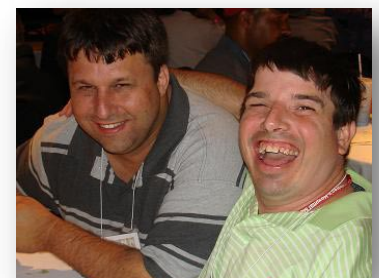
**Public Policy Advocacy:** Recruiting, educating, informing, and empowering volunteer advocates to influence public policy promoting improved quality of life for people with developmental disabilities and their families. This unique program provides people with developmental disabilities, their families, and other volunteers with skills and information they need to educate policy makers to make decisions leading to improved quality of life for people with developmental disabilities and their families. We work with an extensive network of advocates/organizations throughout Southwest Ohio to accomplish this.

**Information and Referral:** Responding to telephone, walk-in, and Internet requests for information about services and supports for people with developmental disabilities and their families while providing informational/educational programs about current issues. This information & referral service is unique. No other agency has a professional dedicated to assisting individuals and families with direction to services and supports for people with developmental disabilities and their families. United Way was the only funder of this service.

**Quality of Life Monitoring:** Performing extensive quality of life audits for people with developmental disabilities and recommending changes in services/supports to improve their quality of life. The Arc employs five full-time specialists who perform 500+ quality of life audits of different people with developmental disabilities each year through a contract with The Hamilton County Board of MR/DD. These audits include interviews with parents/guardians, friends, co-workers, service coordinators, and of course the individual himself or herself. We try to talk to anyone who might have a perspective of the life of the person we are auditing. Recently, The Arc, in collaboration with the Hamilton County Board of MR/DD, has instituted the National Core Indicators process in its Quality of Life reviews.

**Community Building:** We make strong affirmative measures to enmesh people with developmental disabilities in community association, through creating and supporting Covenants of Support and through Asset Based Community Development strategies.

**Family Support Services:** Administering and coordinating third party reimbursements and counseling families about the availability of resources and vendors of services and equipment, to assist families in caring for a family member with a developmental disability (e.g. respite care, home modification, adaptive equipment, special dietary supplements, diapers, etc.) Included are the Family Resource Services Program, The Family Chosen Provider Program, The Individual Budget Program, and The One-Time Cost Program.



## FSSP Restoration Due to Arc Advocacy

**July 14, 2009** - a major advocacy victory for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

We were notified that the Ohio Biennium budget (from 07/09 to 06/11) will include the state funding line item that funds the Ohio **Family Support Services Program (FSSP)**. This important service, originated by Arc advocacy in 1984, provides families reimbursement of some of the costs they experience because of caring for a family member with developmental disabilities. Expenses related to respite care, home modification, adaptive equipment, special diets, adult diapers, counseling and education are just some of the costs families get help with through FSSP.

FSSP was adopted as The Arc of Ohio's top Ohio Biennium Budget advocacy priority at the suggestion of representatives from our Arc chapter. As the biennium budget went to the House Senate Conference Committee we learned the funding for this line item was removed entirely. **We led our Southwest Ohio community in contacting legislators, the Governor, and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities about the vital need this program fulfills.** Our legislative alerts were sent out statewide by The Arc of Ohio.

The fight to restore FSSP appeared hopeless July 13. **In a very "forcefully candid" meeting with The Arc of Ohio leadership which we attended,** Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Director John Martin tried to defend this cut to us and assured us that FSSP funding was gone. Then early July 14 a miraculous revelation of the final Ohio Biennium Budget appeared with the FSSP line item fully funded.

**To the literally hundreds of you who phoned, emailed, wrote and spoke with state legislators and the Governor about this issue, a huge THANK YOU.** It was because of **you** that we will continue to have this vitally important program for the next two years.

If ever there was a demonstration that Arc grass roots advocacy works, it was this success. Many of our usual state advocacy partners remained quiet regarding the FSSP budget loss assuming it was a lost cause, and not wanting to waste their efforts in a losing fight. Thank goodness Arc volunteers forged ahead to save FSSP!

## The Arc and CILO Team Up to Educate Community about Public Policy Advocacy

On August 25<sup>th</sup>, a public educational forum was co-sponsored by The Center for Independent Living Options (CILO) and Tom Eamoe, The Arc's Executive Director.

The presentation included interaction with a live audience. It was videotaped to be shown later on City Cable and Public Access television in Cincinnati.

This presentation relied heavily on a manual for influencing Public Policy, published by The Arc of Ohio and The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council.



Everyone in attendance received one. This manual is available free at The Arc Hamilton County website, [www.archamilton.org](http://www.archamilton.org). By clicking on **Public Policy - Local Issues** you will find the **Legislative Handbook**.

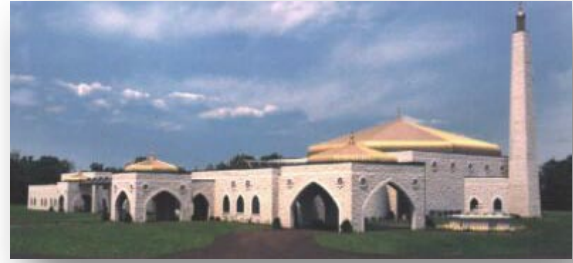
Find the significant points of the presentation on the **Next Page**.

## How to Influence Public Policy

*Significant points from August 25<sup>th</sup> presentation*

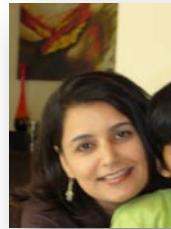
- ✓ Public Policy Makers need and want to hear the input of their constituents, especially people with disabilities and their families.
- ✓ When communicating with a public policy maker always be brief, respectful, and to the point.
- ✓ Present important facts that support your position to policy makers.
- ✓ If you are someone with a disability or the family member of someone with a disability ***your experiences count as important facts.***
- ✓ Never cross over federal and state issues with legislators. For example, don't discuss federal health care reform with members of the Ohio General Assembly, or Ohio's budget with U. S. Congressmen.
- ✓ Always answer questions honestly....never, ever make up an answer to a question you don't know about. Find out the answer later and get the information to them.
- ✓ Build a relationship with your legislator as a respected "friend."
- ✓ Remember that policy makers are people too. Compliment them when they get an award or do something good.
- ✓ Never be overtly angry, hostile, disrespectful or threatening to a policy maker.
- ✓ Remember there are good policy makers who can and will help people with disabilities in both political parties.
- ✓ Never fail, when you write or speak to a legislator, to actually ask them, "Will you please support me/us with this?"
- ✓ Be very respectful of, and express appreciation for, the time and attention of public policy makers.
- ✓ If you are discussing an issue with a policy maker and you know there will be opposition to your views, tell him about the opposition, and give him your counter-point to that opposition.

## Community Outreach



***Support from the Crosset Family Fund of The Greater Cincinnati Foundation has enabled The Arc to reach out to the West Chester Mosque in Butler County.***

Parents of the Muslim Community need support to understand their children's special needs and to find resources for diagnosis, treatment, special education, and recreation. We recognize this is especially important if the Muslim Family is new to the country.



Shabana Ahmed (left) works as a consultant for the Arc at West Chester Mosque in Butler County. She organizes meetings with parents to identify their needs, share answers, and provide emotional support.

Together they advocate with the Mosque leadership to include their children in Mosque activities.

***The Crosset Family Fund of The Greater Cincinnati Foundation also supports a collaborative outreach with local agencies that serve the Hispanic community.***

This ongoing effort targets Hispanic families who have children with special needs or disabilities. Spanish-speaking consultants help Carol Igoe, Parent Training Coordinator, bridge the language barrier to connect Hispanic parents with each other in order to share concerns about their children's education and become more confident about their parenting.

***The Arc plans to expand outreach over the coming year. Contact Carol Igoe about training opportunities for Spanish-speaking parents at (513) 821-2113 ext. 115 or Carol@archamilton.org.***

## Teen Advocacy

This series allows students in special education to practice social, dating, anger management and leadership skills in a relaxed setting. Learning how to be part of a team is critical in learning how to be a leader. By developing activities and using modern media examples, students not only learn to be an active member of a group, but also to lead.

Students also learn the social skills that will help carry them to the next stage in life, working and living as an independent adult. Both students and teachers express relief in their being able to discuss issues with someone other than family or a teacher.

***This allows some freedom in discussion while still maintaining direction and purpose.***

Many students from the school programs have moved on to other programs for employment or may move on to a transition-to-work program.



Several students have enrolled in vocational education training programs at Great Oaks, Goodwill and Starfire U, while others have been accepted into the Project Search program.

We have completed two summer sessions outside of the schools and both had long waiting lists. Parents have mentioned their children are excited to attend the program each week. They have also mentioned that they are eager to discuss and practice what they learn.

One parent said that she heard her son saying, "It is okay, you can handle it," followed by a count to 10.

She asked him about it and he told her that ***he had learned that rather than blowing up, if he stayed calm it would be okay.***

One activity that the teenagers were asked to complete looks at their anger and how often they get angry and what causes it. Teens take home two sheets. They marked one sheet each time they feel angry and why. The teens also take one for their parents to fill out about them. ***Several parents mentioned that they did not realize how often their child was getting frustrated to the point of anger.*** Finally, the goals and dreams activity has teens look 10 years into the future and create a collage of what they want to be happening. Several parents were surprised at some of the aspirations their children had.

***Project funded through grants from The Andrew Jergens Foundation and Jack J. Smith, Jr. Charitable Trust, PNC Bank and Karen B. Wachs, Co-Trustees***

## What To Do When Things Don't Go Right For Your Child In School

When you think of the start of the new school year, do you remember your new school supplies, having great friends in your new classes, or was it a time that was confusing and sometimes scary?



Just imagine what the first day, or even weeks, of school would be like if: the bus didn't pick you up even when you had a bus pass; you didn't have the supports to help you learn and understand like the other students; or the teachers didn't realize that you just didn't understand the information they were presenting- even though there was a plan in place that showed them how you learn!

These are some of the concerns that we help parents work through when their children/teens are

on an Individual Education Plan or IEP, behavior plan, 504 or other school plan.

**Sometimes even when you put forth your best efforts,** your child will not get what s/he needs. If this happens, you may want to contact your District's Parent Mentor or Sue Schindler at 513-821-2113 x112 (In case of a Parent Mentor, see if your district has this person in place, who s/he is and his or her contact information.) We can talk with your about your child's legal rights and support you and intervene if needed.



Gov. Strickland, Troy Moore at SB79 Signing 8/09

## Remove The 'R' Word

Senate Bill 79 restores the right among individuals to determine the terms used to describe themselves. Organizations will no longer use the 'R' word to describe their constituents.

Over time, the term formerly used to describe individuals with developmental disabilities developed a stigma. It began being used in derogatory ways instead of as a medical term.



***"We got letters back from many of our visits telling us [legislative members] would support removal of the word 'retarded' from official state language."***

He explained that his visits to the Statehouse in Columbus showed strong support for SB79.

On August 28, Troy Moore attended the bill signing ceremony. This is such a great honor for Troy; he is one of only six self-advocates who were selected to attend this ceremony.

***This honor is generally given to those advocates who were very vocal and worked hard to convince public officials to support a piece of legislation.***

October 7, 2009 will mark the undeniable success of his and many others' efforts.

It takes a conscious individual to recognize the power of language, and a very strong conscious group to do something about the language that detrimentally impacts a vital part of our society.

***Thank you to everyone who made their voices heard about Senate Bill 79.***

## Financial Planning Seminar

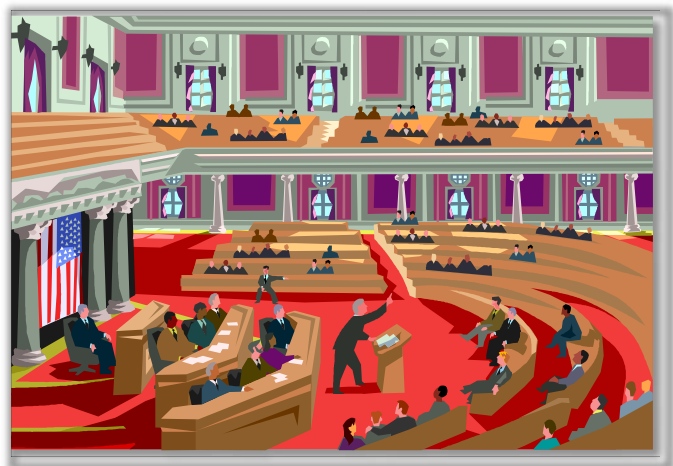
For Families/Individuals with Special Needs



On Saturday, September 26, at 9am-12pm there will be a financial planning seminar at The Drake Center. There will be several presenters from The Paragon Financial Group and Frost Brown Todd Attorneys, LLC.

***Find additional details on page 5 - "Upcoming Events in Your Community."***

In the last issue of *The Advocate*, Troy Moore shared a letter describing his progress with People First and the DD Council Center for Public Policy Grant.



## Individual Giving & the Annual Fund Campaign

### *Dancin' With The Arc* List of Sponsors for 2009



*(as of 09/17/09)*

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Each year, The Arc Hamilton County asks our supporters to make a donation to help carry on the work of creating ***a community of open doors where all lives are valued and celebrated.*** This year such support has become even more important given the current economic environment and the announced loss of United Way funding (see a related letter on p.4).

In the next few weeks, you'll receive a letter asking you to consider making a contribution to The Arc. Tom Eamoe (Arc Executive Director) recently said,

***"The need to ensure resources and supports for persons with developmental disabilities continues and too often they are the same people who are hardest hit during economic downturns."***

Included with this newsletter and future communications is a contribution envelope which we are enclosing for your convenience. Please take a moment to look over / read the program descriptions that are highlighted.

Your contribution enables The Arc Hamilton County to sustain activities and programs including: Individual Advocacy, Family Supports, Public Policy / System Change, Self Advocacy and Covenants of Support.

***If you have any questions about our programs or your contributions to them please contact Jay Allgood 513-821-2113 ext. 119 or jay@archamilton.org.***



***Fran Wesseling, President of the Foundation for the Challenged (center), presents a \$5,000.00 check to Tom Eamoe, Executive Director of The Arc Hamilton County, on August 10. It represents a matching grant for the Community Living Fund of Ohio; The Arc was the first recipient. Jay Allgood (right) receives the Achievement Award on behalf of The Arc.***



**Don't Miss Out!**

**Where you need to be:**

*Wunderland Hall  
7881 Colerain Avenue  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45239*

**When you need to be there:**

*Saturday, November 7  
7pm - 11pm*

**Featuring:**

*The AirWave Band  
Jen Dalton - Emcee  
"Say Cheese" Photo Booth*

**Details:**

*Dressy Casual  
Buffet Dinner  
Beer, Wine, Beverages*



For registration and further details, visit [www.archamilton.org](http://www.archamilton.org)



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