

It's Grant Season...

At The Arc of Story County, we call fall "Grant Season," as there are many grants to apply for which help to support our programs and assist us in furthering our mission of supporting individuals with disabilities in our community.

The Arc recently received several grants which we are so grateful for:

- The Story County Community Foundation—\$3,000 to assist with purchasing new t-shirts for our Special Olympics competitions.
- Theisen's Community Grant—\$1,000 to assist with several scheduled community activities such as the annual Fall Barbeque, transportation for State Bowling and the I-Cubs game, and renting canoes at Hickory Grove.
- Memorial Lutheran Church, Nevada—\$700 for two Chromebooks for the Project SEARCH Program.

Annual Membership

The Arc recently sent out its annual membership form. By returning the membership form and your donation, you are helping those with intellectual and developmental disabilities have a voice in our community.

Achieve with us.



Pictured with Tillie Good, SCCF, receiving a grant award from the Story County Community Foundation is Tricia Crain, Executive Director and Brad Jensen, Board President

Donate that Clunker!



Do you have an old car you need to get rid of? Consider donating it to The Arc of Story County before the end of the year so you can take a tax break and help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities at the same time. Simply call The Arc office or fill out an online form at www.thearc.org/donate-my-vehicle and designate The Arc of Story County as the recipient. A representative will make arrangements to pick up or tow your vehicle, sell it at auction, and deliver the cash proceeds to The Arc of Story County.

Do you know someone with an intellectual or developmental disability? Maybe you know someone who does. They may be your friend, neighbor, schoolmate, co-worker or someone else who is an important part of your life. Perhaps you've wondered what you can do to help them lead lives of full participation and inclusion in the community. If you have an interest in getting involved, The Arc can help you. The Arc is an advocate for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, preserving and protecting fundamental rights through advocacy and action in support of legislation for civil rights, employment, housing, and numerous supports. We connect people with disabilities, their families, professionals, and others (like you?) to create hope, growth, and change. This is your chance to join us as an advocate, not only for the person you know, but for millions of people living with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We'll work with you to make a difference with a clear, strong, collective voice.



Letter From the Director

As the unseasonably warm fall weather turns to cooler winter weather, we are reminded that change is all around us and the New Year is not far off. Though I am not much of a New Year's Resolution person in my personal life, I been thinking about the resolutions I would like for The Arc, and I start with certain questions...

- Can our Arc participants benefit from expanded services?
- Can The Arc be more well known in the community?
- How can we expand our resource development?

It's important to think about how we will get there and who can assist us.

Our first class of Project SEARCH students will be graduating from the program this spring. To say that these four students have changed, grown and surprised us all is an understatement.

Next fall, we plan to add a community awareness/fundraising event to our calendar called The Arc March. Stay tuned for more exciting information about this new event.

Thank you to everyone who has shared your time, talents and resources with The Arc this year. We wouldn't exist without you!



*Tricia Crain
Executive Director*

Upcoming Events:

ISU Athlete Association Night—Tuesday, February 21st; Perfect Games

Valentine's Dance—Thursday, February 23rd, Moose Lodge, 6-8 p.m.

District Basketball—Saturday, February 4th

State Competition in Iowa City—Saturday, March 11th

Raising Awareness—March 23rd, City Church of Ames; Financial Planning, ABLE Act and Special Needs Trust

Project SEARCH Graduation—Saturday, April 22nd

Arc March—Fall 2017...Watch for more information!!



Viva la Arc and Annual Awards

Viva la Arc will be held Saturday, March 4th at CityChurch of Ames, 2400 Oakwood Road, Ames. This is a family-friendly event with casino games, children's games, Cy, a raffle drawing and great door prizes. All proceeds benefit our Active LifeStyles and Special Olympics events throughout the year.



Nominate Someone Today...

It is also that time of year to formally recognize the many people who help make The Arc the success it is today. So many wonderful people and organizations contribute to our success. Do you know someone who represents one of the categories below? Contact The Arc if you would like to submit a nomination form today!

- **Teacher/Educator of the Year**
- **Direct Service Professional of the Year**
- **Volunteer of the Year**
- **Super Sibling Award**
- **Business Supporter of the Year**
- **Professional of the Year**



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