

Viva la Arc

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Annual Fundraiser and Awards on Saturday, March 3, at CityChurch of Ames. Games and fun were provided by The Knights of Columbus from St.Cecilia's and Delta Upsilon Fraternity from Iowa State University. **Congratulations to the 2018 Award Winners!**



Hannah Gustafson, Friendship Ark Homes
Direct Support Professional of the Year



Tonya VanDam, Nevada Schools
Educator of the Year



Front (l to r): Hannah Gustafson, Stephanie McMillan, Tonya VanDam, Heidi Heck
Back (l to r): Thomas Miller, Rebecca Abraham, Arc of Story County Director Tricia Crain



Thomas Miller
Super Sibling of the Year



Stephanie McMillan
Volunteer of the Year



Heidi Heck & Rebecca Abraham, Iowa State University
Professionals of the Year

Achieve with us.

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



It is *almost* Spring! I don't think anyone is looking forward to nice weather more than our athletes who have been inside all winter and had many practices cancelled due to the weather. Spring also means a very busy time at The Arc as we start practices for five sports; wrap up our winter sports with a trip to Iowa City; and host our annual fundraiser, Viva la Arc.

Our second cohort of Project SEARCH students will be graduating the end of April with Iowa State University President Wendy Wintersteen speaking at the reception. We couldn't be more proud of our second class of students. We have signed a new three-year agreement with Iowa State and will be adding an additional four students to the program for next fall. This will bring our total to eight students in the program, with internships taking place across the campus.

We're excited to be bringing back our garage sale in the month of June along with many other activities for the summer months.

Service, advocacy, inclusion, family and community are what The Arc is all about. Thank you to those of you who work diligently to assist others in living a life the rest of us may take for granted.



So Much Going On...

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| April 7 | Spring Special Olympics Tournament in Marshalltown |
| April 8, 15, 22 | Advocacy Training at First United Methodist Church, 3:30-5:00; multi-purpose room...Come one and all! |
| April 26 | Project SEARCH Graduation (5:30 p.m.) at the Extension 4H Building at Iowa State University, 1259 Stange Road |
| May 3 | Spring Fling Dance at the Moose Lodge, 6:00-8:00 p.m. |

Inclusive Playground and Miracle Field

By now, community members should be hearing about the all-inclusive playground and Miracle Field going in at Inis Grove Park.

The project includes:

- Custom field made of cushioned, rubberized turf
- Barrier-free sports facility accessible for wheel chairs other assistive devices
- A 100% accessible playground on a rubberized surface
- A playground that focuses on maximum play with an emphasis on inclusive play.



How you can help

- ◆ Donations may be made payable to: The Ames Foundation, c/o Inclusive Playground & Miracle Field, PO Box 213, Ames, IA 50010
- ◆ The Ames Foundation is a non-profit 503(c)3 organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.
- ◆ Steering Committee members are happy to discuss naming and recognition opportunities.



The Arc of Story County is bringing back its annual garage sale this summer! The sale will be held June 1 & 2 at 2407 Northwestern Avenue in Ames.

Donations of small appliances, housewares, games, infant equipment, athletic gear, seasonal items, collectibles, furniture, etc. will be welcomed daily beginning Tuesday, May 29 (no clothing please).

Volunteers will be needed throughout the week for “processing” donations. To volunteer your time or for more information contact The Arc

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