Events at The Arc
See what's happening this month!

Upcoming Events:

- Monday, June 5th - Softball practice starts!
- Tuesday, June 20th - Kickball game at Inis Grove
- Wednesday, July 5th - Reiman Gardens Walk
- Saturday, July 15th - District Softball
- Tuesday, July 18th - Hickory Grove Scavenger Hunt with SCC
- Tuesday, July 25th - Kickball game at Inis Grove
- Tuesday, August 1st - McFarland Park Campfire cooking with SCC
- Saturday, August 5th - State Softball
- Tuesday, August 8th - Culver's Ice Cream, Inis Grove

Check out our calendar linked above, and our Weekly Emails for more information on fun events coming up this Fall!

Project SEARCH Graduation

On Thursday, May 25th Five students graduated from The Arc's Project SEARCH program hosted at Iowa State University. Each student looks forward to starting their employment next week!

Summer Games State Tournament!

We were able to bring many of our athletes to the 2023 Summer Games the weekend of May 25-27th. We had so much fun, the athletes got to see old and new friends, and they went home with plenty of awards and medals! We are so proud of them, their hard work, and their sportsmanship they showed! Here are some of their happy faces!
A Letter From The Director:

It looks like summer is upon us!
It has been a Fun and Busy Spring with our programs at The Arc. As we write the newsletter, we have 71 athletes competing in five sports around Ames and the ISU campus. We have eight volunteer coaches giving of their time and talents so our athletes can be successful. Our athletes would not be having so much fun without the support of parents, residential support staff, and volunteers.

Thank You to everyone who supported The Arc March! It was a wonderful morning spent with advocates, award winners and community members who are truly amazing. Our annual walk to raise awareness did not disappoint.
Currently, we have six new students ready to begin the Project SEARCH program this fall at Iowa State University. The five students who just graduated have all been offered employment!

The Arc office is moving! As of August 1, The Arc office will be located at 5820 Lincoln Way, Suite 101. This is a three-year move to an accessible building in West Ames while we search for a more permanent office/rec space in the Ames community.

We hope you will join us in our many activities scheduled for this summer.

With Appreciation - Tricia Crain, Executive Director

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**Annual Membership**

You're important to our Chapter!

Being a member of The Arc is investing in the future leadership of our chapter.

We hope you will become a member today!

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**Athlete Spotlights:**

**Mason**

*How long have you been involved with The Arc activities?*

One year.

*What activities do you participate in?*

Basketball and Project SEARCH.

*What do you like best about the Active LifeStyles program?*

I like playing basketball with my friends. It's a 10 out of 10!

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**Lucy**

*How long have you been involved with The Arc Active LifeStyles program?*

A long time!

*What Special Olympic sports do you participate in?*

Track, cheer, and softball. I also participate in the dances at the Moose Lodge, Ice cream socials, Akion Club, Faith Fellowship and Tootsie Roll Drives.
Board Spotlight:

Judi Eyles

**What is your Day Job?**
I am the director of Iowa State's Papajohn Center for Entrepreneurship, where we support students, faculty and community members who want to start or expand a business venture.

**What interested you about being on The Arc Board?**
I've been a Special Olympics volunteer for most of my adult life, and I now have my own daughter who has intellectual disabilities, so I am wholehearted a supporter of The Arc's mission. After completing Leadership Ames in 2010, I was inspired to do more volunteer work in the community, and The Arc of Story County was looking for new board members. I happened to be serving on the board when we hired Tricia Crain, whom I first met through Leadership Ames, so funny how that all ties together. My daughter now participates in many of The Arc of Story County activities, and I continue to love serving on the board.

**Where would you like to see The Arc in five years?**
I would love to see The Arc of Story County be able to operate in a new space that can accommodate many of its activities. I work at an entrepreneur center, of course I'd like to see The Arc help its members create a business entity that would provide employment opportunities for its members.

Jamie White

**What is your day job?**
I am the Attendance secretary and Buyer at Fellows Elementary School in Ames.

**What interested you about being on The Arc board?**
I have a son on the Autism Spectrum. He participated in Project SEARCH. I love the opportunities that The Arc of Story County provides for people in our community. My father was on the board for The Arc as well, and following in his footsteps and supporting people with intellectual disabilities makes me happy.

**Where would you like to see The Arc in five years?**
I would love for The Arc to be located in a new building that allows them to operate activities out of a gym. The opportunities would be endless. I would love to see more people participating and have our numbers increase.
Did you know?

A student diagnosed with a disability can remain in school till the age of 22. The Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) is a federal law ensuring free appropriate public education (FAPE) to all students diagnosed with a disability ages 3 to 21. By law, students who turn 21 in the middle of the school year can remain in school for the duration of the year and receive their diploma or certificate. At the age of 22, a student is required to leave the school system and access available adult services.

While a student utilizes public education, schools are required to provide all students with the means to learn and progress through the school system with access to necessary services throughout the school day at no cost to the family.