The Arc of Story County
News & Updates

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

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

SOIA Fall Classic
Sept. 29th - Unified Golf Tournament
Sept. 29th - Flag Football Tournament
Sept. 30th - Volleyball Tournament

Bowling
Oct. 13th - District Bowling Tournament
Nov. 18th - State Bowling Tournament
Oct. 26th - Halloween Dance!

Project SEARCH 2023/2024

Six new Project SEARCH students started the program in August, hosted at Iowa State University.

In July, Samantha Wyatt and Dr. Linda Lind with ISU attended the annual Project SEARCH conference in Milwaukee, Wi.

A Letter From The Director:

Though we are in the middle of a heat wave, this is considered our fall newsletter...and The Arc has kicked off our fall activities with great participation from all of our athletes. Thank You to the wonderful coaches / volunteers, caregivers and staff who get the athletes to all of the practices and competitions. Our cooking / nutrition class is starting in September and will be back at the Ames Middle School kitchen classroom. We always look for and appreciate any volunteers who can assist the participants during the class. You can keep updated with the class with our weekly emails and website.

In June, The Arc offices moved to our new location in west Ames in partnership with Friendship Ark Services. Many of you stopped by during our ribbon cutting and open house. Thank You to The Arc Board of Directors who made this move possible.

In October, The Arc will be sending out annual advocacy membership. We hope you will continue to support The Arc as we work to advance dignity, inclusion, and equity for those we serve, and to
Good Luck to our many athletes who will participating in the new Fall Classic Competition hosted by Special Olympics in September. We look forward to cheering everyone on as they participate in golf, volleyball, and flag football. The district bowling competition will take place at Perfect Games in Ames on October 13.

Stay Cool!

With Appreciation - Tricia Crain, Executive Director

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Athlete Spotlights:

Stephen Grayum!

How long have you been participating in The Arc activities?
9 Years

What activities do you participate in?
Basketball, golf, bowling, track, softball, dances, and fundraising.

What do you like best about the Active LifeStyles program?
"I like playing sports all year, and the dances too."

Kia Jordan!

How long have you been participating in The Arc activities?
12 Years

What activities do you participate in?
Bowling, equestrian, and track.

What do you like best about the Active LifeStyles program?
"I enjoy events and activities with all my friends."

Tyler Jordan!

How long have you been participating in The Arc activities?
What activities do you participate in?
Bowling, soccer, basketball, equestrian, softball, golf, track, flag football.

What do you like best about the Active LifeStyles program?
"I enjoy activities with friends, and the friendly competition that we have."

Board Spotlight:
Dakotah Overton

What is your Day Job?
I am a Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst at Axis Therapy Centers. I work with children with intellectual disabilities. I help write treatment goals and help children with socially significant goals. I am also a mother to a baby girl who was born in May.

What interested you about being on The Arc Board?
I started out as a volunteer coach, and I fell in love with the organization and all of the athletes. I love being able to help out many different individuals and help make a difference in their lives. I love being a part of the different activities that The Arc hosts and getting to know all of the amazing people it comes with. Being a coach for The Arc is one of my favorite things to do.

Where would you like to see The Arc in five years?
I would love to see more athletes involved with our sports and watch our sports team grow bigger. I also would like to see more individuals involved with The Arc and its activities.

Planned Giving

We all want to make a difference, but sometimes we may feel we lack the ability to resources to have the impact we want. However, you may be surprised how easy it is. We have tools and ideas to help save taxes and even create new income streams while helping The Arc of Story County. No matter what you choose to do, or how you do it, we can help you.

The Basics
- Appreciated Stock - Easily make charitable gifts by transferring appreciated stock to The Arc. We receive the present value of the stock, while you pay no capital gains tax and receive an income tax deduction. Most investors do not know they can do this.
- Your Estate - Write or update your estate plan. Aside from the many benefits that come from planning, you can also create a gift for The Arc. Your will takes care of your family and favorite cause while not sending too much money to Washington.
Income for Life
- Charitable Gift Annuity - In addition to income and possible capital gains benefits, you or your and one other person, receive fixed payments for life.
- Charitable Remainder UniTrust - You choose who and what the trust pays, and how long it will last. It can also benefit more than two people.

Special Opportunities
- Real Estate - You can donate property outright for tax savings or create a life estate which gives you a tax deduction today while you retain the right to live in it for life.
- Life Insurance - Purchase or transfer a life insurance policy and give it to The Arc or name it as a beneficiary. A few dollars can result in major benefits to establish your legacy.

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