

# The Arc of Story County

News & Updates

Fall 2024

## **Events at The Arc**

See what's happening this month!

We had 32 athletes participate in at the Fall Classic for Special Olympics. The athletes completed in golf, flag football and volleyball.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Bowling Districts: October 25

Halloween Dance October 24th, 6-8 p.m.

Basketball Starts November 5

Dance Starts December 2!

Unified Volleyball: Wednesdays in October and November



### **Project SEARCH**

We have 8 students in Project SEARCH at lowa State this year. They are in their first internship cycle. Below are where they are all at right now! Project SEARCH students have a mix of being at three different internships throughout the year and classroom instruction.

Sam - Alumni Association

Jessica - Dining: Conversations Dining

Center

Tessa - Dining: West Side Market

Alyssa - School of Education

Wyinn - School of Education

Roman - Reiman Gardens

Hayden - Transportation Services

Neftali - Dining: Central Bakery





Use the link below for up-to-date voting information.

Make your voices heard by voting today or November 5th.

Voting matters!



#### A Letter From The Director:

Happy Fall! Although these warm temperatures certainly make us feel like we are still in the summer months! We have had a great time with our fall activities. Our athletes completed well at the Fall Classic the end of September. It is that time of year, when we are gearing up for our winter activities.

This has been an exciting election season, and I hope everyone will have their voices heard through voting on November 5th. We hope we have helped to prepare our members by holding our Caucus training last January and our bi-annual forum in September at the Ames Public Library.

As most of you know, we were the recipients of the Georges Niang Trivia Night and Golf Outing in July. We raised \$202,000 for The Arc programs and what we hope will be new recreational space in our future. We had a record 32 sponsors for the

event. The Arc Board of Directors have written a new Strategic Plan based off of the funds we have available to meet the needs of our members. We are working on three strategic areas: Finance, Program Space and Enhanced Programming.

Thank you for supporting The Arc! Your investment of time, talent, and treasures means we can continue to offer and add quality services and supports that allow the individuals we serve and their families to live, learn, work, play, and advocate with dignity and full inclusion in our communities.

With Appreciation - Tricia Crain, Executive Director

#### Encouraging the Community to Employ Persons with Disabilities.

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). Persons with disabilities are the largest untapped talent pool in our state. IowaWORKS and ECI are hosting a weekly series of webinars to help you learn more ways to diversify your workforce through hiring these job ready candidates.

Click on the links below to register and mark your calendar:

Session 1: Assistive Technology

Session 2: Autism Speaks

Session 3: Windmills "New Perceptions in Disability"

Session 4: Accessibility Job Posting

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The Arc of Story County's Mission Statement:
The Arc of Story County enriches the lives of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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