

*The Arc of Colorado regrets to tell you that our Advocate, Tiffany Jenkins, has moved back to Arizona to be closer to her family and friends.*

*Now we are pleased to introduce you to our new Advocate,*

**Angie Brantley, the New Director of Advocacy Services**

*Hello, my name is Angelica “Angie” Brantley. I have recently joined The Arc of Colorado as the new Director of Advocacy. I come to The Arc having served individuals with developmental disabilities in many capacities during the last 17 years. My primary reason for coming to this organization has to do with my desire to help achieve equality, justice and advocacy for individuals with developmental disabilities.*

*Although there has been a progression toward these areas, there remains much more to accomplish as an Advocate. The simple fact that individuals are not treated with dignity and respect and that all too often individuals are not afforded the same opportunities as you and I, is unnecessary and irresponsible behavior.*

*My most recent position involved the development of a homeless shelter for women and children in Arapahoe County. I took the position because I wanted to help decrease poverty and homelessness in Denver. I also knew that as a shelter Director, I would be able to help homeless women and their children through the provision of services, access community resources, learn self-advocacy skills, and the tools to become self-reliant, strong and safe in their communities.*

*I am very delighted to be a part of The Arc and I look forward to helping individuals with developmental disabilities manifest their hopes and dreams while helping change the world one miniscule piece at a time.*

## **WHY VOLUNTEER?**

**The Arc of Colorado does NOT have a membership. Our membership consists of all of the Local Units and their members. Therefore, we have no one to reach out to. BUT WE NEED YOU! We have work YOU can do at home; we have work that is ONLY needed once a month or even once a quarter; you can come in the office and stay up-to-date on issues. We can meet YOUR needs and YOUR wants. JUST TELL US WHAT YOU WANT! Without YOU, we will have to use our limited resources to hire staff to fill these voluntary jobs.**

*Suggested ideas: Update membership (1x month at home);  
Update mailing list (1x month at home); Send faxes & answer phones (1x week-office);  
Put together newsletter (1x quarterly); Serve on Committee (1x monthly).*

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