

Local Units that Shine!

Because we are a grassroots organization, The Arc of Colorado likes to recognize the accomplishments of the Local Units. These are great!

The Arc of the Northeast

The Arc of the Northeast received a generous \$500.00 contribution from The Cargill Corp. of Sterling, CO, and \$500.00 from the proceeds of a yard sale. Board members and their families worked hard making burritos and organizing “stuff” to sell. They are preparing grant applications this summer to several foundations.

The Chapter was only established 10 months ago and, in that short time, they have assisted 34 individuals/families with advocacy. They are gradually increasing influence and name recognition. The last month of school was extremely busy and as the new school year approaches, they anticipate the phone will ring with new challenges. It is apparent that school districts need to improve their services to students under IDEA.

The Arc of the Northeast expressed their gratitude to the Arc of Colorado for their New Unit grant that is helping to meet the chal-

The Arc of Denver

On June 21st, The Arc of Denver had their annual membership picnic where the main attraction was Kevin Wagoners’ presentation of his video “INCLUSION IS GOOD FOR EVERYONE”. It was very well received by the multigenerational membership and inspired some gratifying conversation at the picnic after a short question and answer period. The video was Kevin’s senior project at Jeffco Open high school and produced solely by Kevin and his advisor.

The other notable event is the release of the Arc National’s new publication, MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR MONEY. Tony Sears, their advocate for adults, consulted on the content and appears in the publication along with volunteers Charlene Lawhorn and Phil Hammons.

The Arc of Aurora

The Arc of Aurora is producing monthly “News You Need To Know” newsletters and has also produced a short video that will be used to start their “Raising More Money” campaign. Database refinement is underway in anticipation of starting that campaign this fall.

In late June, they were selling concessions for the sixth year at an international girls’ fast-pitch softball tournament, hosted by the city of Aurora. In late August, you can find them selling concessions again at a men’s national tournament.

With fall comes the continuation of the regular informational workshops The Arc of Aurora began providing earlier this year, as well as preparing for a spectacular Annual Meeting.

The Arc/Pikes Peak Region

With the help of volunteers from Bethpage, the first-ever “Fancy Dance” found over 200 consumers, families and friends twisting the night away. The event was the brain child of a consumer who never went to a prom. The community responded by providing over 50 beautiful dresses and Mary Kay consultants helped with nails and make-up. One Arc volunteer made up over 200 silk corsages and boutonnieres! So many smiling and glowing faces made the evening one of our most memorable.

The Board of Directors recently spent 2 days developing their governance policies facilitated by a Policy Governance consultant. They all agreed that they have never felt so focused and empowered to impact community change.