

THE ARC OF COLORADO RECEIVES GRANTS

The Arc of Colorado is very pleased to announce that it has received three generous grants in support of our initiatives and programs. The first grant award, for \$6,000.00, is from the Dominican Sisters of the Sacred Heart Convent in Springfield, Illinois. This award supports The Arc of Colorado's Social Justice Fund and will be applied to the Waiting List Lawsuit.

Additionally, The Arc of Colorado has received two grant awards in support of The Criminal Justice Advocacy Program, developed by Nora Earnest, Director of Advocacy and Support Activities. The first grant award, for \$3,500.00, is from the Gay and Lesbian Fund for Colorado. The second grant award, for \$1,500.00, is from Pfizer, Incorporated.

The Criminal Justice Advocacy Program is a statewide training and information/referral program designed to educate criminal justice officials about individuals with developmental disabilities. Typically, criminal justice officials are untrained about developmental disabilities and the developmental disability service system. As a result, individuals with developmental disabilities that come into contact with the criminal justice system are more susceptible to coercion, victimization, or detention. The Criminal Justice Advocacy Program will begin in February by offering trainings to Eastern Colorado communities and will complete 10 trainings in 2003. To learn more about The Criminal Justice Advocacy Program, contact Nora Earnest at (303) 864-9334 or access The Arc of Colorado's webpage at www.thearcofco.org.

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A Different Journey: Personal Stories for Parents by Adults with Disabilities

Stan Klein and John Kemp are co-editing a book for which they invite personal stories. For this book, adults who have grown up with disabilities are invited to write short essays for parents of children with disabilities. In their essays, authors are asked to write an essay that they **wish their own parents** had read or been told while they were growing up. Authors of essays accepted for inclusion in the book will receive **\$125** for the right to include their essay. Here are the specific guidelines for essays:

1. Write an essay of about **1500 words** or less. Add a **biography** of about 150 words or less that would follow the essay in the book. At the end of the essay, write your **mailing address, telephone #, fax # and e-mail**.
2. Submit your essay as an attachment in Microsoft Word to an e-mail or paste essay into the body of your e-mail. **Send e-mail to: stan@disabilitiesbooks.com**
3. If you submit your essay by regular mail, **double space** the text. If at all possible, submit the essay on a disk as well. Please label each page and the disk with your **name and address**. **Send printed copy (and disk) to: Stanley D. Klein, Ph.D., DisABILITIESBOOKS, Inc., P.O. Box 470715, Brookline, MA 02447-0715.**

DEADLINE: All essays are to be received by February 15, 2003.