

ARC Thrift Stores introduces "Partnering with a Purpose" Program for their Employees

Following on the heels of the new ARC logo, "Shopping with a Purpose", recently introduced at the newest ARC Thrift Store located in Aurora at Gateway Plaza, Vice President of Human Resources Marjorie McCormack has recently introduced the "Partnering with a Purpose" Program to the ARC management team. This program was created to connect employees of ARC Thrift Stores to individuals with developmental disabilities. It is the belief that through this connection, ARC Thrift Stores and all Arc advocacy units in Colorado will be unified in becoming the strongest support system in Colorado for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Although ARC Thrift Stores employs some individuals with developmental disabilities, it was Marjorie's belief that by creating "partnerships" outside the workplace, both "partners" would gain more insight into each other's world. "I think it's important that our employees understand the everyday challenges that a person with developmental disabilities faces as well as including persons with developmental disabilities in our everyday lives."

In addition to the obvious benefits of "partnerships", Marjorie also sees the program as a vehicle to connect ARC Thrift Stores with the Arc advocacy units. Throughout the "partnering" process, both the ARC Human Resources Department and the individual Arc units will be working together to create the best "partnerships" possible. Each Arc unit will, also, be working directly with ARC employees in finding them "partners". There will be ongoing support as well from both groups to assist the "partners" with issues or concerns as their "partnerships" grow and develop.

As the program gets under way and begins to attract more employees to participate, it is also hoped that family and friends of the employees may become interested in having a "partnership", too. This would ensure that "Partnering with a Purpose" has no limits in supporting persons with developmental disabilities.

If you know someone who would like a "partner", contact your local Arc unit.

ARC Thrift Stores operates 15 retail, thrift stores throughout Colorado. Visit the newest store located at 1070 S. Sable Blvd, near Mississippi and Sable in Aurora.