



# The Arc Advocate Newsletter

## December 2020 Edition

Helping Extraordinary People Lead Extraordinary Lives  
**Advocacy & Programs**  
for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental  
Disabilities (I/DD)

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

Season's Greetings Arc of Greensboro Community,

On behalf of the Arc of Greensboro and our Board of Directors, we would like to thank everyone for your support over the past year. The pandemic has caused us to alter our programs and services, but our staff and consumers have continued to adapt and thrive. As I write this letter, our staff is distributing Thanksgiving meals to our most needy families. The impact of Covid-19 effected our previous resource of turkeys and

sides and we were worried how we would be able to acquire all the supplies we needed. We are blessed that our Junior Arc program under the leadership of Robin Barefoot and the Kiwanis Club have stepped up to fill the void. The support of these groups and others has helped us provide a complete meal to those in need. This is just one example of how the support of individuals, families and organizations has never wavered to support our mission.

Over the past 67 years, our programs and services have been a model for supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We hope you will consider making a financial donation to help us to continue to enrich the lives of those we serve. Your donation makes a tremendous impact in allowing us to continue promoting and protecting the human rights and actively supporting the full inclusion and participation in the community throughout the lifetimes of those we serve. Your donation will make an immediate difference in our mission and goals for the 11,000 individuals we impact every year. Please consider donating to The Arc of Greensboro for your Giving Tuesday support!

Happy Holidays!

Thank you,



Thank you,  
Craig Lloyd  
Executive Director

Make a donation to the Arc  
today!



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## PROGRAM UPDATES

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**Aktion Club will not meet in December.**  
See you in January 2021!

*Happy holidays to all!*

# SAVE THE DATE!



Join us on Zoom from 7-8:30PM to celebrate the holiday season and spread love and cheer to our friends! Event includes...



## Season's Greetings

Send us your photos and videos of you spreading holiday cheer, we'll make a show of it to be shared during the event!

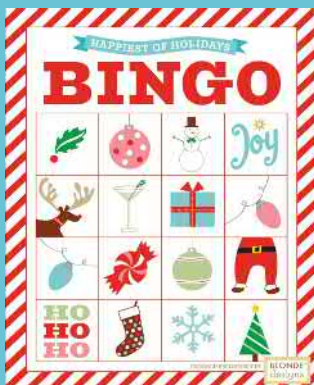
Submit your Season's Greetings here by  
12/14



## Annual Tacky Sweater Contest

Live voting! Send in your tacky sweater photos before 12/14 to enter to win. Top 5 entries with the most votes will receive prizes!

Submit your Tacky Sweater to here by  
12/14.



## Bingo!

Live Bingo games with Prizes!  
Hosted by Nicolas Camire.



## Dance Party

The event will conclude with a dance party hosted by yours truly, DJ JAMIE!

The Zoom link for the event as well as additional information will be shared in a separate email. Stay tuned! Send e-mail to [lchampion@arcg.org](mailto:lchampion@arcg.org) to be sure you're on the email list for this fun event!

## PROJECT SEARCH

The Project SEARCH class of 2021 continues to amaze us!

We had a week of volunteering in the community and we were able to see each student showing off their work skills in person. It was so helpful to the instructor and job coaches to see what our interns can already do, so that we can better focus on specific skills for the future.

We continue to work remotely over Zoom, phone, email, and video. The interns are adjusting well and getting used to the routine. We hope to resume in person learning in January at Moses Cone Hospital.

## COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR



### Arc Staff Thanksgiving Turkey Delivery Team

This year The Arc was blessed with the ability to give more food to the families we serve for Thanksgiving this year. A special thanks to the Arc Junior Connection, Kiwanis Club, and the many individuals that donated to our call, we were able to donate 25 full Thanksgiving meals.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS & RESOURCES TO NOTE:

- Winter Wonderlights Greensboro Science Center \* Nov 6<sup>th</sup> – Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>

: <https://www.greensboroscience.org/winterwonderlights/>

- **Piedmont Winterfest:** [Piedmont Winterfest](#)
- **Holiday Parades & Lights in the Triad:**  
<https://triadmomsonmain.com/my-blog/2020-holiday-parades-light-shows/>
- **Tim Tebow Night to Shine Prom 2021/registration (virtual)**  
<https://www.timtebowfoundation.org/ministries/night-to-shine?fbclid=IwAR1w5NIB6jLo8CxwtbN8Yg-7TIRhi9L5QVZbA9dYUDU5ECfbnYw20OJ0gek>
- **YMCA 360 On Demand Videos:** <https://ymca360.org/>
- **Self-Help Tools:** <https://www.mhanational.org/self-help-tools#four>
- **Covid Testing/No-Cost Community Testing Event/Location:** [NC DHHS COVID-19: No-Cost Community Testing Events](#)
- **NCDHHS Covid-19 Resources:** <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/>

**Dial 2-1-1 : can help you find.. food, housing, utility assistance, health care services, financial educational counseling, disaster service, and more. Visit: [211.org](https://211.org)**

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## Spotlight of The Month!

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### CONSUMER OF THE MONTH

**Arianna Cunningham**

Arianna is our spotlight this



2019 Arc Junior Connection  
Operation Santa Claus

### PARTNER OF THE MONTH

month. Through the Project Search program, Arianna unpacked 40 computers in the Kiser Middle School Media Center. She opened very large boxes and then unboxed each computer, organizing the contents and placing the computers in a cart. She organized cords and then broke down each small box and put neatly in a pile. This took a lot of stamina and Arianna did it without complaint. She also covered several books, and then walked over to Grimsley High School to work there. It was a full day but Arianna did very well!

***Great Job!***



## **The Arc Junior Connection** *est. 2012*

The Arc Junior Connection, led by Robin Barefoot, is a volunteer group of about 65, high school aged, young men who have been incredibly generous this holiday season! They heard about our need to pair Thanksgiving dinner sides with the 25 turkeys we deliver to our families each year, and not only did they donate the turkeys after our usual source fell through, but they, along with other groups and individuals helped us reach our goal to give enough sides to complete every meal! This group also plans, as they do each year, to participate in Operation Santa Claus, our holiday gift giving program. Each year they support over 75 individuals with Christmas gifts from their wants and needs list! The impacts this group contributes to our organization are infinite. Thank you so much, Arc Junior Connection and your families for your acts of service and generosity throughout the year and in times of great need!



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# ***HAPPY HOLIDAYS!***



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