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The Arc Advocate Newsletter February 2022 Edition

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

**EMPOWERMENT
INNOVATION
INCLUSION**



Executive Director Highlights

Arc Families and Friends,

The New Year is bringing exciting times for The Arc of Greensboro. After much work, our new website has launched! Please check it out. We appreciate your feedback as well as your help. If you know of events that are of interest to our community, have pictures of interest, reviews of your experiences with The Arc and its programs, we would love to post them on the website. You can email items or suggestions to lgarnette@arcg.org.

In addition to the website, we have been working hard on our new database. This new system should help us be timelier and more accurate in appreciating your gifts, provide us with important information about our donors, and help us be more effective in our fundraising efforts. The website and database “talk” to each other making online donations a seamless process. If you have moved in the last year or changed your email address, or you think we may not have the best contact information for you, please email us at jjdunn1205@gmail.com and help us update our records.

A big shout-out to David Mandel who has been working on these systems for a very long time. David’s expertise, patience and perseverance have been invaluable.



I hope everyone is staying warm and safe through this wild weather we are experiencing. It is hard to believe, but spring is right around the corner. We will be having an informational/organizational Challenger Baseball meeting at The Arc (Zoom option will be offered if requested) on Tuesday February 15 at 5:15 pm. We will be discussing the number of teams we can field, start date for the season and length of the season. The plan is to wrap up by 6:00. Please let Maddie Ward (mgward@uncg.edu) know if you plan to attend, want to participate by Zoom and/or if you have thoughts or suggestions for the upcoming season.

Lindy Perry-Garnette,
Executive Director, The Arc of Greensboro



SAVE THE DATE!
Dancing with our Diamonds FUNdraiser Event
April 24, 2022. We hope to see you there!

Please consider being a sponsor.

Contact Lindy Perry-Garnette at 336-373-1076 or
info@arcg.org for more information



**Dancing with our
Diamonds FUNdraiser**

Sunday, April 24, 2022
Temple Emanuel
1129 Jefferson Road
Greensboro, NC.
4:00 PM - 6:30 PM



Joey Cheek to M/C
2022 Dancing with our Diamonds Event

Mr. Cheek is an American former speed skater and inline speed skater. He specialized in the short and middle distances and won Olympic gold in 2006. We are thrilled to have Mr. Cheek involved with our annual signature fundraiser!

[More about Joey Cheek](#)



Seventh Annual "Dancing with our Diamonds" Event

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

April 24, 2022 - 4-6:30 PM

DIAMOND – PRESENTING SPONSOR • \$5,000.00

Name & Company logo in lights on Video Board
Name in Invitation, both printed and website, and all Promotional Materials/Ads
Name & logo in 6 issues of The Arc Newsletter
Name in Program as well as advertising on website and social media
Present Awards to Dance Competition Winners/Company Name on Awards
10 Tickets to Event

PLATINUM • \$2,500.00

Name & Company logo in lights on Video Board
Name & Logo in Invitation, both printed and website and all Promotional Materials/Ads
Name in Program as well as advertising on website & social media
Name in 6 issues of The Arc Newsletter
8 Tickets to Event

GOLD • \$1,500.00

Name & Company logo in lights on Video Board
Name on Invitation, both printed and website
Name in Program, website & social media
Name in 2 issues of Newsletter
6 Tickets to Event

SILVER • \$500.00

Name in Program
Name on Invitation, both printed and website
Name in Holiday Issue of Newsletter
4 Tickets to Event

BRONZE • \$250.00

Name in Program
Name on Invitation, both printed and website
2 Tickets to Event



Yes, I would like to serve as a Sponsor for The Arc of Greensboro's DANCING WITH OUR DIAMONDS!

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Name as it appears on all printed materials _____

Check Enclosed in the Amount of: _____

Please charge my credit card # _____ Exp _____ CCV# _____

Signature: _____

No ticket is needed. We will check-in by name at the event. Please provide the name of those attending with your sponsorship level. Thank you for your generosity and support of the programs of The Arc of Greensboro!

Please complete the form and return it to: The Arc of Greensboro, 14-B Oak Branch Drive, Greensboro, NC 27407 with your payment to be included in all promotional materials.

The Arc's Holiday Re-Cap



Greensboro Holiday Parade

The Arc was excited to participate in the 2021 Christmas Parade held in downtown Greensboro. Self Advocates and staff decorated the float and signs that show cased programs and services offered by the Arc of Greensboro and proudly represent our organization while doing so!



Operation Santa Claus 2021



The 2021 Operation Santa Claus was nothing shy of a huge success! All of the clients received everything they requested on their wish list!

Despite the shortages we have been faced with and the spike in Covid cases, Paula Cox-Fishman and the Arc Junior Connection pulled off the holiday season by shopping, purchasing and wrapping gifts that were delivered to **28** Community Navigator consumers, **36** Supported Employment consumers and to **6** Project Search students.

Without the hard work and dedication from these generous and very special elves, these Arc clients would not have received these items of both wants and needs from their wish lists!

The Arc would like to thank everyone, from the shoppers to the donors, that were involved in the success of this year's gift giving season. You all made the holiday season brighter for so many!



Arc's 7th Annual Holiday Party

The Arc held it's 7th Annual Holiday Party, hosted by Lyndsay Champion, via Zoom this past December to celebrate and kick-off the holidays right! The 25 Arc Advocates, staff and board that attended the event enjoyed our annual traditions of a Tacky Sweater Contest, Bingo, followed by a dance party with DJ Jamie!

A special shout out to our Bingo hosts, Nicolas Camire and Nancy Overby. Also to DJ Jamie for sharing his awesome playlist and holiday vibes. We would also like to recognize our Graduate Assistant from UNC-G, Maddie Ward, for coordinating the Tacky Sweater Contest and organizing our Holiday greetings slide show. As always its teamwork that makes the dreamwork!

We appreciate everyone that was able to attend and everyone that was with us in spirit. We hope your holidays were Merry & Bright!

2021 Tacky Contest Winners!



1st Place
Jamie



2nd Place
Nicolas



3rd Place
Addie



4th Place
Erin

PROGRAM UPDATES

Greensboro Self-Advocacy Group



UNCG Best Buddies wants to invite
the members of GSAG to our

Valentine's Day Celebration!

TODAY: Monday, February 7th at 7:00 pm
We will be meeting virtually through google meets.

Link & info below:

Google Meet Joining Info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/got-knrz-ygu>

Or dial: (US) +1 650-667-3786 | PIN: 738 714 079#

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1UTTiMQZ7ScrNqjCnTMLTTnj37geq_JUqAhnlf91Qf8/edit#slide=id.p



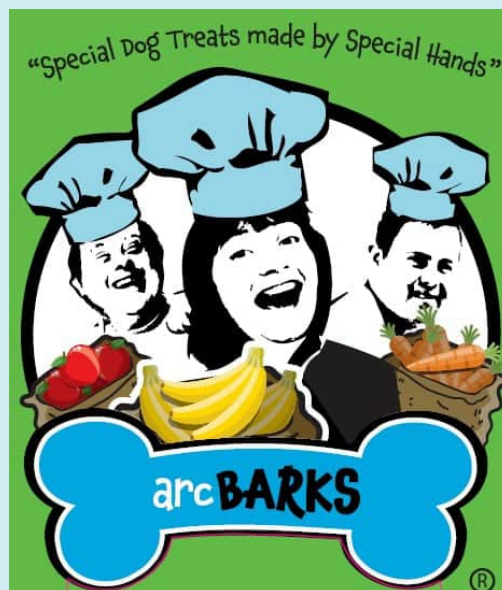
GSAG MEETING

FEB 8TH 6:30-8PM

College Park Baptist Church



contact Maddie with
questions at
mgward@uncg.edu



arcBARKS had great January with everyone excited to be back at the bakery after their holiday break! Since we almost sold out of all of our treats in December, we have been busy baking Peanut Butter, Pumpkin, and ABC Barkers each week!

The bakery has also have been busy packaging and shipping wholesale orders from new and existing customers, many of whom had sold out of treats during the holidays.

arcBARKS bakers are excited for Valentine's Day and looking forward to making heart shaped treats to celebrate it!

Please stop by our bakery to get the pawfect gift for your furry friends.

Baker Spotlight of the Month

Laura loves coming to arcBARKS and one of her favorite things to do is to put the expiration date on arcBARKS boxes. Laura also likes to weigh treats and fill arcBARKS boxes with the weighed product. Laura is an avid Virginia Tech fan and likes to play basketball. She also enjoys traveling with her mom and dad to Virginia and all over the US.

Keep up the great work, Laura!





arcBARKS continues to grow locally and around the country.
Our newest arcBARKS retailers are:

- American Made Superstore – Wilmington, NC
- Heavenly Treats Bakery – Winchester, OH
- Tacoma Boys – Tacoma, WA
- Monkeys Uncle – Doylestown, PA
- Whirligig Unique Boutiques – Lititz, PA
- Ligonier Paws on Main – Ligonier, PA
- B3 Artisan Wares & Studio – Franklinville, NC
- Town & Country Meat Market – Greensboro, NC
- Moonlight Makers – Asheville, NC
- Fernweh Lane – Malvern, AR
- Stony Lake Market – Shelby, MI

Supported Employment

If you want a job then
We Want to Put You to Work!
Jobs are available in our community.



This young man landed a "sweet" job in January at the beautiful, Savor the Moment Bakery. He began as an apprentice with the lovely Mrs. Davis who has been guiding and teaching him the ropes. This is a wonderful family business and we are excited about this relationship opportunity. Our relationship began with this bakery as they currently sell our arcBARKS doggie treats in their retail store.

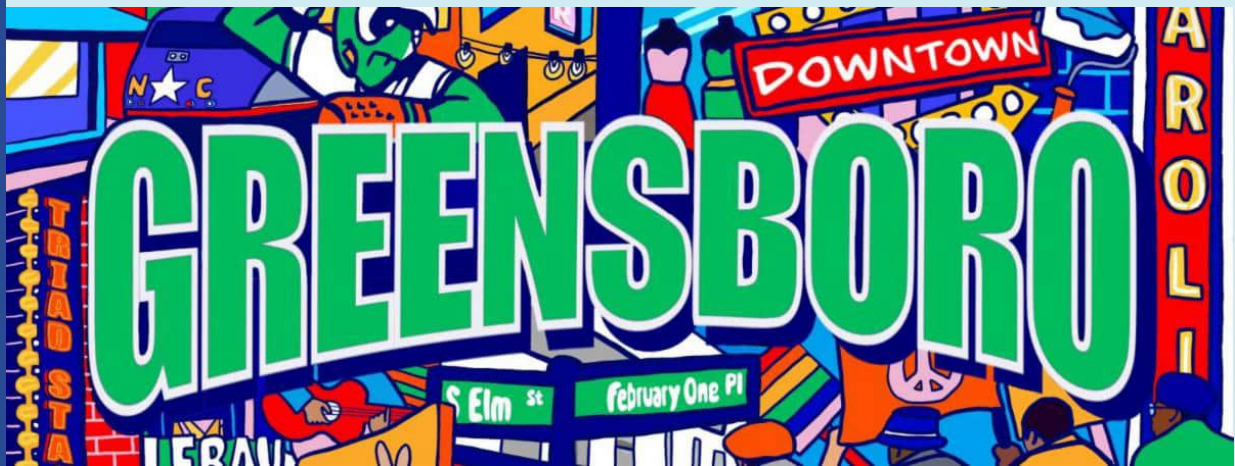
Congratulations!

Project Search

Project SEARCH spent the Friday before holiday break serving at Definition Church. The interns did a variety of jobs. They stocked shelves, unpacked boxes and swept floors. They were then treated to a holiday lunch. Working in the community helps Interns reinforce their job skills and learn to work with unfamiliar people. They did a great job and are looking forward to the what the New Year is bringing them!



Community Navigator Resources



FEBRUARY RESOURCES

Click on the links to be directed to the resource or event.

- [Greensboro Parks & Rec-Wisk It Wednesday Virtual Baking Class-Registration](#)
- [Tim Tebow Night to Shine Prom Feb 11 need to register with host church \(virtual\)](#)
- [Discover-Greensboro-Winter-Spring-2022 * Directory](#)

- [Greensboro Parks & Recreation Adaptive & Inclusive](#)
- [Valentine's Day Decor from Dollar Stores](#)
- [Valentine's Dance High Point Parks & Rec Adaptive and Inclusive](#)
- [ECAC- Free Webinar on Able Account](#)
- [The Arc of the US Resource Locator](#)
- [VITA Free Tax Preparation Locations](#)

CONSUMER OF THE MONTH

Kamren Cattouse



Kamren Cattouse is in the Spotlight this month for Project SEARCH. He is the first intern to work in Pharmacy. Kamren is doing a great job delivering stock, unpacking medicines and breaking down boxes. He is meeting new people and learning new skills with a smile.

PARTNER OF THE MONTH

The Arc Junior Connection



A Special Thank You to Robin Barefoot for organizing The Arc Junior Connection for a very successful holiday season by shopping, purchasing and donating, and wrapping hundreds of gifts for our 2021 Operation Santa Claus program. Without your support, generosity and caring spirits, we could not have fulfilled the wish lists of 70 Arc consumers that requested help this season. The Arc Junior Connection continues to amaze The

Arc with their service and kindness to our community! Thank you to everyone for your support.

In Loving Memory...



Dale Metz
October 9th, 1946 - January 5th, 2022

Dale was born in St. Mary's, Pennsylvania, October 9, 1946. He was the son of James Edwin Metz and Beula Gustafson. He is survived by his loving wife, Susan Spas Metz, daughter, Jessica Metz (Tom), son Aaron Metz, granddaughter Annalise Metz, mother Ann Black Metz, brothers Jeffrey Metz (Donalyn) and Gary Metz (Donna), nieces Brittnay Metz and Jaimie Metz, and a large extended family who will all miss him dearly.

He met his wife Susan while attending SUNY Geneseo where he studied Special and Elementary Education. Shortly after graduation he joined the US Air Force where he served his country as an English language instructor for Vietnamese soldiers. After 4 years of service Dale and Sue moved to Greensboro where they would raise a family and become an exceptional part of the Piedmont Triad community.

Dale was an active member of many performing arts groups including, Community Theater of Greensboro, High Point Community Theater, 5 by O'Henry Company, NC Shakespeare Company, Snow Camp Historical Drama and numerous others. Some of his favorite roles included Captain Hook, The Ghost of Christmas Present, Fagin, and The Wizard of Oz. His most cherished role, however, was always as Santa Claus for thousands of children over the years.

Dale was a very civic minded man who served the community throughout his life. He was on many and varied boards of non-profit organizations that focused on the needs of underserved populations. As a teacher and principal he was a tireless advocate of education for all and used both his actions and words to bring recognition and understanding of these issues to others. During the more than 20 years he served as principal, he

helped to develop Gateway Education Center into one of the premier programs for special needs children in the country.

Dale and Susan were married for 53 years. They had many adventures together, performing, traveling, laughing, and raising two children, Jessica and Aaron. The addition of a beautiful granddaughter, Annalise, brought boundless joy into his life. He also loved communicating with and visiting family all around the country.

He was generous and open-hearted and treated everyone he met as a friend. No one loved to laugh more than Dale.

*In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent in his name to the **Greensboro Cerebral Palsy Association** online or **Herbin-Metz Education Center PTA**, 400 O'Ferrell St, Greensboro NC, 27405.*



The Arc's Annual Holiday Party circa 2015

Dale Metz makes his favorite special appearance to surprise the staff & guests!

*We will forever cherish your spirit and dedication to **ADVOCACY**.*





"Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go; they merely determine where you start."
- Nido Qubein



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