



The Arc of Benton County Annual Report

FY 2007-2008

Volunteers and Donors Help Keep The Arc Afloat

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Executive Director Karin Frederick
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Activities Leader and Community Inclusion Specialist Sally Kalal
Corvallis Store Manager Ron Burt
Philomath Store Manager Cheri Burt
Bingo Manager Mike Dyball

In 2007-2008 The Arc called on the community for financial assistance. We were stunned by the outpouring of support. The efforts and generosity of those in the DD community and throughout the county saved The Arc's Afternoon Socialization program. The continued existence of the program was threatened by loss of sales in our thrift stores and Bingo business. Our cash savings were dwindling, as we continued to subsidize programs and to make needed facility changes.

The Afternoon Socialization Program is a much-loved opportunity for individuals to have the support they need to enjoy the amenities of the community while they make and keep friends. This program also meets the needs of families, some of whom could not work regular jobs without this opportunity for their loved one to be safe and happy after work or after school.

The Arc, from many years experience, could see the looming need for \$50,000 to continue to offer the program. Family members Ben and Pam Wald, Jan and Bill Byers, Board Members Rosemary Ayres and Jeff Larson were the first to volunteer to correct the problem. THE ASK was taught, and if results tell the story, learned! Fundraisers were planned. The Rock 'n' Roll dance and Monte's Bowl-a-thon engaged more



Daniel McKay

Leads the Snake Dance

of the community. The Arc enjoyed the valued support of the Gazette Times, Corvallis Parks and Recreation, The Flow and Deep Woods bands, Highland Bowl, American Dream Pizza, Radio Ray, Hollywood Video, Studio 355, Bluetechguy.com, and dozens upon dozens of other caring donors. When the donation drive ended, October of 2008, we were just a few dollars short of the \$50,000 goal.

The Arc is beyond grateful for the validation of our efforts by the community. We thank you and pledge to continue to work to enhance the lives of individuals with DD and their families.

Facility Changes



Bingo at the Bank

42nd and E St., Springfield OR

History of Bingo Profit Transfers to The Arc of Benton County

2004-2005 \$107,500

2005-2006 \$85,500

2006-2007 \$125,000

2007-2008 \$ 36,500

Facility changes are stabilizing The Arc. Administrative Staff, Recreation Program Coordinators and Insight Gallery fans are loving the new office space on Fourth Street. As the planned bonus, the site is saving us about \$24,000 per year over what rent would have cost had we not moved. The visibility in the community is also valuable.

With the bulldozer at the door of the former Bingo Hall on Mohawk Boulevard, The Arcs of Benton and Lane Counties chose to move to a new hall rather than close the doors on our lucrative revenue-raising businesses. The two Arcs had been looking for new digs for over 5 years. All were too costly, requiring about \$500,000 in renovations to re-fit as a Bingo Hall. Amazing timing offered us the former Wood Products Credit Union on the corner of 42nd and E in Springfield. Although it took months longer than projected, it cost us less than \$75,000 to renovate the building. We now present the public with a beautiful Bingo hall. We are just beginning to recover from the expense, as Bingo players seem to have regained some disposable cash with gas prices dropping.

Come play Bingo with us. First time players in our hall play for free! For more information, visit the website at www.bingoatthebank.com.

Recreation and Socialization Programs

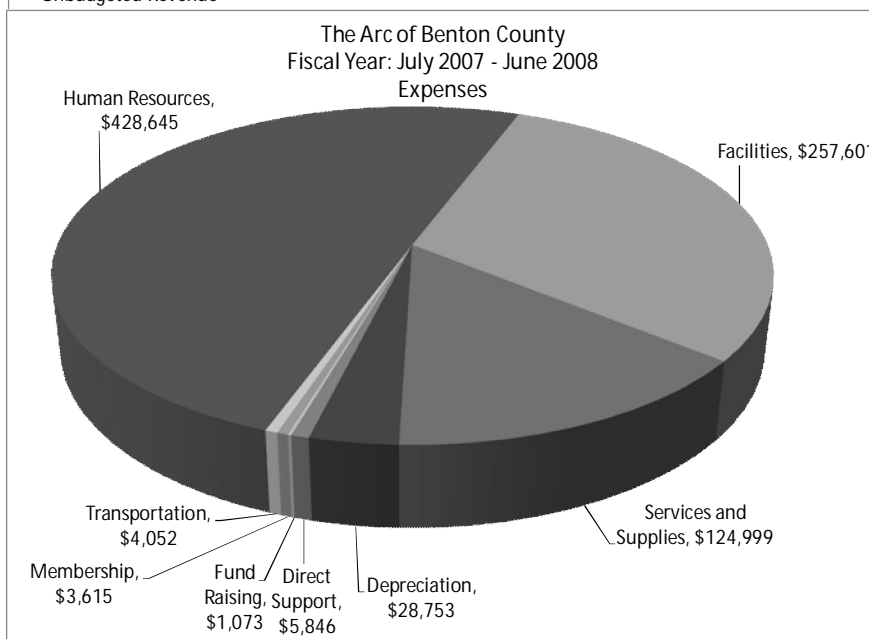
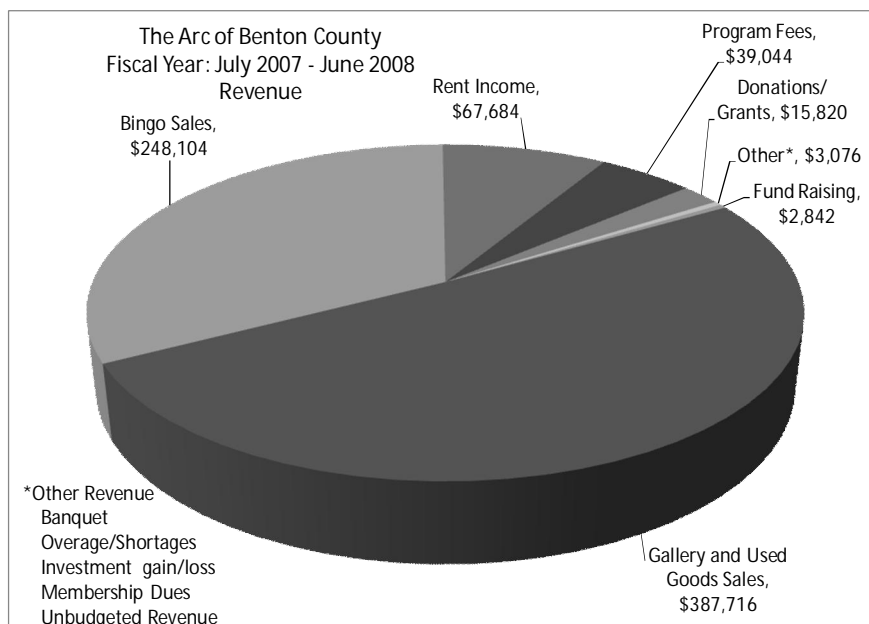


The Arc Administrative
Offices and InSight Gallery
414 NW Fourth St., Corvallis



July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008, The Arc staff supported over 7000 hours of recreational and social opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities. The Arc sees this as our “niche” in the community. Over 20 years of attention to the social needs of individuals with developmental disabilities has allowed us to build expertise and trust among participants and their families. It is “What The Arc of Benton County Does.” The Arc is proud to enhance the lives of individuals with DD in this way. Successful supported recreation requires a great deal of skill in interpersonal communication, patience, and situational awareness. We have extraordinary staff for our programs. Elizabeth Black has been using her Masters Degree in Fine Arts from Berkeley and her love of painting to engage individuals with disabilities since 1994. For 7 years she has been our Activities Coordinator and Visual Arts Facilitator. Elizabeth supports the creative development of participants through the Art Focus and Art for Careers programs. Elizabeth uses The Arc’s inclusive InSight Gallery to show their work and that of community artists. Sally Kalal, Community Inclusion and Recreation Leader, guides the Afternoon Socialization Program activities. Sally has over 9 years of highly praised experience serving individuals with DD. Families and participants rely on Sally to fill afternoons with fun and friendships shared in a community-based activity.

Revenue and Expense Charts, FY 2007-2008



To see the Auditor's
2007-2008 Review of The Arc of Benton County
Financial Statements,
visit www.arcbenton.org. Click on "About Us."

Shop the Internet for antiques and collectibles at The Arc's
newest addition to our fundraising businesses,
www.thearcsthriftstore.com.

PROPERTIES OWNED FY 2007-2008

Office/Gallery: 4th St.
Group home: Arthur Circle
Group home: 17th Street
Group home: 29th Street
Group home: Garfield Ave.
Group home: Dream Place
Another 3 Homes
Rented Directly to
Individuals with DD

PROPERTIES LEASED FY 2007-2008

The Corvallis Store
The Philomath Store
Bingo Hall for Bingo at the
Bank

The Arc of Benton County's
Housing
provides options for
maximum independence
for individuals with DD
in their own community.

History of Thrift Store Profits for The Arc of Benton County

2004-2005 \$34,023
2005-2006 \$33,367
2006-2007 \$53,753
2007-2008 \$ 39,230

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The Mission of The Arc is to advocate and provide services, as needed, to enhance the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families

ALERT: Retaining needed services promises to be very difficult in this economy. 30% cuts in the DHS budget slashes needed services for those with DD, their families, and/or their staff. Even more cuts to services are planned. Please sign up for **The Arc of the US' Action Alerts & The Oregon Network.** **Respond to their calls for action.**

The Arc is advocating for your services. With your personal story, you can make a greater impression by putting a face on the issue.

DO YOU NEED YOUR SERVICES?

Tell your Legislator what services mean to you or to the person you care about. Or, call Karin, 753-1711, leave a voice mail message. The Arc will use your story to advocate for you.

The Meaning of Membership in The Arc

Your membership in The Arc tells us that you support the mission and work of The Arc. Advocacy becomes more powerful at the local, state and national levels when many care about the needed supports and protection of existing supports for people with DD. The Arc of Benton County boasts of 300+ members, more per capita of population that anywhere in the State.

Your membership also makes a statement about your belief in the core values of The Arc. Together we work to model and achieve universal respect for ...

People First

Democracy

Visionary Leadership

Community Participation,

Diversity

Integrity and Excellence

to improve this world for everyone.

Membership Matters !

Volunteers

From our community and especially our membership, The Arc recruits volunteers for committees to advise the Board and bring expertise and new ideas to the work of The Arc. Please consider becoming a volunteer. Volunteer opportunities can be found on our website, www.arcbenton.org.



The Arc of Benton County Member
Barbara Sackett was named
2008 Senior Volunteer of Oregon