

The Arc Advocate

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Tax Measures 66 and 67

Since the last legislative session, cuts have been made to Department of Human Services, education and public service budgets. In order to keep services near current levels, our legislators initiated a small increase in personal income and corporate taxes. Some in Oregon wish to derail the decisions made by our elected legislative representatives. A yes vote retains the legislative plan.

Measure 66: Singles will experience a 1.3% increase in taxes on amounts over \$125,000 and couples will be taxed an additional 1.8% on income over \$250,000. This translates into an additional \$180 in tax for the couple making \$260,000.

Measure 67: Taxes will be kept low for smaller businesses and the taxes for large corporations will still be among the lowest in the nation.

Decreased spending in the human services, public health and education budgets will have additional negative effects on the state and local economy. Service cuts not only reduce the safety and well being of vulnerable people, they mean job losses to those who provide services. Proposed cuts to developmental disabilities services will be severe and will affect all of our hard-earned programs. It could wipe out much of the progress we have made since the late 1960's. For more information go to ORA.org, OEA.org, or oregonddcoalition.org.

The Arc's Artists Celebrate Donor Generosity

The Arc's Artists send a sincere "Thank You" to the generous supporters of the arts who responded to The Arc's Holiday Appeal. The Artists are rightfully proud of their work and greatly appreciate the opportunity to have more and varied supplies. If The Arc's need has slipped your mind, it's never too late to respond with a tax- deductible donation.

The Arc's Thrift Stores have a Merry Christmas

It seems that this Christmas people began to recognize the fun and enduring value of vintage gift giving. Our stores experienced better than expected sales this December. Our online store, thearcthriftstore.com, also provided unique gifts for loved ones all across America. Your donated used goods support The Arc's services. We need furniture, books, household items and clothing to sell.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Membership Matters

Don't forget, Members of The Arc of Benton County enjoy a 10% discount at our brick and mortar thrift stores in Corvallis at 10th and Beca and in Philomath and 10th and Main. Membership envelopes can be picked up in each store and on The Arc's website, www.arcbenton.org. Membership matters, especially when we talk to elected public policymakers. We can tout your support of our ideals.

New Opportunity for Socialization and Artistic Expression

The Arc is developing a Theatre Club and would greatly appreciate any volunteer assistance and/or ideas that readers can provide. The popularity of the Christmas Pageant has inspired us to offer more and varied acting opportunities in 2010. This program will be provided with the help of university interns and community volunteers. If you want to participate as a Club member, as a volunteer with theatrical arts experience, or with ideas and suggestions, please call Karin with your input, 753-1711 or e-mail kf@arcbenton.org.