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A NOT-FOR-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION
ADVOCATING FOR
AND PROVIDING
SERVICES,
AS NEEDED,
TO ENHANCE THE LIVES
OF INDIVIDUALS
WITH DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES AND THEIR
FAMILIES.

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Art Show in Hillsboro

Benton County artists in The Arc's ArtFocus group will display their work April 19th through May 24th at Pacific University. The artists' work was recommended to the University by the Director of VSA Arts in Washington D.C., the nationwide disability arts program started by the Kennedy Family. Twenty of our artist's paintings will be displayed on Pacific University Health Professions Campus, Creighton Hall Library, 222 SE 8th Avenue, Hillsboro, OR. This Portland area exposure comes in addition to our greeting card displays and sales at Powell's Bookstore, in the Pearl District.



Drama Squad a BIG Success!



Drama squad, with the assistance of The Arc's OSU intern, Kyle Trenton, gave its first performance on March 19th. This popular Tuesday afternoon activity will continue into the summer with members of community offering help. Kim Hayden will also be lending a hand, with several years of experience in theatre.

Your Donations and Patronage Needed

Our thrift stores are in need of your business and your used goods donations. The Arc needs clothing, household items and furniture to sell to support our programs. Our stores are clean and well organized and we have a surprising variety of goods. Come by and use your member discount! Or, shop for vintage items online at www.thearcsthriftshop.com.

**Vibrational
Healing
for Body,
Mind
and
Spirit**

Adults, with or without disability,
RELAX
in The Arc's InSight Gallery.
Be guided by the singing voice of Elizabeth Treeheart, PT.

Bring a blanket, pillow, or yoga mat to lie comfortably on the floor, or sit in a chair provided.

Meet Mondays in April, the 12th, 19th, & 26th, 7:00-8:00 pm.
A suggested donation of \$5.00 - \$7.00 is requested.

Support staff, if needed, participates with the group. This is not a staffed event of The Arc.

Have questions? Call Elizabeth Treeheart, between 1-5 pm, at 541.602.4092.

Award Nominations

It is time for you to declare who you would like to honor in our community with an award from The Arc of Benton County. Please use the enclosed nomination form to tell us about the extraordinary individuals or business you respect greatly.

Save The Date!

The Arc's Annual Meeting of the Membership will precede the 2010 Awards Ceremony on May 16th at the clubhouse in Adair Village. Watch for your invitation! RSVP by May 9th, if you plan to stay to dinner and the Awards Cerenmony

Passage of Measures 66 & 67

The January passage of these tax measures helped save DD services from complete devastation. Unfortunately, though, the State's budget still includes some rather large cuts for a number of vocational providers who offer community based 1:1 job supervision in the State due to a \$1800 cap on rates. We can't say that the State's budget woes have not extended to DD services but we can be extremely thankful that the measures passed.

FUTURE STATE BUDGET CUTS? Take this opportunity to express your views. Consult the Oregon Developmental Disabilities Coalition website at www.ocdd.org for more information. Unless there is a huge improvement in the economy, there will be further cuts in the next biennium. Starting on April 15, the Oregon Human Services and Health Authority will be holding community forums across the state. Citizens can talk about local needs and priorities for the 2011-2013 State budget. Get involved.

Protect and empower children, families, seniors & people with disabilities.

Donate your car to The Arc/Benton . . . tax deduction and free towing
Call, 1-877-272-2270 for full information.

Training . . .

There are a number of training opportunities coming up that would benefit both parents and professionals in the field of developmental disabilities. These will include:

April 4/20/2010 - Positive Behavioral Support with a focus on autism spectrum disorders provided by Rick Newton. Contact Jessica Martinez at 503-845-9214 or jmartinez@mtangel.net

April 15, April 19 and May 13, 2010 – Three trainings related to working with individuals with autism offered by Semita Consulting in Medford. Contact Jean at 541-842-6032

June 3 through 5, 2010 - The 2010 Oregon MegaConference to be held at the Eugene Hilton and Conference Center. The Arc of Oregon Annual Meeting will be held during the conference.

Additional information/ training can be accessed through the Oregon Parent Training Institute orpti.org/workshop.htm and Oregon.gov-spd training .

2010 Annual Meeting Requires the Membership to Vote

Proposed By-law changes must be accepted or rejected by the membership at The Arc's Annual Meeting on May 16, 2010, in the Clubhouse at Adair Village, at 4:00 pm. The proposed changes are:

1. To replace the language throughout our bylaws that refer to "people with mental retardation and other related developmental disabilities" with "people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities". This is consistent with current professional language related to the mission of The Arc.

2. To remove language in the bylaws on "term limits for all board officer positions." Such changes in Article VII. Officers of the bylaws would now read: "The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected in a manner hereinafter provided to serve a term of one (1) year. Each officer shall, at time of his/he election, be a member in good standing."

These changes should be considered separately.
Votes will be taken on each proposed change separately.