

# The Arc of Howard County

*Achieving full community life for children and adults*

*with cognitive and developmental disabilities – one person at a time*

## June 2008

### Tribute to Jim Greenfield Attracts Family, Friends, Fans

The Arc of Howard County hosted "A Tribute to Jim Greenfield," June 12. The benefit to support quality housing and services for individuals with cognitive and developmental disabilities attracted 275 attendees. The presenting sponsor was **The Columbia Triathlon Association**. Gold Sponsors included **Gaines & Company, Susquehanna Bank, The Friends of Columbia Builders,** and **The Lundy Family Foundation**.

At the tribute, Greenfield, founder of Columbia Builders, was presented the 2008 Award for Compassionate Leadership, in recognition of his four decades of service to the people of Howard County and for his support of The Arc of Howard County. He has been a benefactor to The Arc through sponsorship of the Chocolate Ball and gifts to The Arc's capital campaign and Silver Arc Legacy Fund, as well as by building homes that support people served by The Arc.

Presenters at the tribute included Williamsburg Builders Chief Financial Officer **Laurie Bean**, stepping in for her father, Chip Lundy; Horizon Foundation senior program director **Jackie Ring**, former Deputy Director of The Arc; board member **Robert Vigorito** of The Columbia Triathlon Association; Jim's daughter, **Anne Terwilliger**, and son, **Paul Greenfield**; and Greenfield friend **Greg DesRoches**, president of Cornerstone advertising agency. The Arc's Board president **Joseph V. Murray, Sr.**, presented Greenfield with the Award for Compassionate Leadership.

A special cake created for the tribute was designed by **Tracy Buchanan** of **Sweet**, a bakery and cafe in Ellicott City. Tracy was the winner of the People's Choice award for her dessert at Chocolate Ball 2008. The cake is a replica of the house that Greenfield built that supports people with developmental disabilities. The decorations, which included flowering plants, shrubs and trees, were provided by **Town Creek**.

The planning committee for the event included **Kari Ebeling, Linda Congedo** and **Bryan Sorrentino** of the staff, and **Randy Brooks, Greg DesRoches, Jean Moon, Jackie Ring, Robert Vigorito** and **Ted Weiss**.

### Celebration of Excellence Awards

The Arc of Howard County has presented 2008 **Celebration of Excellence** awards at the annual meeting in May to individuals and groups which have provided innovative programs and opportunities for people with cognitive and developmental disabilities in typical settings.

**Life Time Fitness** and its Operations Department Head **Brian Hawkins** won recognition for successful inclusion in the workplace. The fitness center in Columbia employs one of the individuals served by The Arc of Howard County. Hawkins was cited for his planning, excellent communications, and person-centered attitude.

Groups honored include the Office of Human Resources of the **Howard County Board of Education, Grace Episcopal Church**, the third grade team at **Elkridge Elementary School**, and the **Savage Volunteer Fire Company**. The Office of Human Resources has successfully included an employee with

developmental disabilities. Grace Episcopal was cited for the supportive environment it has provided a family whose daughter has autism. The Elkridge Elementary teachers were honored for the “adaptive measures” they have taken to allow a student to learn at her own pace. Savage Volunteer Fire Company was recognized for its “warm acceptance” of an individual served by The Arc who has been volunteering at the fire company.

Individuals honored include coach **Chuck Spalding** of Long Reach High School, Centennial High School graduate **Miguel Albornoz**, and nurse **Marie “Mardi” Adams**. Spalding successfully included a student with developmental disabilities in sports at the school. Albornoz started a chapter of Best Buddies, which pairs students with disabilities with typical students, at Centennial. Adams, who works for the Central Maryland region of the Developmental Disabilities Administration, was cited for her “best practices” and her compassion.

Self advocates **Robert Bussard** and **David Gold**, both of whom receive services from The Arc of Howard County, were recognized by The Arc’s Management Team for their success in living a full community life. Bussard works at McDonald’s and is a volunteer at his church. Gold, a founding member of People Power, stated his own document scanning business.

Executive Director Carol A. Beatty presented the 2008 Employee of the Year Award to **J.C. Daughaday**. Daughaday is a “job coach,” and he supports people with developmental disabilities who are working in the community. He was cited for his commitment to people with cognitive and developmental disabilities and for his success at meeting the needs of local employers. He is also a spokesperson for The Arc’s employment services.

Board President Joseph V. Murray, Sr., presented the 2008 President’s Award to **County Executive Ken Ulman**, noting, “Ken is a cheerleader for the agencies that deliver much needed services to Howard County’s most vulnerable populations. His vision of an inclusive and nurturing community here in Howard County embraces people of all types, backgrounds and abilities.”

## **Thanks to Howard County Employers**

We truly appreciate the large variety of businesses, retail establishments, restaurants, and associations throughout Howard County who employ people with cognitive and developmental disabilities: ABC Transportation, Adventure Park- USA, Affordable Mailing Service, Antwerpen Nissan, Bob’s BMW, JHU: Applied Physics Lab, CoHo Grill, Coffee News, Columbia Athletic Club, Columbia Ice Rink, Costco-Club Demonstration Services, Courtyard by Marriott-Columbia, Days End Horse Rescue, Elkridge Furnace Inn, Famous Dave’s Barbeque, Food Lion-Elkridge, Fruit Flowers-Laurel, Garden Ice House, Giant Food-Centre Park, Giant Food-Dorsey Hall, Giant Food-Hickory Ridge, Giant Food-Owen Brown, Giant Food-River Hill, Goddard Space Center, Gold Rush Scanning, Habitat Productions, Handyman Matters, Harmony Hall Retirement Community, Harris-Teeter, Heartlands Retirement Community, Howard County Board of Education, Howard County Recreation and Parks, LaPetitie Academy-Columbia, Let’s Eat, Lifetime Fitness, Looks, LLC, Martek, McDonald’s-Harpers Choice, NeighborCare Pharmacy, Papa John’s Pizza-Harpers Choice, Petco, S.P. Richards Company, Safeway-Enchanted Forest, Safeway-Harpers Choice, Scientific Specialties, Social Security Administration, Sodexo Food Services, NSA, Staples, SuperFresh-Ellicott City, Sunoco-River Hill, Target-Columbia, The Columbia Gym, Therapeutic Riding and Recreation Center, U.S. Secret Service, Walmart-Ellicott City, Weis Market-Laurel.