

The Arc of Howard County

Achieving full community life for children and adults

with cognitive and developmental disabilities – one person at a time

November 2008

Business After Business At The Arc on November 18

The Arc of Howard County will host a Howard County Chamber of Commerce Business After Business networking event on Nov. 18, 5-7 p.m., in Greenfield Café at The Arc's offices. This is a wonderful opportunity to talk to local business leaders about The Arc and the people it serves. The cost to Chamber members is \$15; non-members pay \$30 at the door.

The Arc Wins Disability Issues Awards

The Arc was honored during the Howard County Commission on Disability Issues annual awards ceremony. The Arc was recognized for providing support for full community participation, specifically in the area of employment.

Jay Raksin, who has worked for The Arc for 15 years, was recognized for creating solutions to improve daily life for people with disabilities. He recruited volunteer groups and contractors to help renovate three of The Arc's houses for older adults and raised money for the renovations.

River Hill Sports Grill was named Employer of the Year. The Arc supports an individuals working there, so you could say this was a triple win for The Arc.

Exclusively Features The Arc

Many of you may have received a copy of Exclusively magazine in the mail. Exclusively has a partnership with The Arc, which helps find advertisers and gets a portion of the sales revenue. Many pages of the magazine were devoted to The Arc. If you want to advertise in next year's edition, call Kari Ebeling, 410-730-0638, ext. 306. The early renewal deadline is Nov. 26.

Horizon Makes Grant to The Arc

The **Horizon Foundation** has made a grant to The Arc to enable it to revamp its website, and we will include streaming video to promote job opportunities for the people we serve. We expect the revamped website to be ready by the first of the year.

The website promotion is the latest in a series of strategies to attract employers. Stories about people served by The Arc who are working in the community have been running in The Business Monthly; the next articles features Bonnie Miles who works at Lynn's Day Spa.

Board Members

For those who haven't heard, The Arc Board of Directors now includes **Bob Smith** of BB&T, **Phil Swanson** of Canada Dry Potomac, **Christa Spalding** of Howard Bank, **Peter Della Croce** of Merrill Lynch, and **Ed Wilson** of Constellation Energy.

Cole Schnorf Wins Infinity Dream Car Raffle

Past Board President **Cole Schnorf** is the winner of this year's Dream Car Raffle. Cole selected the Infinity C35 sedan from JBA Infiniti in Ellicott City, which hosted the President's Breakfast where the drawing was held. JBA Infiniti has a long term record of supporting people with cognitive and developmental disabilities, and we are proud to have the company as a partner!

Annie Mae Caldwell, a house manager with The Arc, won a GPS navigational system, **Mary Jane Grauso** won the digital camera, and **Peter Peterman** won 2 tickets to the 2009 Chocolate Ball presented by BB&T.

Autumn Golf Tourney Attracts a Crowd

The Annual Golf Tournament, sponsored by **Americhoice**, Oct. 24, at Timbers of Troy Golf Course, attracted a field of 72 golfers. Next year's tourney is set of Sept. 25, 2009, and Bob Brown, Sam Andelman, Dale Legal and Phil Swanson have started the planning. For information, call Kari Ebeling, 410-730-0638, ext. 306, or Bryan Sorrentino at ext. 271.

The Arc Recertified for Standards of Excellence Seal

Maryland Nonprofits has recertified The Arc of Howard County for its Standards of Excellence Seal of Approval. The statewide association developed Standards for Excellence to promote ethical practices and accountability in nonprofit organizations.

Mark Your Calendar for 2009

January 28, 2009, 4 p.m. – **Dream TV Raffle Drawing & Super Bowl Social**, Greenfield Café, The Arc of Howard County

March 14, 2009, 7 p.m.-midnight – **BB&T Chocolate Ball: Infinite Possibilities...Boundless Opportunities**, Kossiakoff Center, Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab

April 14, 2009 4:30-6 p.m. **Chocolate Ball Sponsor Thank You Social**, Greenfield Café, The Arc of Howard County

April 16, 2009 4:30-6 p.m. – **Volunteer Appreciation Social**, Greenfield Café, The Arc of Howard County

May 17, 2009 – **Columbia Triathlon: Team Arc... racing for change!**

May 19, 2009, 7-9 p.m. – **Celebration of Excellence: Annual Meeting and Awards**, The Bain Center

June 4, 2009 – **Greenfield Compassionate Leadership Award: Tribute to Robert Vigorito, 2009 recipient.**

August 23, 2009 – **Iron Girl: Team Arc... racing for change!**