

# arc NEWSLETTER

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*Mission Statement: To provide the highest quality of services and programs to children and adults who have a developmental disability, who reside in Madison County, Illinois.*



Township Hall that evening. It was a spooktacular evening with costumes, dancing, refreshments and just a great time for all attending! The Developmental Training Program/Community Day Services had a Halloween decoration contest for each of the 7 program areas. The impartial judge, Kathy Steiner, awarded program area 2 with the scariest decorations. On October 31<sup>st</sup> DT had their Halloween party in each of the program areas with some dressing in costumes, witches, ladybugs and even Elvis was there, enjoying special Halloween snacks, drinks and music.

The end of October brought our annual trek to Springfield for the Speak Up and Speak Out Summit. In total, we had over 30 attendees from the **FSU** and **RESIDENTIAL** programs! Most rode Amtrak from Alton to Springfield and back, with a two-night stay at the Wyndham Hotel. Daily sessions regarding self-advocacy and life skills were well-received, but the real fun was had during the dance and free time where they could socialize with friends who they don't get to see very often. A stipend from the IL Council on Developmental Disabilities and planning from the Arc of Illinois brought the event together.

October 12<sup>th</sup> was the **Best Night Ever** at **Calvary Baptist Church** in Alton. Our clients look forward to this every year. We had 6 clients attend this year. They get their hair and makeup done and ride in a limousine to the Church where they walk the red carpet and get photos taken. A dinner and dancing follows. It's a magical evening for all who attended and we thank Pastor Rick Patrick and all the volunteers who helped make this evening possible.



October was a busy month for ARC clients.

### The Residential Program

Halloween Pot Luck was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> at the Park home and then the annual Halloween Dance at Granite City's

October, November and December were busy months for the **SCHOOL PROGRAM**. We welcomed 11 new students to the school! In October, we visited the Rellecke Pumpkin Patch in Pontoon Beach. The weather wasn't as cooperative as we would have liked, but this is always a fun outing for the students. We also had a Halloween Parade and were able to "Trick or Treat" in



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the ARC cafeteria. Thanks to all the staff who provided treats. Some students were able to see the Variety production of the Little Mermaid. It was spectacular!

During the month of November, we were thankful for and celebrated our unique gifts and talents. November also brought us our first snow day of the year. We're never too old to enjoy an unexpected day off school.



December 7<sup>th</sup>, the School hosted Breakfast with the Brave and enjoyed visiting with some of our local veterans. The students participated in Santa's Workshop which gives them the opportunity to shop for their family members. Santa and his reindeer made time to visit the school and again this year and we had so much fun coming to school in our PJs for

the Polar Express.

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, the SIU Dental School came for their yearly visit to the **DT Program**. A dentist and several of her students examined some of the individuals who don't have a regular dentist; they are evaluated for possible problems. The visit also helps the individuals get accustomed to seeing a dentist in a more familiar setting and also gives the students experience caring for people from different walks of life. THANK YOU SIU Dental School!



### ARC ANNUAL DANCE

Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> was ARC's Annual Benefit Dance fundraiser. It was another great event. Julia's Banquet Center did a great job again this year. We want to thank

Shirley Wiedman's 7 grandchildren for their hard work; Katie (Scoggins) Ottwell, Jessica Wiedman, Megan Wiedman, Mary (Wiedman) Rivera, Chris Scoggins, Matt Scoggins and Ben Wiedman, who co-chaired the event.

THANK YOU!!



December 11<sup>th</sup> was the annual **CILA Christmas Party** where staff and clients participated in the Secret

Santa gift exchange. Also in December, the **FSU** again shared a wonderful event with our friends in the CILA program. We held a combined Christmas Party at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Alton on December 20<sup>th</sup>, with Christmas bingo, music, food, fun and friends! Everyone left with a full belly and several treasures they were able to win during the games.

Several people served by the **Family Support Unit** were on the receiving end of generous Christmas donations, and to anyone who had a part in making the holidays special for everyone, we send a big THANK YOU!

For the **DT program**, December's fun began with a talent show; there was singing and dancing in the lunchroom. Then another round of decorating and judge, Dr. Fred Golden, awarded program area 2 with the best Christmas decorations! Congrats to room 2 again! Then came the holiday party with music, food and a good time for all.

# Merry Christmas

The ARC staff Christmas luncheon was December 21<sup>st</sup> with fried chicken, potatoes and salad from Moonlight. Many thanks to Gary and the Board for this tasty and much appreciated lunch!

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## LONGEVITY AWARDS

These employees were presented with their Longevity Awards at the November Board meeting.

Joe Crawford, Maintenance Supervisor, celebrated 30 years with ARC and Rosjean Custer, Residential Program Director, celebrated her 25<sup>th</sup> year at ARC. Congratulations!

## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

The Employee of the Month winners are nominated by their fellow employees for going the extra mile above and beyond regular duties.

October

- Alyssa Sanders – School

December

- Mary Tanner – School
- Tracie Ingram – DT

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Each month qualified employees' names are placed in a drawing to win the Perfect Attendance Award. The winners are awarded a certificate and some extra cash.

- ✓ Grace Daubman (DT) – October
- ✓ Carol Basden (DT) – November
- ✓ Sandra Welch (School) - December



We have several new hires that joined the ARC team in October, November and December:

- Kimberly Laux – Teacher's Aide in the school program
- Tina Snipes – Self-Direction Assistant in FSU
- Saddle Robinson – Teacher's Aide in the school program
- Sarah Welsh – Developmental Trainer in the DT program
- Jacqueline Wofford – Developmental Trainer in the DT program
- Sharon Jones – Teacher's Aide in the school program

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