

arc NEWSLETTER

THE WILLIAM M. BEDELL ACHIEVEMENT AND RESOURCE CENTER

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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.



It's time for the annual membership renewal.....

Our annual membership drive gives you an opportunity to become a part of the ARC. Your donation helps support our programs.

2018-2019 ARC Membership

\$15.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone: _____

Thank you for your support of the ARC.

**Checks should be made payable to:
William M. BeDell ARC**

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*Serving individuals with a developmental disability since 1957.
The ARC is a not for profit organization as stated under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code.
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Eternal Flame

Special Olympics 50th Anniversary

By Chad Rollins

Over the last four years I have had the privilege of being a part of the Special Olympics Illinois Board; one of thirty five members. I appreciate the William M. Bedell ARC Board allowing me this opportunity and providing me support during this time. In 2017, the State of Illinois had over 22,000 athletes participate in 295 competitions across the state in 19 distinct sports.

July 20, 2018, marked the 50th year of Special Olympics at Soldier field. It all began in 1968 with 1,000 athletes wherein Eunice Shriver announced the establishment of the Special Olympics. She presented a motto from ancient Rome used by the gladiators, "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." A motto the athletes continue to say before each competition.

I was able to be present to watch a permanent structure unveiled near Soldier field to celebrate the Special Olympics organization and its accomplishments over the last 50 years. The sculpture (photo above) has a 30 foot eternal flame which will be used as the starting point for Special Olympic events in the future. Today, Special Olympics is year-round with 4.9 million athletes in all 50 states and across 172 countries. It is truly an amazing growth that started on Soldier field 50 years ago.



ARC Special Olympic Winners

Tony L. took the Gold in the standing long jump and the Silver in the softball throw. Also in the standing long jump, Andy N. went home with the Silver and Scott B. took the Bronze home. Congratulations guys!



The students in our **SCHOOL** program enjoyed many activities like swimming, the fair, the petting zoo, equestrian therapy and music therapy continues too. The Farmer's Market is also in full swing on Tuesday afternoons where staff can purchase a variety of items including vegetables out of the garden. Therapy dogs were also a big hit! (Photo above)

The **DEVELOPMENTAL TRAINING** program clients have been keeping busy with several people going to the fair on June 25th and for the 4th of July celebration, a dance was held including a "patriotic costume" contest with a winner in every room! In June, a field day was held in the back of the building with games like horseshoes, bean bag toss, and softball throw. A good time was had by all!

Several clients and staff from the **FAMILY SUPPORT UNIT** and **RESIDENTIAL** program also attended the fair. Shout out to Dave Logan for transporting clients to these events - THANKS DAVE! Clients have also been enjoying The Munny on Monday evenings and some Cardinal baseball games.



Win 2 St. Louis Cardinal tickets for the September 11th game against the Pittsburgh Pirates! Section 252, Row 10, Seats 17 and 18, includes a Cardinals VIP Parking Pass! Drawing will be September 4th - \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and you don't have to be present to win. Contact Kathy Germscheid at 618-251-2175 for ticket information. Proceeds benefit the ARC Student Activities



EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION



Kiwanis of Wood River Township has been supporters of the ARC for quite some time. Their delicious barbecue will be served on the following dates in the parking lot of the Dealers Electrical Supply on Route 111 in Wood River:

September 6, 7, 8
October 11, 12, 13
February 3, 2019

When you help the Kiwanis group, you help the ARC!

Generosity
changes everything

Thank you to the Alton Foundation, Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis and the individual donors for their contributions that made it possible to purchase a 2018 Ford Transit for our Developmental Training Program.

37th Annual ARC Benefit Dance

Mark your calendars now for the Annual ARC Benefit Dance on Saturday, November 3rd at Julia's Banquet Center from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM. We will have more details in the October Newsletter.



LONGEVITY AWARDS

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

In January, Grace Daubman, Developmental Training Program, celebrated 30 years with ARC.

February's meeting had two awards: Bob Walters Jr., also at the Developmental Training facility, celebrated 30 years. And Kathy Crockett in the School program celebrated 25 years at ARC!

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.

Dave Logan (Recreation) – January
Katara Miller (DT) - February
Carolyn Simon (DT) - March
Marsha Hinckle (School) - April
Laurie Whorton (DT) - May
Melissa LaCroix (School) – June

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARDS

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

February

- ✓ Sandra Welch – School
- ✓ Theresa Sherwood – DT

April

- ✓ Holy Mouser – DT
- ✓ Stacey Marsh – School

June

- ✓ Grace Daubman – DT
- ✓ Karen Mitch-Johnson – School