



Helping people with intellectual & developmental disabilities lead independent lives **EVERY DAY!**

# NEWSLETTER

## SAVE THE DATES!

- Mother's Day Flower Sales NOW OPEN**
- 25th Annual Richard Schock Golf Outing**  
May 20th
- GOLFERS NEEDED!**  
June 7th
- Fun w/Fishing - Adults**  
July 6th
- Fun w/Fishing - Kids**  
August 3rd
- Heart of the Heros**

## 2022-23 Target \$50,000

Pie Sales	\$2,500
<b>WE DID IT! \$2,525</b>	
1st Annual Show the Love Dinner & Virtual Auction	\$20,000
<b>WE DID IT! \$20,000+</b>	
Membership	\$3,000
Flower Sales	\$3,500
Golf Outing	\$20,000
Heart of a Hero	\$3,500
Misc. fundraisers	\$2,500

## Can You Help Us?



### MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Support for the Arc was absolutely astounding at our Show the Love Dinner/Auction! Not only did we have a full house at the event, but we were also able to hit our mark of raising \$20,000! Everyone had a great time! Both clients and donors danced, took pictures at the photo booth and had a delicious meal supplied by Alexander's! It was an amazing night! Thank you to all who were a part of this amazing event. Inside this newsletter are some of the great pictures taken by our volunteer

photographer Jamie Love from Love's Michigan Photography LLC.

Our goal this year to increase inclusion here in St. Clair County. What does inclusion mean for Individuals with I/DD Disabilities? 1. The action or state of including or of being included within a group or structure. 2. The practice or policy of providing equal access to opportunities and resources for people who might otherwise be excluded or marginalized, such as those who have physical or intellectual disabilities and members of other minority groups.

Our mission is: The Arc of St. Clair County is committed to supporting and protecting the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and advocating for their full inclusion and participation in the community. The Arc board and staff had been looking at community need this year. A main repetitive theme is there are not enough inclusive activities for I/DD individuals in St. Clair County. Activities for both youth and adults to interact with their I/DD peers are consistently being asked for when talking to families. They want their families to interact with their peer families. To allow each group to have conversations about their strengths, weakness' and support needs to other individuals who are going through, or have been there done that. A community of support in good and trying times.

The Arc is trying to expand community events for I/DD individuals for youth and adults. We are starting with events in the community that are great meet events, i.e. Music in the Park. We are working on creating a calendar on [www.thearcsc.org](http://www.thearcsc.org) website. We are also creating new Arc exclusive gatherings all summer long. We are joining with the Port Huron Police Officers Association on April 29th at Pine Grove Park for the Special Needs & Autism Awareness Day by creating an ARC Mural that everyone can come to help fill with color. We have our first new event coming up the first week of June and 1st week of July called Fun with Fishing! We are hoping to resurrect our Kickball Tournament in August and see if there is enough interest to have teams in the younger age groups (12-18). Bowling is another sport we are looking into. We are looking for free facilities that we could use for when the weather gets cooler for game nights and maybe dancing. If you are interested, please send us an e-mail to [marketing@thearcsc.org](mailto:marketing@thearcsc.org) so we can get a head count of who is interested in joining. Spread the word! Tell everyone! Make sure you LIKE US and watch our Facebook page and website for updates.

As we finalize all these great programs coming this summer/fall that we will be announcing them asap. You all have made a great deal of difference in the lives of children and adults with ID/D and we appreciate your support!

*Valorie Hudgens, Executive Director*

# SAVE THE DATES

**DID YOU REMEMBER TO BUY FLOWERS FOR YOUR MOM?**

**FLOWERS STILL FOR SALE! GO TO FACEBOOK PAGE TO FIND WHAT IS STILL AVAILALE!**

Mother's Day Flower Sale

Friday, May 12th 12-6pm

(go to FB page for more info.)

**STILL LOOKING FOR GOLFERS AND SPONSORS!**

25th Annual Richard Schock Golf Outing

Saturday, May 20th

(see brochure in newsletter)

FUN with Fishing for Adults 19 and over

Wednesday, June 7th

(see flier on pg 3)

Basketball Camp for Special Needs Players

Wednesday, June 28th

(see FB page for more info)

FUN with Fishing for Kids - 18 and under

Wednesday, July 6th

(see flier on pg 3)

OT Family Night at SC4 - FREE EVENT

Thursday, July 13th

(see FB page for more info.)

**DO YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO SHOULD BE A HERO? See pg 7 to nominate someone.**

Heart of the Hero - sponsored by Woman's Life

Thursday, August 3rd

(see FB page for more info)

## PIE SALES HIT THE BULLS-EYE!

Our Holiday Pie Sales that were delivered in December, 2022 were a huge success! We made our 2022/23 goal of \$2500. Thanks to all our loyal pie buyers and we couldn't have done it without our many wonderful pie salespeople. Terry Troy, our highest salesman was so thankful for everyone who supported The Arc that he wrote this thank you note to everyone. Special thanks goes to all our other pies salespeople who did a phenomenal job selling our pies!

## What Exactly Does the ARC Do?

The Arc of St. Clair County is committed to supporting and protecting the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and advocating for their full inclusion and participation in the community. The Arc of St. Clair County is part of a country-wide and state-wide system of advocacy for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD). The Arc has chapters in 39 states and 730 local chapters across the country. Our national website is called The Arc National <https://thearc.org/> and our Michigan website is The Arc Michigan <https://arcmi.org/>. Our local chapter is The Arc of St. Clair County <https://www.thearccsc.org/>

Each Arc works together, via state and national and individually in our specific areas to advocate for I/DD, supporting and protecting them on many different levels: Federal, State and locally. This combined voice protecting human rights and advocating for full inclusion, is loud, but I/DD individuals need your voice too!

The Arc National works on a federal level to advocate for many initiatives: Criminal Justice, Employment, Health and much more. Click onto their website above to read about The Arc National's initiatives to support and protect people with I/DD. The Arc Michigan has several current projects: Michigan Alliance of Families, Foster Care Disability Family Navigation, Michigan Family Voices, Partnering for Advance self-determination & Direct care worker crisis.

For an individual to maintain full inclusion in St. Clair County there are several supports needed to achieve success. Main support is the Community Living Support (CLS) workers and support workers to assist I/DD individuals in maintain independence whether that is in a group/AFC home or in the community. This much needed service to go shopping, cleaning, bathing and other skills is short on workers. The Arc National and The Arc Michigan are advocating to increase the wage for these much needed individuals. Michigan has a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to address the long-standing direct care workforce crisis in a meaningful and sustained (continued on page 6)

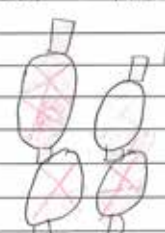
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Dear Friends

Thank-You FOR Supporting  
The ARC With Your donations  
in The Achatz Pie Sale

The money Raised Will be  
Used FOR many PROJECTS  
at The ARC

MERRY Christmas  
TERRY TROY



THE ARC OF SCC presents

# FUN with FISHING!



  
**The Arc**  
St. Clair County



for I/DD ADULTS - Wednesday, JUNE 7th  
for I/DD KIDS - Wednesday, JULY 6th

**ONLY 30 SPOTS PER DAY!**

**COME JOIN THE FUN! REGISTER TODAY!**

**SPONSORED BY:**



# FREE!

**WHERE:**

**522 Quay St., Port Huron**

Docks by Parking lot next to Zebra Bar

**TIME:**

**10AM - 2PM**

# CALL 810-989-9144

**TODAY to register!**

**We Will Provide:**

- Fishing License ✓
- All Equipment - Poles, bait & lifejackets ✓
- Lunch of hotdogs, chips and drink ✓
- Volunteers will be available to help everyone! ✓
- Family members encouraged to come and watch and/or help ✓



[www.TheArcSCC.org](http://www.TheArcSCC.org)

1530 Pine Grove Ave., Suite 1  
Port Huron, MI 48060

**More Information :**

**(810) 989-9144**

# 1st Annual Show the Love Dinner a HUGE SUCCESS!



Great auctioneer!

Generous donation from Algonac Lions Club!



Special guests everywhere!



Food was great!



Everyone dancing!



Dessert table a huge hit!



Fun for All!

Arc Board members, Romeo & Valentina hope to see you back next year!

Special Thanks to all of our media sponsors that help spread the word about Show the Love and helped us fill up the room! We couldn't have done it without your support!



# THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SHOW THE LOVE SPONSORS!

## Gold Sponsors

**Kimball Appliance • Anonymous**

## Silver Sponsors

**Algonac Lions Charities Inc • Clay Township Police Officers Association**

## Bronze Sponsors

**Algonac Sand & Supply • Blue Water Developmental Housing • Anonymous  
SCC Community Mental Health • Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 185  
Lafontaine Automotive Group • Marcotte Disposal • Shirkey Electric**

## Table Sponsors

**Amber George & Soaring Dreams • Dawn Davey • Patrick & Valorie Hudgens  
JMS Concrete • Julie McCoy • Mike Hayes Roofing • Humana • PASEN**

## Desserts

**Cafe' Nola • Neiman's Family Market - St. Clair • Pretty Tasty Cookies  
Sweets by Mya • Yum Yums**

## Silent Auction Donations

**Carol Bogan • Discovery Toys - Florence Rhodes • Belle Tire • Chateau LaRose • Oopsie Cakes  
Dawn Davey & Amber George • Pampered Chef - Dawn Endelman • Club Capri • Catch 22 Bistro  
The Raft • Bayside Tavern & Grill • On The Rocks • St. Clair Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge-Ram  
War Water Brewery • The Anchor Point Bistro • Mannina's Wine House • Robert Knapp  
Karen Radermacher from Crafty Me • Cabana Blue • Soaring Dreams • Terry Stoneburner  
The Raven • Ken Soulliere - Bird is the Word • Nail Fantasies • Ready. Set. Mail • Kimball's  
Crossfire Grill Smoke & BBQ • Essential Reign • Fit 4 Women • On the Rocks by Lisa  
Doubletree Hilton • T.A.P. Cafe • Laurie Sample-Wynn • Lifecare Chiropractic**

**Special thanks to everyone who came to our first event and helped make it such a fun time!  
Support like this is what helped us reach our \$20,000 goal at the 1st Annual Show the Love Dinner!  
The monies raised will go a long way in helping us fund more events for our clients.**

## **NEW BOARD MEMBER JOINS THE ARC THANKS TO SHOW THE LOVE EVENT!**



The Buck Family attended the Show The Love fundraiser and they instantly felt the love!! Traci is very proud of her daughter, Sara, who strives to support & encourage others with disabilities by sharing her own experience living with a Non-Verbal Learning Disability. The Buck Family truly appreciates the support & friendships made along the journey of living with a disability.

Traci Buck, MSW, looks forward to supporting the ARC Board, hoping her experience as Sara's Mom and a social worker will help! Traci has worked in the past as a social worker in St. Clair County, the Port Huron Housing Commission, Child Abuse & Neglect Council, Veteran Health Care Navigator and Community Living Support Worker. She continues as a volunteer with the Port Huron Police Department and Housing Matters of PHHC. For fun, she enjoys a good cup of coffee with friends, be out listening to music while taking long walks and paddle boarding!

*The Buck Family (picture top left): Sara, Traci, Dave Buck and Lauren & Cali Bradley. Carol Osentoski, (Sara's wonderful CLS Worker) & good friend Ana!*

(What Exactly Does the ARC do? cont. from page 2)

manner. The DCW coalition proposes a General Fund appropriation of in FY 23 which would increase the average starting wage rate in the behavioral health system to approximately \$18/per hour. That's what many entry-level jobs pay across the state right now. We urge Michigan leaders to make the temporary \$2.25/hour increase permanent. <https://arcmi.org/projects/micarecrisis/>.

**Your voice is needed to assist advocating for an wage increase.**

Working in the community for I/DD individuals, there is a much needed program through The Arc Michigan called Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA), which is a step by step process to assist people with disabilities, receiving benefits from Social Security, with understanding how employment will affect their Medicare, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and other benefits they may receive. WIPA also helps beneficiaries to understand how they can increase their financial independence. You can check out all the information at: <https://arcmi.org/miwipa/>.



The Arc National works with I/DD individuals in the justice system. Just like anyone else, individuals with I/DD come into contact with the criminal justice system as suspects, defendants, incarcerated persons, victims, and/or witnesses. People with disabilities are more likely to experience victimization, be arrested, be charged with a crime, and serve longer prison sentences once convicted, than those without disabilities. Individuals with I/DD with other marginalized identities (e.g., people of color, members of indigenous communities, and those who identify as LGBTQIA+), are even more likely to get caught up in the system. Once entangled, they face unique challenges, bias, and inaccessible services, which only perpetuate the cycle of criminal justice involvement. Visit <https://thearc.org/our-initiatives/criminal-justice/> to learn more.

The Arc of St. Clair County works on a community level for all these and much more. Our main goal is to try to answer your questions and point you to where you need to go to get the information you are looking for. Our Child and Family Advocate works in the school system to obtain the support children with IEP/ Behavior plans need to become successful in school. Our Adult Advocate works with I/DD individuals to obtain and coordinate the services in the community to allow for inclusion and allow them to be able to become as independent as they are able to be. The Arc board and staff advocate with local community leaders and elected officials as well as connecting with many community groups in St. Clair County to explain what services are needed in St. Clair County for our individuals and teaching others about what we are trying to do. This can not be achieved without your support and your voice. Becoming a member is a way to show that your voice is supporting what we are trying to accomplish. Spreading the word about what we do and the events that we have is another way to show support. However you can support The Arc of SCC it is greatly appreciated by both the staff and board and everyone that we serve. Thank you!

## More Show the Love Pictures!



## Even More Show the Love Pictures!



**WOMEN'S LIFE CHAPTER #820 - THE ARCHANGELS  
ARE LOOKING FOR HEROS!**



**DO YOU HAVE A WORTHY CANDIDATE FOR OUR HEROS IN 2023?**

Nominees need to live in St. Clair County and fit into one of the following categories:

- Law Enforcement: Sheriff, City or Village police, Border Patrol;
- First Responders: Firefighters, EMS, medical personnel;
- Military—retired or active duty;
- Businesses—especially those that work with non-profits;
- Faith Community

I BELIEVE MY NOMINATION BELOW HAS A HEART OF A HERO:

Your Name & contact info: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominated Individual and/or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info of Nominated Individual and/or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Why you believe they are a good candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Nominations close on 5/30/23.** You can either mail in this application to: The Arc of SCC - Attn: Heart of the Heros, 1530 Pine Grove Ave., Suite 1, Port Huron, MI 48060 or email to [marketing@thearcsc.org](mailto:marketing@thearcsc.org). You may also call in to Valorie Hudgens at The Arc of SCC at 810-989-9144. Thank you for your support! Hope to see you on Thursday, August 3rd for the big reveal!

## **Thanks for Your Support**

### **THANK YOU NEW/RENEWING MEMBERS:**

Desiree Wright CSL Plasma • Rocky Gillis • Amy Amiels  
Erin Wilkinson • BW Transit • Robert Wilton • JoAnn Wilton  
Charles & Clara Cuthbertson • Ginny Fitzgerald  
Phillip & Dianna Carroll • Kevin & Nancy Sturtz - Hearing Clinic  
Kelly DiNardo • Debbie Eagen • Jeff & Jori Aliotta  
Algonac Church of Christ • Lisa Motte  
David & Traci Buck

### **SPECIAL THANKS FOR DONATIONS FROM:**

Norma Knapp • Dawna & Dennis Schmalzel • Dawn Endelman  
- Pampered Chef • Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church • Knights  
of Columbus #521 • Knights of Columbus #11756

## **PLEASE BECOME A MEMBER!**

**Consumer \$10 • Individuals \$25  
Family \$30 • Business \$150**

The Arc of SCC is a membership driven organization. Your support makes The Arc's voice in St. Clair County even stronger as we address issues such as education, employment, housing, and safety that are critical to the disability community. Make a difference TODAY at: [www.thearcsc.org/members](http://www.thearcsc.org/members).

## **Membership has benefits:**

### **Individuals, Families & Consumers receive:**

Quarterly Newsletters • Voting Rights to Vote in Yearly Appointed Board Members • Ability to address concerns to Board Members at monthly Board Meetings • Recognition once a year in Newsletter.

- Individual - \$25       Family - \$30  
 Consumer (uses our services) - \$10

### **Corporate businesses receive:**

All benefits of individuals plus: Advertising links on our website • Social Media Shout Outs • Logo & website info in Newsletter quarterly

- Corporate Business - \$150

Individual/Family/Consumer or Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this application along with your check to:  
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**Richard Schock Golf Outing  
 Info Inside!**



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