

The ArcTM

St. Clair County

NEWSLETTER

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

JUNE 2026

SAVE THE DATES!

Diamond Art
Saturdays
June 20th
July 25th
August 15th
 Fun with Fishing
June 28th
August 23rd
September 20th

Heart of the Hero
August 20th
 Check inside for details!

2025-26 Target
\$68,000

Pie Sales	\$2,500
<i>Actual</i>	<i>\$1,390</i>
Prowlers Game	\$7,500
<i>Actual</i>	<i>\$8,698</i>
4th Show the Love Dinner	
Dance	\$20,000
<i>Actual</i>	<i>\$23,025</i>
Membership	\$3,000
Flower Sales	\$3,500
Golf Outing	\$25,000
Heart of a Hero	\$3,500
Summer Raffle	\$3,000

COME JOIN US FOR

DIAMOND ART!

WHEN: June 20th, July 25th & August 15th
 10am - 1pm (pizza and drinks will be served)

WHERE: The Arc of SCC, 1530 Pine Grove Ave., Suite 2
SPACE IS LIMITED TO 15 ATTENDEES!

PLEASE RSVP BY CALLING 810-989-9144 EXT. 1



THE ARC OF SCC presents

FUN with FISHING!



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SAVE THE DATES

REGISTRATION ONLINE OR CALL 989-9144!

June 28th - Aug. 23rd
 & Sept. 20, 2026



FREE SIGNUP! - USE QR CODE ON LEFT TO GO TO FUN WITH FISHING AND SIGN UP TODAY!



Show the Love 2026



The event showed more love than our goal!! We exceeded our goal by \$3,000! That means we know we can do even better to help more consumers in all aspects of their lives. This fundraiser helps The Arc continue to advocate for consumers from birth to adulthood.

Show the Love 2027 will bring more new ways to have fun and raise money! We listened to the feedback from 2025 and responded to make the 2026 event different and more exciting.

The main goal for Show the Love was to make sure we all were feeling love and happiness, and the best way those who attended 2025 wanted to do that was dance a lot more ~ we definitely reached that goal! In 2027 we want to make this an entire family event and expand our reach and awareness even greater!

We cannot grow without fundraising and our supporters for each event...thank you to everyone for being so generous.

It was hard to pick just one photo that captured the feeling of the event, so I have added a few!!



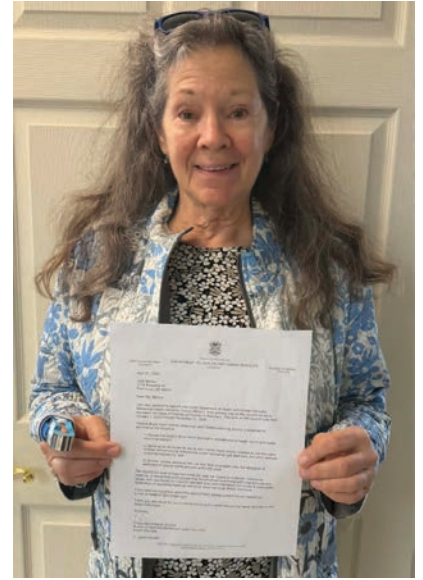
Board member, Julie McCoy, Appointed to the State of Michigan, Dept. of Health & Human Services Behavioral Health Advisory Council (BHAC)

Congratulations to our board member, Julie McCoy for being appointed to this council. Some of her duties will be:

1. To review the State's Block Grant application and behavioral health report and make recommendations.
2. Serve as an advocate for adults with mental health and/or substance use disorders, children with emotional disturbance and/or use disorders and other service receiving populations, and
3. Monitor, review and evaluate the allocation of adequacy of mental health services within the state.

This is a well-deserved honor and we know that Julie will do an awesome job!

Way to go, Julie!



Why and When to Call 988 story taken from The Arc National Newsletter

A mental health crisis deserves a mental health response. The same is true for people with IDD. 988 is the new three-digit phone number to call for help during mental health and substance use crisis situations, and it will be available nationwide by July 2022. Then, all phone companies will route 988 calls to call centers, either locally (if available) or national hubs.

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Show the Love 2026
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Message From The Director:

Well, summer has finally arrived in St. Clair County — and on June 21, 2026, it officially begins! We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful community filled with opportunities to enjoy the season. We hope everyone is taking advantage of the waterfront, local events, and all the fun our area has to offer.

We have a new event starting in June – Diamond Art. We have had a positive response from many of our consumers with this type of craft so we are opening it up to everyone to come join us one Saturday a month to see if it is a craft that you will enjoy. Fun with Fishing will be back in June and July as well so come on out and give it a try.

The Arc will be participating in Family Night with Operation Transformation on June 16th. We will also be joining Port Huron Parks and Recreation for Walk Michigan, Rockin' at Knox, and Outdoor Movie Nights. We invite you and your family to come out and join our Arc family for these wonderful community events.

Be sure to enjoy the 4-H Fair and the many other activities happening throughout the summer. There are so many opportunities to connect, celebrate, and make memories in this amazing county — this season and beyond.

From all of us at The Arc of St. Clair County, we wish you a safe, fun, and amazing summer season!

Valorie Hudgens, Executive Director

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Why You Should Become A Member of The Arc of St. Clair County?

The Arc of St. Clair County 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. It also helps cover the cost of getting this newsletter to consumers and their families in the community that can use our services, remind them of what is available at the Arc and what new programs are coming up in the future as well as educating them on different topics that are important to them.

For those of our loyal supporters that purchase a membership you can see what good things we are doing in the community for both awareness and education.

You can help us make a difference TODAY! You can go online at: www.thearcsc.org/members to purchase your membership or you can mail a check to the address at the bottom of the membership form.



Sign Up on our website using the QR Code on your left. You can pay for your membership using Venmo, CashApp or PayPal
Be sure to include your name, address, phone number and email in the memo of your transaction.

Membership has benefits:

Individuals, Families & Consumers receive:

6 Newsletters/Year • Voting Rights to Vote for Yearly Appointed Board Members • Ability to address concerns to Board Members at annual Board Meeting in November

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 • Name and contact info in Newsletter 6x per year

Corporate Business - \$150

Individual/Family/Consumer or Contact Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Mail this application along with your check to:

The Arc of SCC

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DID YOU KNOW?

Community Mental Health can, in many cases, help with costs of 1 week at the camp. If you or someone you know has a caseworker at CMH and wants to go to camp, contact them today to see if you can go. There are only a few spots left.



**SUMMER 2026
8 SESSIONS
JUNE 21ST – AUGUST 14**

WHAT WE OFFER AT CAMP GRACE BENTLEY

AT CAMP GRACE BENTLEY, WE PROVIDE A SAFE, ADAPTIVE, AND WELCOMING EXPERIENCE FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. CAMPER ENJOY INCLUSIVE ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SWIMMING, ARTS AND CRAFTS, MUSIC, SPORTS, AND SOCIAL EVENTS AS A CONTRACTED PROVIDER THROUGH CMH, THE CAMP SERVICE MAY BE PAID FOR BY CMH. PLEASE TALK TO YOUR CASEWORKER TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY. FAMILIES HAVE TRUSTED CAMP GRACE BENTLEY FOR GENERATIONS BECAUSE OF OUR CARING ENVIRONMENT, BEAUTIFUL LAKESIDE SETTING, AND COMMITMENT TO HELPING EVERY CAMPER FEEL VALUED, CAPABLE, AND CELEBRATED.



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WE ARE LOOKING FOR SUPPLIES!

We have quite a few consumers that we help that always need supplies like toilet paper, body wash, shampoo, trash bags, and cleaning supplies like floor cleaner and toilet and bathroom cleaners.

If you have the ability to donate office supplies for the office we will gladly accept any of the following items: Office Supplies: copy paper, stamps, file folders and 2 x 4 mailing labels, things that run our office daily.

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Save the Date
Thursday, August
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Help Us Tell Others About Our Services

The Arc offers a wide range of services to individuals, families and the community. As we grow and evolve we will continue to add to the possibilities.

For many years The Arc was known for the day programs and community living supports offered on 26th Street. Although, we are very proud of our roots as a leader in the disability community, today, our organization reflects our and the national Arc's original purpose of an advocacy based organization.

We focus on improving the lives of individuals with disabilities by advocating for their full inclusion and participation in society and throughout the community. We do this by working both one on one and in a systems change capacity.

Our advocates have over 5 combined decades of personal and professional experience, assisting people with disabilities attain the services and supports they need to live full and successful lives.



Child & Families Advocacy

In the Schools: Our Child advocate works with parents, students and schools to ensure every child can realize their right to a free and equal education. The Arc helps with IEPs, 504s and Behavior Plans.

Adult Advocacy

Our adult advocates focus on the needs of the individual in order to help them attain the life they envision for themselves. Each consumer receives individualized care to make sure that what they need and want is what we work on to help them get. From person-centered planning facilitation (housing, work opportunities, socialization opportunities, etc) to social security benefits administration, we look at the individual and not their disability and help them work towards achieving their goals.

Consumer's Family Grateful to Arc! Here is Their Arc Story

I am writing this letter to share how I became aware of the St. Clair Arc and the incredible impact they have had on my life and my brother's life. To give a little background, my sister was unexpectedly hospitalized last Decemer. At that time, she was the legal guardian of my older brother, Philip, who has a mental disability. I stepped in to help, not knowing what the outcome would be. Unfortunately, my sister passed away a short time later.

My life changed very quickly and unexpectedly. At the time, I was a full-time student in the nursing program, a wife, a mother, helping care for my own mother, and working. Taking on the care of my brother added a tremendous responsibility, and I quickly realized I did not have enough resources or support to do it alone. That was when I knew I needed help.

Someone told me about the Arc of St. Clair County and from the very beginning, they were absolutely amazing. Before even deciding to take over guardianship, they stepped right in and arranged a meet-and-greet with me and my brother. They made the entire transition smooth and reassuring, and they continue to keep me informed every step of the way. My brother Philip truly loves them and the program. His progress has been amazing to see. While I know they care for many individuals, they treat my brother as if he truly matters. They make him feel like he has a voice, choices, and rights, and that means everything to our family. I could not have asked for a better organization to support my brother.

I am beyond grateful for the patience, compassion, and dedication shown by the St. Clair Arc, and I will always appreciate the difference they have made in our lives.

Sincerely,
Maggie

Come Join the Arc in Walk Michigan thru Port Huron Recreation - All Ages Welcome! Wednesdays, July 1-Aug. 5, 2026 - Group walks at 6 p.m.

- Open to all ages and free of charge.
- Structure: Features 1-mile themed routes provided weekly.
- Incentives: Participants who complete 5 scheduled walks earn a free Walk Michigan T-shirt sponsored by McLaren Port Huron.
- Alternative Options: If you cannot attend group sessions, you can walk on your own time and submit a photo to the Recreation Department for credit.
- Inclement Weather: Indoor walking is available at McMorran Main Arena in case of rain.

July 1- International Flag Plaza

July 8- Pine Grove Park

Bring your pup to celebrate the dog days of summer!

July 15- Walking in the Rotary International Parade
at 6:30 p.m.

July 22- Blue Water River Walk

July 29- Lakeside Park

Aug. 5- Trail at Sanborn Park

Maps of the routes may be found at

<https://bit.ly/Walkmisummermaps>

Resident & Non-Resident Fee: FREE • Day-of registration
available at each walk

Come Join the Fun!



Rebecca Collier Joins The ARC as Newest Part-time Adult Advocate

We are pleased to announce that Rebecca joined us here at the Arc in February. She has been hard at work learning the ins and outs of helping our consumers. She came to us with a wealth of knowledge and has jumped in with both feet to help us care for the consumers we serve. Here is her story:

My name is Rebecca Collier and I have been with the Arc for a few months now. I truly love my job and what I do. This is a new setting for me, but I do have experience in social work environments and advocating for clients.

For the past 12 years I have worked as a caregiver and CLS worker and I have also been a medical assistant for 5 years. I decided to change my career journey to focus more on advocating for people's needs. I am passionate about helping others and I find this work very rewarding.

I have been married for 10 years and have 4 children. In my free time I enjoy holistic wellness and creating products such as body butters, hair products and other natural items. It is something I truly enjoy and feel passionate about.

I appreciate the opportunity to share my journey and my gratitude with all of you.

Welcome Aboard, Rebecca!



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