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Mission Statement

The Arc of Denton County, a non profit volunteer organization, is committed to expanding opportunities for people with any developmental disability to exercise the same rights, freedoms, and responsibilities as their fellow citizens by providing family support, public awareness, advocacy service and referral.

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MARDI GRAS MADNESS

Mardi Gras Madness was a successful fundraising project for The Arc of Denton County last year and we hope that it will be successful this year.

There are two ways you can help us...be a "Jester" and collect donations for us at work, school, etc. or just send in a donation to the Arc of Denton County

All donations are tax deductible and will assist us in our social programs for adults with disabilities.

If you would like to be a "Jester" please call The Arc of Denton County at 972-436-8471 or 800-375-4520 and we will send you a packet of information about this worthwhile project.

Mardi Gras Madness Fundraiser

will last until Feb 5th and our Mardi Gras Social will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2008. All money collected should be turned in as soon as possible after February 5th.



15TH ANNUAL INCLUSION WORKS CONFERENCE

The 15th Annual Inclusion Works Conference will be held February 20th—23rd at the Renaissance Austin Hotel. Visit the Arc of Texas website at: www.arcoftexas.org

and click on the registration box under Upcoming Events for more details.

This years event will be great as usual!!

Everyone Belongs
Everyone Contributes
Everyone is Treasured

Everyone

January 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Board Meeting	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Self Advocate	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Please call the Arc of Denton County at 972-436-8471 or 800-375-4520 or email us at info@arcofdentoncounty.org for any additional information on events listed above or check our website at www.arcofdentoncounty.org.

CLEANING OUT!!



Donate to The Arc of Denton County

Get involved with Arc! If you are cleaning out, please donate clothing and household items. Call 214-337-8900 to schedule a pick up of large items. If you have clothing to donate there are deposit boxes in Lewisville at this time. The loca-

tions we have at this time are:

- Terrys Supermarket on Fox
- Albertson's on W. Main
- Lowes, close to service road
- WalMart Center on Main St (behind Payless Shoes)
- Fox Ave. and I-35 as you exit Fox
- WalMart at 3040 and 121

We will update this list as we get updates. The Arc of Denton County gets a percentage from the donated items for our programs.

Mardi Gras Madness! Jesters Needed for The Arc!!

We need Jesters, but it's no joke. It's all about raising funds for our programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

During Mardi Gras celebration (Jan.21-Feb.5) if you agree to be a jester...

1. You'll pick one day to wear an official Mardi Gras Madness hat (provided).
2. To take your hat off, you'll collect donations equaling or exceeding a targeted pledge amount. Your goal is "hats off by noon"!

All Jesters are invited to the Mardi Gras Madness social, Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008 at EduCare

Individuals and Groups willing to participate in this festive fundraiser are

asked to Call or e-mail for more information:

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HELP THE ARC EARN MONEY

Donate to the Arc of Denton County while surfing the net



There is a new and easy way to raise money for The Arc of Denton County—just by searching the Internet with GoodSearch.com.

It's simple. You use GoodSearch.com like any other search engine-the site is powered by Yahoo!-but each time you do, money is generated for The Arc. Just be sure to fill in "The Arc-Denton County" and click verify for the GoodSearch field "Who do you GoodSearch for?"

Last year, search engines generated close to \$6 billion in revenue from advertisers. With GoodSearch, part of the advertising revenue will now be directed to our organization.

We hope that you will not only use GoodSearch as your main search engine from here on out, but that you will also pass this message on to your friends and family. If you go to GoodSearch.com there is a sample email you can use to

ask your friends and family. The more people who use this, the more money The Arc of Denton County will receive.

This is a good way for you to contribute to your favorite charity (Arc, we hope!) with no money directly out of your pocket and no extra time involved. This can be used at most work places and at home when you are searching the net.

NEW OR RENEWING MEMBERS

- Martha Gooding
- Mary Smith
- Jean Keller
- Horner Family

DONATIONS

- Julie Sewell
- Scott & Amy Collins

Membership forms on back page of newsletter

Join The Arc of Denton County and receive local, state, and national newsletters.

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NOTES OF INTEREST

Mailing List

If you receive our newsletter home from school and want to receive it in the mail, please call or fax us at:

800-375-4520
972-436-8471

Or email us at:
info@arcofdentoncounty.org

We will be glad to put you

on the mailing list!

The New Idea

Download or view a copy of the revised manual on the Arc of Texas website at

www.arcoftexas.org

This has information you need before attending an ARD at your school.

Barbara Hokamp, Ph.D. Announces the opening of her practice in a wide range of counseling in infant and toddler health. Dr. Hokamp has her degrees (B.S. in Special Education from Trinity University, M.A. in Special Education from TWU and her PH.D. in counseling psychology from TWU) in related fields of special interest to parents, educators, care providers, and consumers.

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Ads

\$15 a month \$150 a year

Self Advocate meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month and are held at 3600 E. McKinney St. Suite A in Denton. The meeting hours are 7:00 –8:30 pm.

The meetings are open to anyone over the age of 18 with a developmental disability..

Please join us and develop leadership skills, learn more about your rights and responsibilities, and learn about voting and decision making. These are just examples of the meeting topics

Call The Arc of Denton County at 972-436-8471 or 800-375-4520 for more information about

PROM, PARTY, BRIDESMAIDS DRESSES NEEDED!!

We have received many beautiful dresses but are still collecting them to make sure we can fit each and ever young lady attending this great event. We want to give a big THANK YOU!!

The Arc of Denton County needs dresses for our upcoming semi formal event for adults with disabilities. This will be a semi formal dance and we are trying to locate dresses for everyone. Most of these adults have never experienced a prom or formal event and we want to make this an event they will cherish for a long time to come. If you have any dresses, and we can use items for the gentlemen, that you no longer need anymore, please contact The Arc of Denton County and let us make arrangements to get them from you. The response to this has been great but we still need more and still need all sizes.



We are in need of larger size dresses if you have any or know of anyone with some.

This special event will be held in September 2008

.The Arc of Denton County Annual Awards Banquet

Listed below are the categories that the Arc of Denton County will be honoring at our Awards Banquet in April .

Each of the following categories need to fit the following criteria:

“Positively influenced the attitudes and thinking of the general public regarding the life and ability of a person with intellectual or developmental disabilities”

Categories for nomination:

1. Special Education Teacher
2. General Education Teacher
3. Educator/Administrator
4. Employee of the year (person with disability)
5. Employer of the Year (hires people with disability)
6. Case Manager/Foster Care Provider
7. Self Advocate (Person with disability)
8. Support Person (Therapist, Paraprofessional, Bus Driver, etc.)
9. Community Support
10. Arc Volunteer
11. Community Volunteer
12. Advocate (Person who advocates for people with disabilities)

Please fill out nomination form on back for each category that you have a nomination for. You may use blank paper if needed or make copies of the information sheet. **PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, APRIL 1ST. WE CANNOT ACCEPT NOMINATIONS AFTER THAT DATE.**

Mail to The Arc of Denton County, P.O. Box 1279 Denton, Texas 76202 or

Fax to us at 972-436-8471 or

Email your information to: bonniel@arcofdentoncounty.org

THE ARC OF DENTON COUNTY AWARDS BANQUET NOMINATION FORM

CATEGORY OF NOMINATION: _____

(Please print or type)

NOMINEE INFORMATION: (Check one) ___ Individual ___ Group

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

EMPLOYER: (IF APPLICABLE): _____

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

PLEASE CHECK THE SPELLING OF YOUR NOMINEE'S NAME !!!

SUMMARIZE WHY THE NOMINEE QUALIFIES FOR THIS AWARD

(Use blank sheet if necessary or make a copy)

Membership Form

- Self Advocate \$15
- Member or Family \$20
- Supporting Member \$50

Check all that apply

- Interested citizen
- Self Advocate
- Professional in field of disabilities
- Parent/Relative of child with developmental disabilities
- Parent/Relative of Adult with developmental disabilities

Name: _____

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City,State.Zip: _____

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