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From the Executive Director David A. Boelter



2009 has come and gone. Now on to 2010! However, at this time, it is important to take a quick look back at some of The Arc's accomplishments.

During 2009, The Arc employed over 100 full and part time employees, who gave expert and compassionate care to approximately 700 developmentally disabled people ranging in age from 3 months to 83 years old. As FDL's premier advocate and service provider for the developmentally disabled (DD) population, our many programs improved the lives and produced better outcomes for the hundreds that we served.

We also found time to participate in the Volunteer Centers Human Race fundraiser and stage many fundraiser of our own: numerous brat frys, Park at the Arc, cheesecake fundraiser and our signature Golf Event helped raise a total of \$110,000 during 2009. We gratefully acknowledge the many service organizations, individual donors, and businesses, and the FDL Area Foundation for their generous contributions. Volunteers have always played a major role in serving our clients. We thank our many volunteers who gave of their time, talents and hearts to integrate our clients into the community and have a great time while doing so.

All in all, The Arc made a positive impact in advocating for and providing quality care for the developmentally disabled (DD) population of FDL county

As we set our sights on 2010, The Arc faces mounting challenges. Funding for The Arc's Community Enrichment Program was cut by 87% by The United Way. This is a program that year after year touches so many lives and lets parents "take a break" from the stresses of caring for children and young adults. Service rates that the local CMO, Lakeland Care District, pays to The Arc for providing our many services were also cut. These rates traditionally fall far short of covering our expenses. As this situation has occurred for many years, we are now reaching a critical point in our history, as it jeopardizes our ability to continue to serve our community. We will continue to fundraise and attempt to make up the difference, which has become greater with each passing year because of the under funding.

To our employees, volunteers, board members, businesses, service organizations and individuals who support The Arc and its mission, God Bless you, and have a great 2010!

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St. Peters Lions Club Sub Sale

Saturday, February 6, starting at 8:00 am until subs are gone

Sale locations: Pick N Save Pioneer Rd. and Johnson St. and Festival Foods

Sponsored by:

96.1 TCX , Sunny 97.7 & 1170 AM Radio, Festival Foods and Pick N Save

\$3.50 for 6 inch - \$6.00 for a foot

Free delivery if order is over 10 feet

Order early by calling 923-3810

Proceeds from the sale will benefit The Arc of Fond du Lac, Inc. and Salvation Army



From left: Lt. James Curry, Salvation Army, Keith Heisler, 96.1 TCX, Laura Stanelle, Sunny 97.7 and David Boelter, The Arc of Fond du Lac, Inc.

The Arc gets spruced up for the Holidays

Over the Christmas season, The Arc's halls were decked out for the holidays. The Arc had its second annual Christmas Door Decorating Contest. Arc employees decorated 14 different doors throughout the building in different Christmas themes. On Dec. 14 the doors were judged according to different categories including originality, creativity, and use of materials. The judges had a very difficult time but eventually were able to choose the following winners:

1st Place – Connie Genz, Jessica Kimball, and Ashley Schaefer, O.C. Case Management

2nd Place - Sheila Baublitz, Community Enrichment Program

3rd Place - Nancy Steffen, Alice Hennig, and Delores Sanders, O.C. Classroom 3

Thank you to everyone that participated...everybody did a fantastic job and had a great time decorating their doors. Thanks also to our judges, Char Nelson, Kelly Lettow, and Amy Wilcox.



1st Place Winner

THANK YOU FDL FOUNDATION FOR YOUR SUPPORT

In July of 2009 a grant proposal was submitted to the Fond du Lac Area Foundation to assist with covering costs in our Youth Respite Program. On October 20, 2009, the Arc of Fond du Lac, Inc. was chosen by the foundation to receive a grant in the amount of \$1000.00 to go towards the Youth Respite Program. A big Thank You goes out to the Fond du Lac Area Foundation for their generous support.

GREAT JOB LADIES



From left: Barb Buechel, Sheila Baublitz, Jessica Kimball

Congratulations to our winners of the Employee Suggestion Program for 2009. 1st prize went to Jessica Kimball, OC Case Manager and 2nd prize was split between Barb Buechel, Accounting and Sheila Baublitz, (CEP).



Above: The Arc computer class participants would like to thank Brenner Tank, Bruce Yakley and Sandy Halbach for donating to our Christmas Party.

THANK YOU



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 6 - St. Peters Lions Sub Sale—Festival Foods, Pick N Save, S. Main & Johnson St. - Starting at 8am

February 12 - OC Bake Sale—National Exchange Bank 9am – 1pm

April 23 - OC Bake Sale—National Exchange Bank 9am – 1pm

March 25 - Awards Banquet & Annual Meeting

May 15 & 16 - Brat Fry at Ma and Pa's on Main St

June 5 - Volunteer Center—Human Race

August 8 - Golf Outing— Whispering Springs Golf Club



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