

# NEWSLETTER



## Hello 2026!

From exciting Recreation trips to community events and fundraisers, we look forward to a 2026 full of memories and welcome you to take a look at what the first three months of 2026 have looked like at The Arc of Hunterdon County. We are hopeful and excited for all that 2026 has in store for us!

In this newsletter you will find:

Latest projects, ArcWorks Updates, Rec Updates, and more. Keep Reading!

MARCH 31ST, 2026 ✦

## 1st Quarter Update

### UPCOMING DATES

- 4/11 Disability Services Expo
- 4/18 Earth Day Festival at Echo Hill Park
- 4/22 Self-Advocacy Meeting
- 4/24 Connection Hub
- 4/25 Services and Volunteer Fair
- 4/25 Frenchtown Autism Awareness Walk
- 5/13 Self-Advocacy Presentation
- 5/20 Self-Advocacy Meeting
- 5/29 Connection Hub
- 6/6 Bouquet of Baskets and Bags Spring Bingo/Tricky Tray
- 6/10 Self-Advocacy Meeting
- 6/26 Connection Hub

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# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

## Greetings from The Bahamas!

REC CRUISE 2/22 - 3/1

Our Recreation Department had smooth sailing and lots of sunshine during their cruise to The Bahamas! From excursions to various activities, lots of memories were made with this wonderful group!



1ST QUARTER UPDATE

# RESIDENTIAL FUN

CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES!

Our Residential Department has had a lot of fun these past few months! From celebrating birthdays with friends and family, to enjoying the nice spring weather, and visiting a Cherry Blossom festival, our Residential crew was busy soaking up the sun and making memories!



## FROM OUR FAMILY SUPPORT DEPARTMENT

This past March, one of our self-advocates celebrated Developmental Disability Awareness Month (DDAM) by learning more about disability rights and advocacy. He became involved in disability rights last year when he decided to travel to Trenton and participate in the Medicaid rally. After his experience at the rally, he expressed his feelings with staff and family members about his new goals for expanded advocacy work.

With support from staff each week, this self-advocate has been watching webinars from the Arc of New Jersey's Self Advocacy Program. He has chosen to focus his continued interest in Medicaid funding and the importance of Medicaid for Community Based Living. At the end of the month, he decided to utilize his new found knowledge and write a letter to newly elected NJ Governor Mikie Sherrill. In his letter, he welcomed the new governor to office and detailed the importance of services for those with disabilities.

The template of the letter was provided by the Arc of NJ's Self Advocacy Program. Self-advocates are encouraged to utilize the template as a guide and edit the letter to reflect their voice. He highlighted the importance of Medicaid funding for Community Based Services, employment services, and residential supports. He is looking forward to expanding his knowledge about self advocacy and he encourages his peers to try advocacy activities.



# KEEPING UP WITH RECREATION



Want to join REC?

Scan the QR Code below for more info!

**Recreation Enjoyment  
Club**

SCAN ME!



Recreation rang in the new year the right way! From their Snowball Dance at the Glen Gardner VFW to their meet n munch night at Clinton Station Diner, January was a busy month!

February was full of excitement and anticipation around the Cruise to the Bahamas. From shore excursions to enjoying time together everyone had a wonderful week of memories and warm weather!

March was a quieter month as everyone rested from their trip. Some highlights were visiting the NJ State Museum, Meet n Munch at Luigi's Rancho, and visiting Peddler's Village for their Peeps display!

Looking Forward: The Recreation department is very excited for to head back to the ballpark and cheer on the Somerset Patriots in their upcoming season!

Recreation meets every week for various activities such as movie days, bowling, mini golf, and more! They are open to expanding programs as well, if that is of interest to anyone.

Have program suggestions in mind? Email our Recreation Coordinator Sara Ashley at: [sstaviski@archunterdon.org](mailto:sstaviski@archunterdon.org)

# WHAT'S UP AT ARCWORKS

ENJOYING THE NEW YEAR

ArcWorks had a quieter start to the new year. They put in a lot of work to decorate the space for Valentine's Day and are buzzing with excitement over the Superbowl!

ArcWorks had a very busy February, from excitement building around the Super Bowl to celebrating Valentine's Day and Mardi Gras, there was lot of fun and excitement all around!

March was a wonderful but bittersweet month for our folks at ArcWorks as our Associate Director of Day Services, Jayne, retired! Jayne has been with The Arc of Hunterdon County for 31 years and will be deeply missed by everyone!

Looking ahead: Our folks are very excited for spring's arrival and the ability to be outdoors more and enjoy lunches at the park!



# IN RECOGNITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH



In recognition of Black History Month, this newsletter will put a spotlight on Black Panther Party member and founder of the East Oakland Center for Independent Living, Brad Lomax. “Bradford Clyde Lomax, the eldest of three siblings, was born on Sept. 13, 1950, in Philadelphia.” Lomax’s brother recalls a family trip to Alabama had a major impression on Brad. It was the first time Brad had experienced and seen segregations and various signs “designating some public spaces for white people and some for Black people.”

Lomax graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School in 1968 and considered joining the military. “As the war in Vietnam raged, with Black soldiers bearing a disproportionate share of the burden, he decided instead to attend Howard University in Washington.” During his early time in college, he began falling as

he walked and was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS). As his MS progressed, he began using a wheelchair, which opened his eyes to a whole new world of discrimination. Accessible areas were few and far between. “In Oakland, Lomax struggled to navigate its transit system. To board a bus, his brother, Glenn, would have to lift him out of his wheelchair, carry him up the steps and place him in a seat, then go back to retrieve the wheelchair.”

Lomax helped to form the first Black Panther Party chapter in Washington DC and organized the first African Liberation Day demonstration in 1972. He also participated in the Section 504 sit-in to pressure lawmakers into signing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act into law. “When Lomax urged the local BPP to help, they quickly mobilized, delivering food and essential supplies to the protesters throughout the sit-in. According to other protesters, the sit-in would have quickly fizzled out without this assistance.” With the help of the Black Panthers, Lomax and his group of activists were able to remain at the sit-in for weeks. “After three weeks, Lomax and Jackson were among 25 demonstrators chosen to travel to Washington to pressure Califano to sign the regulations. The Black Panthers paid their way. The trip was successful: Califano signed the regulations on April 28, 1977.”

Through his activism, Brad Lomax was able to achieve so much progress towards inclusion and accessibility for individuals in the I/DD community. “While Brad Lomax sadly died at the age of 33, his legacy has lived on, paving the way for decades of activism that have radically transformed disabled people’s opportunities and access.”

SOURCES: <https://www.centerforlearnerequity.org/news/brad-lomax-uniting-the-civil-rights-and-disability-rights-communities/> <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/08/obituaries/brad-lomax-overlooked.html>

# IN RECOGNITION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

In recognition of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (DDAM), this newsletter will put a spotlight on our Day Program’s submission to The Arc of New Jersey’s design contest. Every year The New Jersey Self Advocacy Project hosts a design contest for DDAM where participants can submit their design into the contest where the winner’s design will be featured all month long!

“Developmental Disability Awareness Month is an opportunity to promote respect for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and to increase awareness of the daily obstacles faced by these individuals and their families. This month is also a chance to provide understanding, encouragement and opportunities to help persons with developmental disabilities lead productive and fulfilling lives.”

There are many ways to celebrate the month including community outreach, sharing resources online/with family and friends, and spreading awareness!

One of the ways we are celebrating DDAM is by participating in the design contest. Our folks at ArcWorks worked together to come up with a graphic that fit this year’s theme “Highlighting our Abilities”. They brainstormed ideas and worked together to create their design, featuring a ladder listing many of the things they do at program and goals they want to work towards. The ladder symbolizes their climb toward individual perfection, or becoming their best self by achieving these goals and participating in the activities they enjoy!

Sources: [https://www.arcnj.org/programs/njsap/dd\\_awareness/](https://www.arcnj.org/programs/njsap/dd_awareness/)



# PUTTING THE FUN IN FUNDRAISING



## Sip and Support

THERE IS NOTHING TO WINE ABOUT WITH THIS FUNDRAISER!

To celebrate the coming of Spring we are launching our Spring edition labels! The labels feature paintings created by our folks and are available now. The Arc of Hunterdon County receives a portion of each sale of our specially labeled bottles.

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER NOW!](#)



## Spring is in the Air

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!

We here at The Arc of Hunterdon County are grateful for the positive impact we are able to make in the lives of those we serve, and want to thank all of our donors for their continued support. If you wish to donate to help us continue our mission of supporting those with intellectual/developmental disabilities please click the link to the right or scan the QR Code.



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## Sensory Room for ArcWorks

CURRENT FUNDRAISING PROJECT

ArcWorks is very excited and appreciative for all the work and donation towards their sensory room. We have an Amazon Wishlist for anyone who would like to donate an item to our Day Program for the Sensory Room. Scan the QR Code to the right to see our wishlist! [CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE WISHLIST!](#)



## Recreation Fundraisers

MONTHLY EVENTS

Our Recreation Department like to thank Destination Athlete and everyone who supported their recent fundraisers!!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Self-Advocacy

Our Self Advocacy group is very excited to announce a couple exciting presentations coming up!

- April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Earth Day presentation by the Seed Your Community Program, a program offered through talk on recycling, and a project making seed balls to be used in our local gardens. Time: 1 pm - 2 pm
- May 13<sup>th</sup> - Frank Latham & Allison Malnak with the NJ Council on Disability will give a presentation on Self Advocacy in Arc Works. Time: 1 pm - 2 pm
- May 20<sup>th</sup> - Stacey Milak with the Center for Nutrition and Diabetes in Flemington, to present on Healthy Eating and foods in the rainbow. Time: 1 pm - 2 pm
- June 10<sup>th</sup> - Erin Smither, Arc of NJ, will give a presentation on relationships (Love Language) Time: 1 pm - 2 pm

If you are interested in attending please email Denise Snyder at: [denise@archunterdon.org](mailto:denise@archunterdon.org) or call her at: 908-730-7827 x237

## REC's Fundraiser

PLACE YOUR ORDER BY 4/7

Our Recreation Department is excited to host a Nothing Bundt Cakes fundraiser! Fill out the order form and submit payment by Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> to secure your order! Cakes will be available for pickup from Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> during office hours.

\*Because the cakes are perishable items we cannot hold them past the 17th



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### Indulge In Heavenly Dessert



Help support our REC Department with our Nothing Bundt Cakes fundraiser! Fill out your order form and submit (with payment) by Tuesday, April 7th!

**SCAN ME!**



Choose from 11 different type of bundtlets cakes to order and for every cake purchased, we will receive a portion of the sale! Scan the QR Code to the left to fill out the order form and purchase your bundtlets.

- Pickup: Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday, April 17th during office hours
- Where: 53 Frontage Rd, Suite 150, Hampton, NJ 08827

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**RAISE SOME DOUGH**  
Help support us!

25% of sales will benefit  
**The Arc of Hunterdon County**

May 8, 2026  
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
325 US Hwy 202  
Flemington, NJ

In Cafe Drive-Thru  
Pick-Up Delivery

Enter promo code **FUND4U** at online checkout.

**Panera FUNDRAISING**



## REC's Donation Day

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH

Our Recreation Department is excited to be hosting a dine to donate with Panera Bread in Flemington! Please show the flyer to the left or use the code FUND4U at checkout in store or online and REC will receive 25% of each order.

# LOOKING FORWARD

## Thank You to Our Donors!

YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED

Rosemarie and Raymond Crosta  
The Lakatos Family  
Beverly Landstrom

Lynette Skowronek  
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Audrey Ehrler

Frank and Deborah Corbo  
Rose Chapman  
Debra Bayer

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### We Are HIRING

Multiple Positions Open!

- Direct Support Professional (DSP)
- RN
- LPN

**WHAT WE LOOK FOR:**

Are you a kind-hearted person who loves working with others in a meaningful way? The Arc of Hunterdon County may be the perfect place for you!

The DSP role includes: supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in their homes. You will have a set schedule and tasks can include cooking, cleaning, assisting with personal needs, doing laundry, participating in community activities, attending social events, spending time with friends, etc.

Multiple shifts Available: Morning, Evening, Overnight

\$18 base pay (raise after probationary period)! Paid Holidays!

No experience required! 3 week paid training!

Vacations! 40% and Benefits!

**APPLY NOW**

Email our HR team with questions: [jill@archunterdon.org](mailto:jill@archunterdon.org)

## We are Hiring!

Are you or someone you know looking for a job? The Arc of Hunterdon County may be the perfect place for you! See our flyer to the left for more details on open positions.

If interested in applying please reach out to our Benefits Coordinator Jill Brown via email at: [jill@archunterdon.org](mailto:jill@archunterdon.org) and click the link below to fill out our application.

[Click here to apply today!](#)



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