

THE ARC OF GREATER BEAUMONT
CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME:

The name of this corporation shall be The Arc of Greater Beaumont, hereafter referred to as The Arc.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE:

SECTION 1. The purposes of this chapter are:

- a. To promote the general welfare of all persons with developmental disabilities in the Beaumont area, and their families.
- b. To affiliate with and support financially the state and national chapters of The Arc. To promote the Core Values, Mission, Position Statements, and Legislative Goals of The Arc.
- c. To encourage the provision of appropriate supports and services that included people in their communities.
- d. To advise and aid persons with developmental disabilities and their families in the best practice options, and to organize and coordinate their efforts and activities.
- e. To develop a better understanding by the public and policy makers of the issues confronting persons with developmental disabilities and their families.
- f. To cooperate with all public, private, and religious agencies and professional groups in furtherance of these ends.
- g. To serve locally as a clearinghouse for information regarding persons with developmental disabilities and their families.
- h. To solicit and receive funds for the accomplishment of the above purposes.
- i. To build a large, strong, and diverse membership.
- j. To promote and encourage best practices in the field of services and supports to The Arc's constituency.

ARTICE III. CORE VALEUS:

The Arc subscribes to the following Core Values in its manner of conduct, expectation, advocacy, and supports and services for persons with developmental disabilities and their families:

- a. People First
- b. Democracy
- c. Visionary Leadership
- d. Community Participation
- e. Diversity
- f. Integrity and Excellence

SECTION2: This chapter of The Arc is a non-profit, no-political, nonsectarian organization. No part of any net earnings shall insure to the benefit of any member or individual, and no officer or director of this chapter of The Arc shall receive any compensation for his services as an officer or director.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all people subscribing to the purpose of this chapter of The Arc.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS (amended May 30 2009)

The officers shall be the immediate past president, president, vice-president, secretary, and treasure. There shall be no less than 15 directors, including officers.

ARTICLE VI. AREA OF ACTIVITY

The area, which this chapter of The Arc intends to serve, lies within the boundaries indicated on a map filed with the original signed and adopted constitution. These boundaries are within the State of Texas, County of Jefferson, and City of Beaumont.

ARTICLE VII. DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of this chapter of The Arc, or in the event it shall cease to exist for the stated purposes, all the property and assets shall be distributed to the state or national chapter of The Arc which has been granted exemption from the Federal Income Tax under the provisions of Section 501 (c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

Under no circumstances shall any of the property or assets of The Arc, during the existence and/or upon the dissolution thereof, go and be distributed to any officer, or member of The Arc.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendment to this constitution, along with the date it is to be voted upon, shall be presented in writing to the entire general membership at least three weeks prior to the meeting at which it is to be voted upon and a two-thirds (2/3) vote required for ratification

This is the current constitution approved and adopted by the membership on January 28 of 2005. Amended and ratified May 30, 2009.

Signed

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Original signed by Cindy Bloodsworth
President

Original signed by Brenda Sullivan
Secretary

Approved:

Mike Bright
The Arc of Texas

January 28, 2005