

Membership Information

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
E-Mail: _____
Telephone: _____

Category of Membership

- I have a disability. My disability is:

- I work in a related field. My job title is:

- I am a relative of someone living with a disability.
Relative's Name: _____
Birth date: _____ Relation to you: _____
Disability: _____
- I am a citizen concerned with improving the lives of people with disabilities.

Areas of Special Interest:

- Children & Family Services
 Adult Socialization
 Advocacy
 Fundraising
 Volunteering
 I only wish to receive the newsletters

Membership Dues

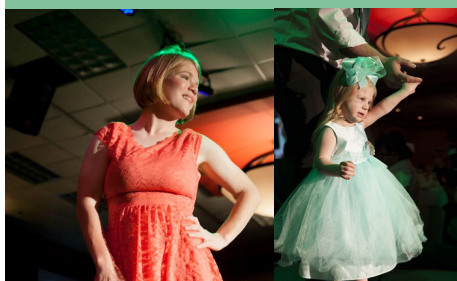
- \$25 Individual
 \$35 Family
 \$50 Gold
 \$100 Friend of the Arc
 \$250 Partner of the Arc

*Make checks payable to The Arc of Greater Beaumont
or pay online: www.arcofbmt.org*

Mail Membership to:
The Arc of Greater Beaumont
700 North St. Suite Q
Beaumont, TX 77701
www.arcofbmt.org

Help the Arc create endless possibilities by participating in these annual events!

Stars of the Arc Celebrity Style Show & Dinner



Featuring Arc members with intellectual and developmental disabilities as celebrity models!
Event held Every Spring!



Beaumont Walk
is Held the Last
Saturday in October

A One Mile Walk Supporting Down Syndrome Awareness



Achieve with us.

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The ArcTM
Greater Beaumont



Expanding possibilities for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities

Possibilities to grow
Possibilities to learn
Possibilities to be included in every part of community life

Who and What is the Arc?



The Arc of Greater Beaumont is a non-profit agency affiliated with The Arc of Texas and The Arc of the United States.

The Arc is the oldest and largest volunteer organization whose sole mission is to promote inclusion of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in every community.

The Arc of Greater Beaumont is dedicated to improving the lives of adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Southeast Texas. The Arc currently offers four tracks of programs and services including social and recreational activities for adults and children, education leadership and advocacy for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, parent networking and support, referrals, information, and legislative advocacy. The Arc's future is bright and with help from individuals like you the Arc can continue to create new and endless possibilities for adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The Arc of Texas, one of 43 state chapters of The Arc of the United States, advocates for disabled Texans in the state legislature and related agencies. The state chapter also provides support to local chapters through publications, member services and organizational development.

The Arc of the United States was founded in 1950 by a group of parents frustrated with the lack of services available to their children and the negative public image of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. From their advocacy and activism, the group motivated the development of important programs, services, rights and benefits, including vital legislation such as the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The national association continues this effort. The Arc of the United States has been listed by Forbes magazine to be one of the top ten charities in the United States.

The Arc is not just an organization.

The Arc is a movement.

Achieve with us.

The Arc of Greater Beaumont is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

The Arc of Greater Beaumont Services & Programs

The Arc of Greater Beaumont is an organization devoted exclusively to serving local individuals with disabilities and improving quality of life for them and their families. To achieve this goal, we constantly explore ways to expand and create new possibilities. The following information describes the different tracks of service and programs currently offered by The Arc.

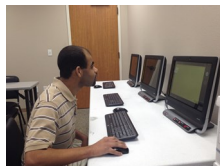
Adult Socialization Activities

This program provides monthly socialization and leisure services to adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). Periodic field trips, dances, and community service projects are just some of the many ways Arc members can socialize with peers and experience fun leisure events in a safe supervised environment. Activities include, bingo, karaoke, sports nights, theme nights, and much more. This program's intent is to provide socialization and leisure opportunities to increase consumers ability to interact with peers and others in the community.



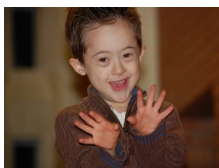
Empowered for Employment

"Empowered for Employment" is a specially designed program to teach Arc members, people who have intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), how to obtain and retain employment. The program is designed to achieve its goals with three major strategies - education, training and internet support.



Children & Family Services

This program is designed for families and/or caregivers of children with developmental disabilities. Activities include a family event, annual parent workshops, parent mentoring, information and referrals, legislative advocacy, and an on site resource library. The Arc offers a network of information to families and individuals needing services through our website and through monthly E-Newsletters. We also participate in a variety of public awareness activities to educate the community and improve quality of life for this important population. The Arc of Greater Beaumont Down Syndrome Family Group is designed to offer social support for families of children with Down Syndrome. Contact the office for more information.



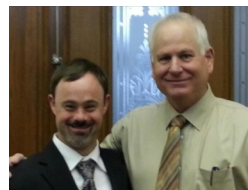
Summer Day Camp

Two one week long camps are provided to address the need for stimulating summer activities for children and young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Arc Summer Day Camps work to ensure participants receive continued education and support while not in school. Participants of the Arc Summer Day Camp will enjoy a themed week full of fun recreational and educational activities. Campers embark on a week long "Summer Safari." Campers enjoy activities including, but not limited to, volleyball, bowling, swimming, basketball, soccer, baseball, and many arts and crafts activities.



Self Advocacy

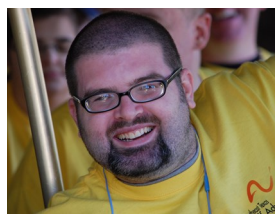
This program is specifically designed to help facilitate the Southeast Texas Self Advocate (SETX SA) program. This program is for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) age 18 and older. The group is managed by its own members and promotes self advocacy, leadership, and education. Regular meetings are held and host a topic and or speaker that broadens self-awareness and empowers adults with IDD to be active in community leadership. The SETX SA group also attends an annual conference, an Arc of Texas capital day, and participates in community service projects and local legislative advocacy.



Visit the Arc's Resource Center

To help parents, educators, and individuals with IDD the Arc offers an on-site and online resource center. The center is unique in the fact that it offers videos, software, information, and other resources specifically related to the IDD community. To visit the online resource center just click the "resources" tab on our webpage. The onsite center offers internet accessibility, books, videos, and is designed to make visitors feel at ease and welcome. To visit the center please contact the Arc office at (409)838-9012.

**Are you a member of the Arc?
If not, join today!**



Joining the Arc is easy! Just complete the form on the back of this pamphlet or join on-line at our website:

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