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The Arc would like to invite you to join us to help individuals with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities in our community receive the services they need to accomplish their goals and achieve personal fulfillment.

Your annual gift and supportive membership will strengthen and expand our efforts to help serve individuals with mental and developmental challenges and their families, caregivers and professional who work with them in our community.

Make your donation today, and return the membership application below.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Please complete and send to: THE ARC OF STARK COUNTY, INC. , BELDEN VILLAGE TOWER  
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<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Yes</i> , I want to help THE ARC OF STARK COUNTY		This is a <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal or <input type="checkbox"/> New Membership	
Enclosed is my membership gift of:	I would be interested in:	Classification of member:	Age group of member:
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*The Voice*

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**Tickets on Sale NOW!**

The Arc of Stark County, Inc.  
42nd Annual Awareness Dinner

Featuring:

Michael Aronin

Comedian with Cerebral Palsy

Demonstrates how to use humor to break down barriers

2004 Norman G. Brooks Stand-Up Comedy Scholarship Winner

Tuesday, March 18, 2008

Canton McKinley Grand Hotel

Meet and Greet to be held at 5:00 pm with program beginning at 6:00 pm

*March is National Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Month!*

The Arc will honor four award recipients in 2008:

Personal Achievement Volunteer of the Year

Professional of the Year Caregiver of the Year

To make early reservations, please call The Arc at 330-492-5225

Tickets: \$38.00 per person

Children's Meal available upon request: \$12.00 per child



**2008 AUTISM FORUM**

Thursday, April 3, 2008

Walsh University

Call The Arc to register!

330-492-5225

Don't miss the 2008 Autism Forum! Get the latest update to date information and here from experts in the field. Continuing Education Credits are pending.

Brought to you by SCAAN:  
Stark County Autism Awareness Network

## Aktion Club of Stark County

The Aktion Club of Stark County is a collaborative venture between the Kiwanis Clubs of Belden Village, Canton and Louisville and the Arc of Stark County, Stark MRDD and Siffrin, Inc.

The Aktion Club is a community-service group for citizens with disabilities, that has a mission to provide adults with disabilities an opportunity to develop initiative and to take an active part in our community. Aktion Club members strive to return to their communities the benefits, help and caring they have received, as well as develop important skills in the process.

The benefit of being a member of Aktion Club is that it provides opportunities for individuals to develop or apply their many talents. Activities enable members to participate in the active life of the community, contribute to the community, develop mechanical, creative and intellectual abilities, participate in social interaction awareness, improve self-esteem, develop leadership skills and achieve personal and service goals.

If you know of individuals who can benefit from such a program please have them or their representative contact Don Murray at 330-309-4428 or Email [drmurray@neo.rr.com](mailto:drmurray@neo.rr.com).

## Board Member Highlight

JAN DOUGHERTY

Welcome to "Getting to Know your Board Members". We thought this would be helpful in introducing the members of our board to our membership, community and individuals.

This quarter we are featuring Jan Dougherty. Jan is the Manager of Employment Support Services for Siffrin, Inc. In her two years at Siffrin, Inc. she comments that no two days are alike. "I think if my day ever becomes typical, that will be when all employers value hiring people with disabilities. I look forward to a typical day!"

Jan's favorite food is salad! "I eat a salad every day and sometimes two times a day. I crave salads. I am a very predictable person when it comes to food. When I do order something besides salad, I can never just order the dinner the way it is on the menu, I have to get something changed about it. I am the perfect a la carte type person."

You might see Jan always wearing black for the convenience of it... but she likes color in general.

Her favorite quote is "I chose the road less traveled" by Robert Frost.

She adopted another quote when her son was very young, and she was trying to get him into public schools. It goes something like this: "For those who understand, no explanation is ever necessary and for those who don't understand, no explanation is every satisfactory." "I have lived and breathed by this quote," Jan explained.

Jan first got involved with The Arc through two friends, Laura Recchio and Carol Lichtenwalter. They were both heavily involved in The Arc. "I really liked and admired how they advocated for human rights, especially for people with disabilities. The Arc gives that format to be able to connect with people that understand."

Jan's family consists of her husband Pat who works for Diebold, Inc. and two sons, Ryan and Matt. Ryan works two jobs and collects transformers, Matt attends Ohio State University. She also lives with Oakley and Murphy, her Golden Retrievers.

## Grape Possibilities

### Wine Tasting and Silent Auction

The 2008 Grape Possibilities Wine Tasting and Silent Auction was once again a spectacular event. The Canton Cultural Center and Art Museum was the perfect setting for mingling among friends and colleagues.

Thank you to the following sponsors that helped make the evening possible: Stark Medical Specialties, Questar, Ohio Legacy Bank, Schumacher Homes, CCAS, Buckingham Doolittle & Burroughs, LLP, FirstMerit Bank, Huntington Bank, and DeVille Properties.



## F.A.N.S.

Family Alliance Network Support  
(A Support Group for families with children with any disability)

The F.A.N.S Support Group has a new look and new feel. In 2008, get ready to change things up a bit.

The F.A.N.S. meetings will feature general sessions with guest speakers and topics, and also breakout sessions based on diagnosis. As of now, we have facilitators for autism, Down Syndrome cerebral palsy, and non/multi diagnosis.

We are looking for facilitators for breakouts on other developmental disabilities.

The F.A.N.S. meetings are held every month (except January, July, and December) at the Golden Key Center for Exceptional Children, 1431 30th Street, Canton, Ohio. The meetings are the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

## A Lifeline for a Lifetime



Stark MRDD is a "LIFELINE FOR A LIFETIME" for nearly 2,700 vulnerable individuals.

Individuals with mental retardation typically need assistance throughout their entire lifetime. Stark MRDD is that "lifeline for a lifetime. If the March 4 levy does not pass, Stark MRDD may well have to cut 1/3 of its budget, eliminating valuable services to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

The levy will provide needed funding to continue services in the face of cost increases. These include Eastgate Early Childhood and Family Center, Southgate School, and Adult Services.

Many do not realize that of the 2,700 individuals Stark MRDD serves, 232 individuals are age 40 or older who are living at home with family members in their 60's and older. Within the next ten years, that number is projected to increase to more than 361. By the year 2018, the

projected cost to provide residential care to those individuals will be **21 million dollars** annually. Levy monies will provide the matching funds needed to bring in Federal waiver dollars so that Stark MRDD can provide residential care for these individuals.

The need is great, but the investment is small. The levy will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home just \$9.95 per month.

Stark MRDD needs your support to ensure that the individuals served by Stark MRDD have a "lifeline for a lifetime."

Please join us to kick off the levy campaign on February 5, 4:00 PM-6:30 PM, the Johnson Center, Malone College. For more information contact the Stark MRDD Public Information office at 330-477-5200.

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## Sibshops: Come Join the Fun

The Arc of Stark County's Sibshops group meets once each month for fun, games, and friendship! Children, age 6-11 who have siblings with developmental disabilities, are welcome to attend Sibshops, a free program offered by the Arc. Beyond Our Boundaries, 2821 Whipple Avenue NW, provides the site for Sibshops, as well as the facilitators. The group's facilitators are Rory Pacconi, CTRS (certified therapeutic recreation specialist) and Summer Chaney, STNA (state-tested nurse's aide.) Activities are planned, and then implemented at a fast and lively pace! Sibshops takes place at Beyond Our Boundaries.

Call to register and to get directions if you need them: 330-455-8111.

Sibshops sibs go on the road approximately three times each year for outings in the community. Past outings have included Laserquest (Canton), Wolf Timbers (Bolivar), and Maize Valley Farms (Hartville.) We are also open to suggestions for potential outing sites.

The Arc of Stark County would like to know if teens would be interested in participating in their own Sibshops group. If you have teens, age 13-16 who would like to participate in a teen group, please call Beyond Our Boundaries and let us know!

Mark your calendars now for the

2008

## Fashion Show and Basket Raffle

Saturday, May 10, 2008

La Pizzeria

Doors open at 11:30,  
Lunch served at noon.

Call The Arc for more information at 330-492-5225