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# The Voice

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# NEW IN 2008!

## Arc's All-Star Celebration \* September 20, 2008

Plan on spending the day with your family and helping The Arc by attending the Arc's All-Star Celebration on September 20, 2008 at Maize Valley Farms in Hartville, Ohio.

You and your family will enjoy an afternoon of fun and games... take a risk of making it out of the corn maze, enjoy pumpkin launching, and visit The Arc tent to bid on silent auction items and sample traditional tailgate food. You can enjoy live music and company of good friends.

**Tickets ON SALE now!**

**Adults- \$30 per person**

**Children ages 3-9- \$15 per person**

MVP's from Stark Sharks Swim Team, Special Olympics, and Challenger Baseball will be honored at this event.

To reserve your tickets- call The Arc at 330-492-5225 or email Kathleen at kfockler@arcstark.org. Tickets must be reserved by September 8, 2008.



Maize Valley Farms- Corn Maze



### BECOME A MEMBER OF THE ARC OF STARK COUNTY TODAY!

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:
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 Donor	<input type="checkbox"/> Serving on a committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-advocate	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-24
<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00 Sponsor	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> Interested Citizen	<input type="checkbox"/> 25-34
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 Patron	<input type="checkbox"/> Becoming a board member	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional in MR/DD field	<input type="checkbox"/> 35-44
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00 Sustainer		<input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Relative of person with MR/DD	<input type="checkbox"/> 45-64

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I am receiving duplicate copies (from where? - School, Workshop, other mailing?) \_\_\_\_\_

I have moved, my new address is listed below.  Please add me to the mailing list.

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### Gifts Galore!

### Shopping Extravaganza

November 1-2, 2008 • Whipple Dale Centre

The annual Gifts Galore craft show is held at Whipple Dale Centre. In 2007, more than 60 crafters and vendors participated in this two-day craft show and shopping extravaganza. This event also features raffle items, a lunch counter, bake sale and book sale. Estimated attendance at this event is over 2,000 people throughout the weekend.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

The Arc is in need of volunteers to help run the kitchen, make bake sale items and help sell raffle tickets! If you are interested in helping, please call Kathleen at 330-492-5225.

## Stay Informed!

The Arc of Stark County is "cleaning" up their files! In the days of high gas prices and postage on the rise- we are trying to save a little money.

If you would like to receive the newsletter via email -please let us know by emailing Kathleen at kfockler@arcstark.org.

You can also visit [www.arcstark.org](http://www.arcstark.org) for more information on events, view the newsletters, and find helpful links.

# Volunteer!

# Call

## 330-492-5225

Check out the next issue of The Voice—Featured story and pictures from the Adult Weekend Camp and Summer Camp.

# THANKS!

Saying thank you sometimes becomes redundant when you are thanking the same people over and over again... but without the following people...

The Arc would be lost!

- Diane Bing
- Julia Ostrout
- Karan Overcashier
- Connie Calhoun
- Rayetta Calhoun
- Beth Miles
- Roxanne Korte
- Mike Bishop
- Chuck Ostrout
- Bruce Martin
- Denny Bing

## Board Member Highlight

### DONNA BISHOP

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 Donna Bishop. Donna is the principal at Watson Elementary School in the Perry Local School District.

Donna's favorite food is cheese pizza and chocolate peanut butter ice cream. She says that it depends on if her sweet tooth takes charge or not as to which is all time favorite.

Her favorite quote is by Ghandi- "Live each day as if it were your last, but learn as if you are going to live forever".

How did Donna get involved with The Arc? As a principal, she had students involved in the camp as counselors and her husband performed magic shows for the adult weekend camp. She has seen the pleasure of seeing teachers and colleagues receive the professional/educator award, and naturally when Cis Schumacher and then Director Bobbi Montenegro asked her to serve on the Board- she was flattered and excited to serve the organization. "It is an honor to serve ARC as a board member and to actively participate in fundraisers, meetings, and visit camp", stated Donna.

Donna and her husband Mike just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They have several nieces and nephews and a great niece! Donna and Mike typically have numerous pets, but currently only have a cat and rabbit. The rabbit is the family star- he accompanies Mike on his magic shows.

Donna is currently working on her dissertation toward her doctorate in Organizational Leadership.

## Celebrate Life; Everyday's a Holiday!

### Fashion Show and Basket Raffle

This year's fashion show and basket raffle was amazing! This year's theme was Celebrate Life; Everyday's a Holiday! The committee worked so very hard putting over 60 baskets together and securing donated items. The event was held at La Pizzeria and was the perfect setting for our models to strut their stuff. The Arc was able to raise over \$10,000!



Thank you to everyone that helped make this event a success!

The Arc is now accepting applications for models for the 2009 Fashion Show. If you or someone you know would be interested in modeling (all models have developmental disabilities)- please contact The Arc at 330-492-5225.



## 2nd Annual BUDDY WALK

**October 4, Price Park in North Canton**

Volunteers are needed to help make this a successful event. Call Nicole at 330-705-8636 or email her at [msncat00@aol.com](mailto:msncat00@aol.com).

The Buddy Walk was established in 1995 to promote acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome

# Dates to Remember:

## July:

- July 7-August 1, 2008- Summer Camp @ Baylor Beach
- July 17, 2008- FANS Picnic @ Price Park
- July 19, 2008- Sibshops @ Sluggers and Putters

## August:

- August 9, 2008- Sibshops @ Beyond Our Boundaries
- August 21, 2008-FANS Meeting @ The Golden Key

## September:

- September 13, 2008- Sibshops @ Beyond Our Boundaries
- September 18, 2008- FANS Meeting @ The Golden Key
- September 20, 2008- The Arc's All-Star Celebration @ Maize Valley Farms

## October:

- October 16, 2008- FANS Meeting @ The Golden Key
- October 4, 2008- Buddy Walk @ Price Park, North Canton**  
**The Buddy Walk needs volunteers! Email Nicole [msncat00@aol.com](mailto:msncat00@aol.com), or call her at 833-5893**

## November:

- November 1-2- Gifts Galore, Whipple Dale Center
- November 7-10, 2008- Beyond Our Boundaries Trip to Disney World! Call today to make reservations! 330-455-8111
- November 20, 2008- FANS Meeting @ The Golden Key
- November 27, 2008- Thanksgiving Day

## December:

- December 5, 2008- FANS Christmas Party @ John Knox Church, 6:00 pm
- December 25, 2008- Christmas Day

## 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.

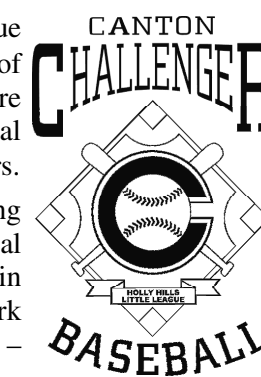
The F.A.N.S. meetings are held every month (except January, July, and December) at the Golden Key Center for Exceptional Children, 1431 30th Street, Canton, Ohio. The meetings are the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

## CANTON CHALLENGER BASEBALL

a division of Little League International, is now in its 18<sup>th</sup> season here in Stark County. Challenger Baseball is a program of organized baseball for children with special needs, ages 6 through high school. Our teams are comprised of players with disabilities ranging from spina bifida, to down syndrome, to mental retardation, to autism, to ADD... No child is ever turned away from playing with the Challengers.

Our teams play on regulation Little League fields, with regulation Little League uniforms, using most of the regulation equipment. We do make some adaptations based on each individual player's abilities and needs. Our season begins in May and runs through July. We are based in Plain Township as part of Holly Hills Little League, but will take players from all over Stark county and beyond. Currently, we have 8 teams comprised of both new and experienced players - but we can always add one more!

If you are interested in playing with the Challengers, or would like more information, please call and get your name on a roster for next spring as we prepare for the new season. We promise a positive experience of personal development through teamwork, discipline and individual achievement.



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