

DD Day

DD Day is a yearly event where partners join forces to advocate the tens of thousands of Marylanders with developmental disabilities who are impacted by the public policy decisions made by the Maryland Legislature. The day began with briefings on critical topics in disability policy this session, a call to action by legislative champions, and then personal visits to the House and Senate office buildings to meet with elected officials and their staff to share information and personal stories.

This year's event also included a time to honor and celebrate the closing of The Rosewood Center. Rosewood operated from 1888 – 2009.

Several people served by The Arc of Frederick County grew up in Rosewood and fought to have the institution closed. As a moving video about the determination to get people out of Rosewood concluded, the audience burst into applause for the advocates and government officials who helped to close it down.

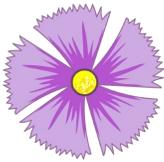
Keeping the momentum going, Working Together members met with Delegate Carol Krimm in the afternoon. The need for additional and accessible transportation for people with disabilities was a topic of discussion in her office. People with disabilities often rely on public transportation to get to work, to go to the grocery store, to get to medical appointments, among other daily activities.

Delegate Krimm understands that there is room for improvement in Frederick Transit services and is working with County Executive Jan Gardner to establish a commission to study non-emergency medical transportation funding to review the State's funding requirements for non-emergency medical transportation services and the impact on locally operated transit systems.

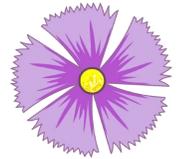
Members of Working Together were happy to hear of the attention being given to support transportation in Frederick County. Members shared stories of how Paratransit, which allows for pick-ups and drops-offs outside of fixed Transit routes, has helped expand their ability to get around the community. Additionally, members of Working Together utilize the Taxi Access Program to subsidize taxi service outside of Transit routes or hours of service.

Developmental Disabilities Day at the Legislature was rounded out by additional visits to the offices of Frederick County elected officials. As the legislative session continues, The Arc of Frederick County looks forward to a continued partnership with local and state-wide champions for people with developmental disabilities.





Spring Wish List



There is a constant need for everyday life necessities. Contact Shauna Mulcahy at our office at 301-663-0909 x140 or SMulcahy@arcfc.org if you can donate any of these items (new or in excellent condition).

Our Current Wish list Includes:

- Tissue paper and watercolor paper
- Gift cards for area grocery stores (especially Weis, Wegmans, or Giant, or any other local grocery stores), gas stations, and discount stores such as Walmart
- Gift cards for local shoe stores
- Batteries
- Sports equipment (Frisbee, tennis balls, tennis racket, basketball)
- Baby monitor
- Electric fans
- Electric lawn mower
- Paper towels
- Tissues
- Napkins
- Toilet paper
- Helping Hand Folding Shopping Cart
- Household cleaning supplies
- Laundry detergent
- Dishwashing soap
- Baby wipes
- Ensure or Boost nutritional drinks
- Personal hygiene items (soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, etc.)
- Resume paper
- Drawing paper (white)
- Crayons, markers, and colored pencils
- Board games (Apples to Apples, for example)
- Tickets to the Frederick Keys or Baltimore Orioles
- Tickets to WWE events
- Laptop

Join Us at Charlotte's Coffee House for dinner! Wednesday, March 27th 4pm-7pm
Charlotte's Coffee House is open

Wednesday through Friday from 11:00 am– 3:00pm.

Located at 555 South Market Street in Frederick
(enter from Stadium Drive, right next to the Keys).

There are several comfortable rooms to dine-in, and if the weather is this nice, feel free to enjoy your food and drinks on our patio tables.

Hope to see you there!





You're Invited

to our

Annual Awards Ceremony



A special evening to thank and recognize those who have gone "above and beyond" to make a difference in the lives of individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

6:30 PM

The Arc of Market Street
555 South Market Street
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