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June 2020

Congratulations, Joanna Pierson!

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Joanna L. Pierson, PhD, FAAIDD
Recipient of its
2020 Leadership Award

This honor is presented in recognition
of courage and dedication resulting in an
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A portrait of Joanna L. Pierson, PhD, FAAIDD, a woman with dark hair, wearing a white shirt and a dark blazer.

Joanna L. Pierson, PhD, served as the Executive Director of Frederick County for 40 years. She is an Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Maryland, a member of the Maryland Scholastic Leadership Institute, and a past president of the AAIDD. Dr. Pierson has served on the numerous advisory committees of the Maryland Department of Health and Human Services, including the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council, and is a Fellow of the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy.

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Remote Services

The Arc of Frederick County is assisting people through remote technology to provide a continuum of support so people served can remain safe in their homes with a smaller circle of natural and direct supports than they typically receive.

Through the creativity of Support

Coordinators and Coaches partnering with families and people we serve, The Arc has quickly built a virtual program of remote supports that provide more than 30 hours each week of learning and fun while keeping people safe.

Utilizing Zoom, people served can meet with their coaches and friends on a daily basis. People can choose the activities they want to participate in. Sign Language Classes, a Virtual Career Lab, Art, Cooking and other skill building activities are complemented by Let's Chat at Lunch, Meditation, and Karaoke Nights among many other activities that help people connect to their virtual communities. In addition, people and their coaches are utilizing Zoom, Facetime, texting, and calling to keep in touch and stay on top of household duties, telehealth appointments, banking, and other personal responsibilities.

As community events, religious services, college classes, and jobs shift towards being more accessible in the virtual realm, The Arc is assisting people we serve with being prepared for remote life. The Arc applauds the people we serve for quickly adapting as well as the flexibility and dedication of the Support Coordinators and Coaches for the partnerships they help build.

Membership Meeting

The Arc of Frederick County will be hosting a membership meeting on Monday, June 22nd, at 6:00pm at 620A Research Court. Please call 301-663-0909 to RSVP by Wednesday, June 17th, so we can make the appropriate social distancing arrangements. The following are the proposed Board of Directors for Fiscal Year 21:

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62
YEARS!



Help The Arc of Frederick County Celebrate 62 Years!

Join The Arc of Frederick County in Celebrating 62 Years of Service to the Frederick Community by contributing \$62.00! What began with a small group of parents around a kitchen table for coffee dreaming about how their children with disabilities could grow up at home and go to school with their brothers and sisters became the spark that, all these years later, supports adults with disabilities to be running a coffee shop and cafe in downtown Frederick. Over the past 62 years, The Arc's vision has percolated through the community creating school inclusion, supported living, opportunities of higher education, and real jobs where people with disabilities utilize their talents and skills as contributing members of their communities. Please consider contributing \$62.00, the equivalent of what one might spend on a few cups of coffee each month, to The Arc in celebration of our founding parents whose dreams around a cup of coffee came true.

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Annual Awards

Our annual awards ceremony that was originally scheduled for April 2020 has been postponed until 2021.

We look forward to celebrating with you next year!

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