



The Arc[®] *of Frederick County*

The Link March/April 2020

Record Breaking Number of Advocates Participate in Developmental Disabilities Day at the Legislature!

On February 12, representatives from The Arc of Frederick County and Working Together Advocacy Group joined 1,700 advocates from across Maryland in Annapolis and online for Developmental Disabilities Day at The Legislature 2020. Developmental Disabilities Day at the Legislature is an opportunity for people with disabilities, their family members, and other advocates to have their voices heard as they make their mark on public policy that impacts the 25,000 Maryland citizens who receive supports through the Developmental Disabilities Administration.

The powerful day began with a call to action as advocates gathered to hear from leaders of the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Coalition and members of state department leadership on the proposed state budget for DD services, critical topics, and proposed legislation that would make changes in disability policy and services. The Arc and Working Together are thankful to the many legislative champions who, year in and out, develop and support legislation that improves the lives of Maryland citizens with Developmental Disabilities.

As the record breaking numbers of attendees gathered to learn more about how they can impact public policy, representatives from Disability Rights Maryland provided support and information for those interested in registering to vote.

Following the morning rally, advocates met with their elected representatives to share their personal experiences and how community supports positively impact their lives. The Arc of Frederick County and Working Together would like to thank the Frederick County Delegation for their ongoing support of community services!

Representatives from The Arc and Working Together Advocacy Group meet with Delegate Carol Krimm, a long-standing champion for the rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Developmental Disabilities Administration's budget and increasing accessible transportation

were discussing points during the meeting.



Save the date for our
Annual Awards Ceremony

Thursday, April 16, 2020
6:30PM

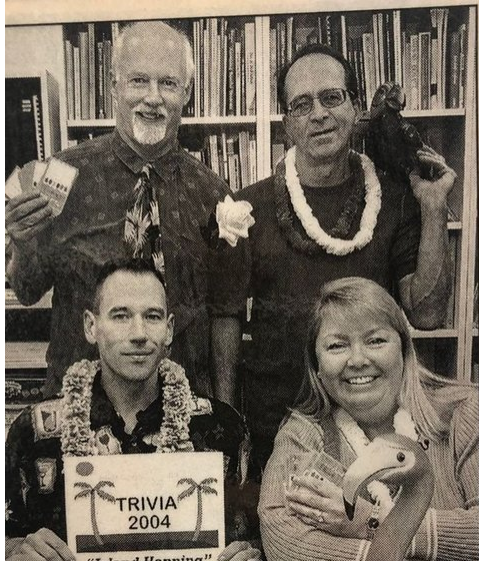
The Arc at Market Street
555 South Market Street
Frederick, MD 21701

Please RSVP to 301-663-0909 x127 or jsommer-essex@arcfc.org by April 10

The Arc extends our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Patrick Rinehart upon his passing on February 15th 2020. We will remember Patrick's bright smile, sparking eyes, and boundless optimism. Patrick was a graduate of Thomas Johnson High School and Frederick Community College. As an individual with cerebral palsy, Patrick led the way and served as an example for people with disabilities pursuing higher education. The Arc is grateful to have served Patrick and is saddened by his passing.



The Arc of Frederick County is deeply saddened at the passing of Josh Brooks (pictured top left). He was a wonderful advocate for people with developmental disabilities and their families. We are especially thankful for the various ways that Josh has contributed to The Arc such as the creation of our longstanding Trivia Fundraiser as well as the excitement he was



able to generate in our community as The
Arc launched our Future and Estate
Endowment. He will be missed!



Charlotte's Coffee House is open

Wednesday through Friday from 11:00am-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 nice, feel free to enjoy your food and drinks on our patio tables.

Hope to see you there!

Visit our Facebook page to see the menu!

**Our FY 2019 annual report is available for
download!**

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