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Hello!

We are looking for individuals that may be interested in joining the Arc of Platte County's Board of Directors. We have positions open immediately as well as starting in January 2022.

The Board of Directors meets nine months out of the year (no June, July or December), on the fourth Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. The meetings last approximately one hour. The duties include attending meetings, support of the Arc through membership, assisting in fundraising activities, particularly the annual Honey Sunday in early November. Board members are also asked to promote the agency's mission and help identify potential Board members.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity or have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 402-563-1699 or via email. I am only in the office on a part-time basis so please leave a message. I am looking forward to adding your name to our Board nominee list.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jan Zurcher'.

Jan Zurcher
Executive Director
The Arc of Platte County

ARC ACCENTS

The Arc of Platte County Newsletter

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Executive Jan Zurcher

Wow, what a wonderful and busy summer so far. We had a wonderful Summer Camp that ended with a talent show that brought smiles, amusement, and happiness to everyone who participated or watched the event.

Camp was a huge success after taking last year off due to COVID 19. We had 17 campers and over 40 helpers. **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped us in whatever fashion. Without your help we couldn't have these camps and the individuals that participate look forward to them every year.

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over and that fall will soon be with us. It means school has started and Columbus Days is over. Their theme this year was "Oh the Places We Will Go". Such an amazing theme for post-COVID. We are all looking forward to what will be next in our lives and to getting things back to our "new normal".

With school starting, it's time to remind everyone that while the Arc offers services throughout the year, it sometimes becomes difficult to ensure that effective services are available to people with disabilities and their families. There are times when it becomes very difficult to find the right resources that will help you resolve a problem that limits you or others rights to develop intellectually and physically.

The Arc of Platte County is constantly working with The Arc of Nebraska and Region IV DD Council along with private providers supporting your needs and finding solutions to progressive improvement. It is our mission to advocate and find the correct solutions concerning your loved ones. It may be someone you just know of that doesn't know about the Arc. You can help everyone by starting a "tell a friend" campaign.

The Arc of Platte County wishes everyone a safe and healthy start to the new school year and a beautiful fall season!

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Fall 2021

Sept/Oct/Nov/Dec

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MISSION

STATEMENT

The Arc of Platte County is committed to helping children and adults with developmental disabilities secure the opportunity to choose and realize their goals of where and how they live, learn, work and play.



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PROGRAMS

PALS 'N PLAY

Pals 'n Play is a play therapy program for individuals age 5-21 with an intellectual or developmental disability. The program is designed to aid in the growth and development of children with a disability through a variety of fine and gross motor activities, exercise and dance. The activities strive to promote social interaction, expand motor skills and develop interpersonal skills. Basically, we just have A LOT of FUN!!!! The program meets one Sunday each month during the school year from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Participants have one-on-one support from a volunteer. Siblings are welcome too!

Dates have NOT been set yet!

I would like to know if there is interest in having **RESPIRE DAYS**. There is a form attached to this newsletter that you can fill out and return with your interest.



PEOPLE FIRST

People First is a group for adults age 18 & up with intellectual and developmental disabilities that meets the third Monday evening of each month. If you would like more information or to be added to our mailing list, please contact The Arc.

On Mon., Sept. 20 the group will hold it's annual picnic with the Arc membership from 5-7 p.m. RSVP to the Arc by Sept 16, so we have enough food.

We have quite a few individuals interested in attending the State People First Convention in Kearney Oct. 8-10.

Also coming up is the annual Halloween Dance on Tuesday, October 26 at the KC Hall from 7-9 p.m. Admission is \$2 and pop and water are available for 50¢. Prizes will be given for Best Male Costume and Best Female Costume!!



HONEY SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2021

Watch our website for the times and places to buy your honey!

People First Annual HALLOWEEN PARTY

Tuesday, October 26

7-9 p.m.

Admission \$2.00 Drinks \$0.50



Parents for Parents

Parent Advocacy 101:

Empowering parents to become effective advocates for their children and finding the services their children need.



GARAGE SALE-PEOPLE FIRST

September 17 & 18

Columbus Family Resource Center

We will be taking donations for items to sell. Please contact the office via phone 402-563-1699 or email programdirector@arcoplattecounty.com to set up a drop off time.

Check out our website at www.arcoplattecounty.com and "like" us on Facebook!!



Thank You!!

The Arc of Platte County enjoyed another AMAZING week of Summer Friends Special Needs Camp!! We would like to thank all of our AWESOME volunteers for helping make this such a positive experience for the campers! A very special thank you to our camp committee: Chelsea Augustine, Barb Brockhaus, Claire Hladky and Tammie Romberg!

Camp would not be possible without many donations and community involvement as well.

Thank you to the following businesses for their donations:

Creative Images, Mancuso Dental, Pillen Family Farms, Columbus United Federal Credit Union, Optometric Center of Columbus, P.C., Rich & Donette Jablonski Family, McDonald's, Columbus Bank & Trust, Vishay Intertechnology, Inc., Behlen Manufacturing, Tremel Surveying, Shevlin Supply, Columbus Sertoma Club, Eagles Auxillary #1834, Jackie Ternus & Matthew Pieper, Jeannie Ienn-Ienn Bookkeeping, Kevin & Denise Kallweit, Artsy Haven.

We would also like to thank the following community volunteers who shared their time with the campers:

Brad Hruska from Columbus Public Library, Lakeview FFA, Janette Abbott, Scotus Flag Team-Laura Salyard, Scotus Athletes-Roger Kreinke.



"Disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of individuals to live independently, enjoy self-determination, make choices, contribute to society, pursue meaningful careers, and enjoy full inclusion and integration in the economic, political, social, cultural, and educational mainstream of American society."

~Rehabilitation Act of 1992

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!!

Arc in the Park ~ Monday, Sept. 20 from 5-7 p.m. This is a family picnic for our membership and our People First group. We need some help serving the meal and providing games and activities for all ages. Please contact Jan if you would like to help with this event.

Pals 'N Play ~ No Schedule YET!

THERE WILL BE NO PEOPLE FIRST MEETING IN OCTOBER!!

Halloween Party ~ Tuesday, October 26 from 7-9. We will have a costume party and dance. There will be snacks provided. There will be \$2.00 admission and 50 cents for pop or water.

Honey Sunday is Nov. 7 from 11-5. This is a great family or group volunteer opportunity!! Sell honey bears at local business or your church. We will also be selling honey at the craft fairs this fall and will need help with those. Please check the website for dates and times. Call Jan if you would like to help with an event.

Call the Arc at 402-563-1699 if interested!!

YOU ARE WANTED AND NEEDED!!

We are looking for interested people to be **BOARD MEMBERS!**

- Membership
- Monthly meetings
- Assist at events along side Individuals
- Support and **ADVOCATE!**



Arc in the Park Membership Picnic

For current & prospective Arc members, their Families, and Columbus People First members!

Join us anytime

**Monday,
Sept. 20
5:00 — 7:00**
Pawnee Park
East Shelter



The Arc will provide a picnic meal, games and activities for the entire family!!

Come and join us for some fun, learn more about the Arc and our upcoming programs, meet our Executive Director Jan Zurcher, register for our events coming up this fall and most importantly, meet other families going through similar experiences as you!!

Please RSVP to The Arc by September 16 so we are sure to have enough food!
402-563-1699 OR
programdirector@arcofplattecounty.com

September

We will begin collecting items for the People First Garage Sale. Please call to schedule a drop off time.

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BEGIN COLLECTING		GARAGE SALE ITEMS!!	CALL to schedule a time 402-563-1699			Bring Your Manners to Work Day!	
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	LABOR DAY Closed	Telephone Tuesday		<i>Meat Raffle Micek's Bar 5pm</i>			PATRIOT DAY Remember...
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Positive Thinking Day			SET-UP	SET-UP	GARAGE SALE 3-7	GARAGE SALE 8-3
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Membership/P.F. Picnic 5-7 Pawnee Park East Shelter		Elephant Appreciation Day		<i>Meat Raffle Micek's Bar 5pm</i>	Family Resource Center	Family Resource Center
National Pancake Day	26	27	28	29	30		
	Arc Board Meeting 6pm						

October

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Willy Wonka Day	2 World Smile Day
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Blue Shirt/World Day of Bullying Prevention		Meat Raffle Micek's Bar 5pm	People First State Convention Kearney	People First State Convention Kearney
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
People First State Convention Kearney		Free Thought Day		World Standards Day		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Office CLOSED all week	NO PEOPLE FIRST MEETING!!			Meat Raffle Micek's Bar 5pm	International Stuttering Awareness Day	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Make A Difference Day	Arc Board Meeting 6pm	Halloween Dance 7-9 \$2 Admission				Mischief Day Haunted Refrigerator Day
						
	31					
	Halloween					

November

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 HONEY SUNDAY Details TBD Daylight Savings Ends	1 Autistic Speaking Day	2 Cookie Monster's Birthday	3 	4 Meat Raffle Micek's Bar 5pm	5 	6 National Nacho Day
7	8	9 	10 Sesame Street Day	11 Veteran's Day	12	13
14	15 PEOPLE FIRST MEETING 7-8:30	16 International Day for Tolerance	17 World Prematurity Awareness Day	18 Meat Raffle Micek's Bar 5pm	19	20
21	22 Arc Board Meeting 6pm	23	24	25 THANKSGIVING  <small>© All Rights Reserved - 2021 MICEK'S</small>	26 National Day of Listening	27
28 National Good Neighbor Day	29	30				

December

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Meat Raffle Micek's Bar 5pm Special Education Day	3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities Day	4
5 Play Outside Day BRRRRRRR	6	7	8	9	10 Human Rights Day	11
12	13	14 Monkey Day	15	16 Meat Raffle Micek's Bar 5pm	17	18
19	20 PEOPLE FIRST MEETING 6-7:30 PIZZA PARTY	21 Flashlight Day	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
26	27 NO Arc Board Meeting	28	29	30 Meat Raffle Micek's Bar 5pm	31 	

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I/We are interested in:

- Pals 'N Play -- Respite Day events
- Parent to Parent meetings
 - Zoom
 - In person
 - Both
- Resource Fair

NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
EMAIL:	
PHONE:	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR REQUESTS:	

Please email the information to:

programdirector@arcofplattecounty.com

OR mail to: Arc of Platte County
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Dear Friend of the Arc:

The Arc has been the leading advocate for people with developmental disabilities for over 50 years. Through its work, more equitable laws have been established and ineffective treatment systems have been changed. New educational, recreational, and vocational opportunities have blossomed, and independent living options have grown. Please consider investing in our important work by becoming a member of the Arc of Platte County. By becoming a member, you are doing more than simply giving. You are supporting efforts to help individuals with developmental disabilities and their families lead lives of greater independence, productivity, inclusion, and self-determination.

Member Benefits include:

- Arc Accents quarterly newsletter
- Notifications of disability related workshops, etc. in our area
- Notification of all Arc events
- Free or reduced registration fees for Arc activities and programs
- Automatic membership to the Arc of Nebraska and the Arc of the United States
- Representation at local, state, and national policy forums
- Knowledge that your membership is making an impact in the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families

If you are a current member, please renew and ask a friend to join!! If you are not a member, please consider becoming a member!! Memberships will be valid until March 31, 2022.

Below is a membership form. Please fill this out and return it with your membership dues to the **Arc of Platte County, 3020 18th Street #9, Columbus, NE 68601.**

THANK YOU in advance for your support!

The Arc of Platte County Membership Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

**I would prefer to receive information by ___mail ___email

- ___ Individual \$15
- ___ Family \$25
- ___ Business or Supporter \$100
- ___ Benefactor \$150 or more
- ___ DONATION Amt. _____

(Donations are tax deductible as this is a 501c(3) non profit organization)

<i>I am:</i>
___ a parent (please provide child's disability & age)
___ other family member
___ friend
___ self-advocate
___ provider
___ interested individual/business



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Advocating for the rights of
citizens with developmental
and intellectual disabilities
and their families.

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Sponsored by: **People First Chapter**
Arc of Platte County

Proceeds go to help cover costs of the 2021 People First Convention!!



**CURRENTLY Accepting donated
items to be sold—please call
to schedule a drop off time.**

Call 402-563-1699 or email programdirector@arcofplattecounty.com

SALE DATES

Friday, Sept 24 3pm-7pm

Saturday, Sept 25 8am-3pm



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**Bring a
Friend**

3020 18TH STREET
NORTH SIDE OF BUILDING
(OLD HOSPITAL)