Committed to Excellence

Our Board of Directors was ushered in for the year 2017-2018 at The Arc of San Diego’s Annual Meeting & Installation Ceremony in June at Tom Ham’s Lighthouse. The Board is vital to the management and oversight of The Arc of San Diego, one of the county’s largest non-profits dedicated to assisting and empowering children and adults with disabilities. The dedication and hard work of our board and chapter advisory board members help sustain the mission of The Arc of San Diego, ensuring that the fullest potential is achieved to better provide essential life services. The highlight of the evening’s program was the installation of board members and the recognition of staff, volunteers and consumers for their support and contributions to The Arc of San Diego.

The Arc of San Diego gives a warm welcome to the new Board of Directors and Chapter Advisory Boards and wishes them a successful year!

Awards

Frank B. Lalor Outstanding Volunteer Award
Dr. Judy Adams
John Vaughn
President’s Volunteer Service Award
Dwight Stratton
Lifetime Membership Award
William Evans
Ty Rogers
It Begins with Me Award
Bob Guthrie
Doug Hoehn
Child of the Year
Isabela Lopez
Parent/Infant Program
Employee of the Year
Irma “Lupita” Torres
Parent/Infant Program
Leticia Lara
Respite Services
Lynna Thorn
North Shores Vocational Center
Judy Urban
Arc Community Employment Services
Teresa Velasquez
Arc North County
Linda Deling
Residential Services
Tearani Patrick
Independent Living & Tailored Day Services
Margarita Gonzalez
The Sol and Ruth Gerber Family Center

Kimberly Gussa
East County Training Center
Latoya Blakely
Sulpizio Family Center
Siomara Linares
Arc Enterprises

Consumer of the Year
Shandale Horne
Respite Services
Shawnia Waller
North Shores Vocational Center
Edward Marshall
Arc Community Employment Services
Shawn Harrigan
Arc North County
James “Jimmy” Long
Personal and Leisure Services
Claudia Moreno
Residential Services
Emily Williams
Independent Living & Tailored Day Services
Kristina Arciga
The Sol and Ruth Gerber Family Center
Tirzah Mullen
East County Training Center
Eriberto Villanueva
Sulpizio Family Center
Arianna Gulick
Arc Enterprises

Volunteer of the Year
Enshurah Baca

Eric Leon Estrada from the office of State Senator Joel Anderson (L) and Melanie McCoy, Area Director of Sulpizio Family Center, with Staff of the Year Latoya Blakely.
**Getting to Know…**

**Our New President & CEO**

Anthony J. DeSalis, Esq.

The Arc of San Diego is pleased to announce that Anthony DeSalis will take over the role of President & CEO.

Anthony has been a vital part of The Arc of San Diego family for a long time, joining operations more than 35 years ago. Initially, he took on the role of Senior Director of Operations before ascending to the role of Chief Operations Officer in 2001. His responsibilities included overseeing all of the programs and services provided by The Arc of San Diego throughout San Diego County.

Anthony attended National University School of Law (San Diego) where he received his Doctor of Jurisprudence. He was awarded and recognized for his work on several occasions, particularly for his skills in the areas of Law Review, Executive Notes and Comments Director. He was admitted into the California Bar Association in 1992.

**President’s Message**

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I take on the position of President & CEO of The Arc of San Diego. It is truly an honor to be able to serve the dedicated consumers, volunteers, staff and families who make up this wonderful community.

Since my arrival at The Arc more than 35 years ago, I have witnessed the exceptional work at our programs and facilities first hand. Our dedicated team continues to spearhead service programs, advocate reforms and work extensively to ensure all members of our community, regardless of ability, live the most independent and fulfilling lives possible. The Arc of San Diego continues to have an incredible impact on our community and the individuals with disabilities that we serve. I look forward to future growth for our organization as we continue to support and empower people with disabilities.

I would like to thank everyone for their warm welcome, and I look forward to continue working to achieve nothing but excellence in the future to come.

Anthony J. DeSalis, Esq.
President & CEO

**New Logo. Same Great Services.**

The Arc of San Diego is unveiling a new logo that was designed to embody our mission and values. The catalyst brushstroke icon reflects our embracing nature, while the burst of energy at the top right is symbolic of empowering those we serve with independence.

The design communicates our commitment to promoting and protecting the rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities while actively supporting their full inclusion in the community.

This rebranding of our logo aligns with The Arc of the United States and affiliated chapters throughout the country.

**Board of Directors**

*Officers*
- Doug Hoehn, Board Chair
- Nancy Eakin, 1st Vice Chair
- Ned Silver, RPh, MBA, Secretary/Treasurer
- Gerald Hansen, P.E., Past Board Chair

*Members-At-Large*
- Bob Guthrie
- Ty Rogers
- Gregg Shallan, MBA, ChFC
- Robert A. Shields
- Dwight Stratton

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- Esther Coit, City Chapter
- John Vaughn, East County Chapter
- Julie Lyon, North County Chapter
- Christine Miller, North Shores Chapter
- Susan J. Fuller, South Bay Chapter

**Arc San Diego Foundation**

*Officers*
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- James O. Reynolds, Past Chairperson

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- Jerry Coleman (Deceased)
- Darla Davis
- Hon. John S. Einhorn
- Willis J. Fletcher (Deceased)
- Arthur Neumann
- George Saadeh
- Sindey Schuman
Measuring Excellence

The Arc of San Diego actively engages clients, families, community members and funders to evaluate programs provided. The Outcome Measurements Tool addresses these questions: Has the program made a positive difference? What significant changes have occurred in the lives of those we work with? In what ways are their lives better?

Below is a summary of results from fiscal year 2016:

- 97% of clients report satisfaction with the overall quality of services.
- 100% of the children served progressed in a minimum of three developmental areas.
- 40% of clients in day programs actively gave back to their community through volunteer activities.
- 18% of clients have been employed through The Arc of San Diego’s programs for more than 10 years.

Highlights:

Day Program Activity Centers
The Activity Centers at The Arc of San Diego continues to flourish; all three centers’ computer resource labs are fully equipped with accessible hardware, software and accessibility adaptations. In addition to this, the Sulpizio Family Center has seen an increase in communication skills for all clients, attributed to the labs. They have helped immensely in developing the communication skills of English as second language learners.

Parent/Infant Program
Parents associated with the program mention that staff are professional, caring, patient and helpful. One family noted that The Arc of San Diego teacher working with their child was his “champion,” dedicated to helping him access what he needed. Families report they have seen great improvement in their child’s development.

Residential Services
The program has seen an increase in residents’ ability to achieve their self-help goals. The number of residents who aspire to live on their own in the future has also increased, along with understanding what needs to be achieved in order to meet their long term goals.

Honoring Leadership

The Arc San Diego Foundation held its Annual Meeting & Recognition Luncheon on June 21, 2017 at Bertrand at Mr. A’s. The event was also an opportunity to recognize individuals and businesses for their valuable contributions to The Arc of San Diego.

The Circle of Light Silver Award, recognizing those who contribute between $100,000 - $500,000, was given to Martha Brault. Beginning her involvement more than 55 years ago with The Arc in Montgomery County, Maryland, Martha has been actively involved with The Arc of San Diego for over 35 years and currently serves on the South Bay Chapter Advisory Board and leads the Starlight Auxiliary.

The Circle of Light Bronze Award for contributions between $25,000-$100,000 was awarded to Las Primeras, Knights of Columbus Council #10802 and David and Janet Schneider. Established in 1950, Las Primeras is an all-volunteer group of women dedicated to assisting children’s charities and groups with immediate needs in our community. Affiliated with St. Timothy’s Parish in Escondido, Knights of Columbus Council #10802 has been supporting The Arc for more than 20 years. David, former President & CEO of The Arc of San Diego, and Janet Schneider continue to generously support our organization.

Following the presentation of awards, the new slate of officers and directors for 2017-2018 were installed.

Paul La Bounty, Chair of Arc San Diego Foundation, Pete Carr, SVP Managing Director US Bank and Scott Schmid, SVP Managing Director/Market Leader US Bank.
The Jewels of San Diego Gala 2017 – Walk on the Wild Side invited guests to find their elegant wild side at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront while honoring the philanthropic contributions of prominent San Diegans and benefiting children & adults with disabilities at The Arc of San Diego.

A jungle-themed cocktail reception complete with hors d’oeuvres and an exciting silent auction enchanted San Diego’s finest citizens and leaders as they bid to the boisterous beats of authentic West African drummers. After a fine display of generous bidding, guests were greeted in the main ballroom by mistress of ceremonies Kimberly Hunt, ABC/10News Weeknight Anchor, who captivated all in attendance through a thrilling live auction boasting high ticket items including a trip for two to Bali for eight days & seven nights at Jepun Bali Villas, complete with scuba diving lessons and a Balinese message.

Following an adventurous culinary showcase, guests danced to electrifying performances of Wayne Foster Music & Entertainment. County Supervisors Kristin Gaspar

County Supervisor Greg Cox, Honorary Chairs Phyllis & John Parrish, County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar, Emcee Kimberly Hunt

An Elegant Walk on the Wild Side!

Kimberly Hunt & Billy Ray Smith, Sandy Redman & Jeff Mueller, Joye Blount & Jessie Knight, Jr.

County Supervisor Greg Cox, Honorary Chairs Phyllis & John Parrish, County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar, Emcee Kimberly Hunt

Lynne & Dr. Stephen Wheeler
& Greg Cox presented a proclamation to Phyllis and John Parrish and the declaration of May 6, 2017 as “The Jewels of San Diego Day” in support of the efforts at The Arc of San Diego to provide meaningful opportunities for people with disabilities to fulfill their personal goals, reach their maximum potential, and live as independently as possible. Honorary Chairs Sandy Redman and Jeff Mueller were also honored with a certificate of recognition from the office of Mayor Kevin Faulconer for their continued contributions to The Jewels of San Diego.

The Arc was fortunate to have the support of over 20 sponsors including: U.S. Bank, Rich & Gaby Sulpizio, Ed & Noreen Walton, Home of Guiding Hands, and California Bank & Trust.

The philanthropy of all our donors will go towards assisting The Arc of San Diego in continuing to provide services such as day training, employment, and residential living services to 2,500 San Diegans with disabilities. The Arc of San Diego is immensely grateful to the Jewels Committee, Honorary Jewels Chairs, our sponsors and everyone who helped make this event an evening to remember.
Capital Campaign Update

Thank you to everyone who has made a commitment to our Building for Self-Sufficiency Capital Campaign. Since we launched this campaign in 2015, more than 250 supporters have shown their strong commitment to The Arc of San Diego, with gifts totaling more than $3.5 million to support the renovations at The Sol and Ruth Gerber Family Center. A heartfelt THANK YOU to all who have helped support this project! Your assistance will make a lasting impact on the programs at The Sol and Ruth Gerber Family Center for many years to come.

The Sol and Ruth Gerber Family Center serves over 300 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The center was in need of extensive repair and renovations in order to continue providing quality programs and services for these individuals with special needs. Adults with disabilities learn vital life skills and participate in job training activities at the center. Children with developmental delays or those at risk for delay participate in high quality early intervention services at this center. Often times this support eliminates the need for future services.

Our renovated center will assist us in addressing the growing demand for programs for people with disabilities in South Bay. It has enough space to offer services with room for future expansion in program capacity. Our new innovative, activity-based classrooms provide greater opportunities for participants to engage in a wide-range of special interest programs including art, music, and physical fitness.

We have raised 79% of the funds needed for this important campaign. Your help is needed today as we strive to reach our goal.

There will be a Donor Tile Wall in the lobby of the center that will prominently display tiles recognizing our generous donors. For $250, $500, or $1,000, you can purchase a tile with your name or in honor of a family member or friend. Please consider making a gift and helping support everyone who benefits from this valuable program.

There are still additional naming opportunities available including:

- $500,000 Program Building
- $400,000 Training Building
- $250,000 Child Development Center
- $100,000 Lobby
- $50,000 Terrace
- $40,000 Ocean View Deck
- $35,000 Garden
- $30,000 Bocce Ball Court
- $25,000 Preschool Classroom
- $25,000 Day Program Classrooms
- $10,000 Picnic Table Seating
- $5,000 Benches
- $2,500 Trees

We thank you for your support. You can also make your gift online by visiting www.arc-sd.com/capitalcampaign. Pledges for naming opportunities can be paid at one time or over a three-year period. Your employer’s matching gift counts towards your naming opportunity.

Please contact Jennifer Bates Navarra, Vice President of Marketing & Development, at (619) 685-1175, ext. 291 or at jnavarra@arc-sd.com for information about naming opportunities or to schedule a tour of the center.
Thank You to Our Donors

The Arc of San Diego greatly appreciates the assistance we receive to help us enhance the services we provide to children and adults with disabilities. We are grateful for your support and commitment to improving their quality of life. Gifts listed were received between April 14, 2017 and December 1, 2017. Thank you to all of our wonderful supporters!

Thank you to Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. for generous support of our Building for Self-Sufficiency Capital Campaign and the renovations at The Sol and Ruth Gerber Family Center.

We are grateful for a grant from the Boys & Girls Foundation to support our capital campaign for the renovation of the preschool classroom at The Sol and Ruth Gerber Family Center.

Many thanks to StarLarcs for their support of our Building for Self-Sufficiency Capital Campaign and the renovations to the preschool classroom at The Sol and Ruth Gerber Family Center.

Thank you to Community Service Association of San Diego Unified School District for their grants in support of our programs at North Shores Vocational Center, East County Training Center, Arc North County, Sulpizio Family Center, and Gerber Family Center.

We greatly appreciate the generous gift from Virginia DeBoer to support the construction of a kitchen at Arc North County.

Many thanks to the County of San Diego – Community Enhancement Program for their grant to Arc Community Employment Services.

Thank you to the Genuardi Family Foundation for their generous support of The Arc of San Diego.

We greatly appreciate support from the Bulova Gale Foundation for an unrestricted grant to The Arc of San Diego.

Many thanks to the Samuel H. & Katherine Weaver French Fund for their generous support of The Arc of San Diego’s Camp-A-Little.

Thank you to the Chula Vista Charitable Foundation for their generous grant to support our Parent/Infant Program.

Thank you to Oak Tree Philanthropic Foundation for their unrestricted grant to the Arc San Diego Foundation.

We greatly appreciate support from Torrey Pines Kiwanis Foundation for a grant to support equipment and supplies for Our Place at North Shores Vocational Center.

Tribute Gifts

In Memory of James Bosley
Anne Charrett
Karen Hoss

In Memory of Jewell Marie Dick
Sara Dick
Robin Maness
Gary & Sherry Spoon
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In Memory of Glenna DeCamara Eubank
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Yvette Michalak

In Honor of David W. Schneider
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Camilla Beckett Veltmann

In Honor of David W. Schneider’s Outstanding Services as President & CEO
Foster & Pamela Beckett Stahl

In Honor of the Shallan/Geffen Wealth Management Group
Gregg Shallan

In Honor of Ned Silver
Trent St. Louis

In Honor of Marie Svet
Dr. Anne Marie McNeill
Farewell

After 13 years of dedicated service as President & CEO of The Arc of San Diego, David Schneider retired. David’s effective leadership ensured that The Arc of San Diego continued to progress and meet its goals. Serving two terms as President & CEO, David held office from 1995-2001 and 2010-2017. His accomplishments before his tenure at The Arc of San Diego were many: holding top management positions with several corporations, as well as serving as CEO and General Manager for Community Medical Pharmacy. He also held the position of Executive Director of The Arc of Stanislaus County.

David has spent many years working with individuals with disabilities and has ensured that The Arc of San Diego saw growth in services, fiscal stability and financial strength. He has continuously implemented principles and spearheaded programs that guided The Arc of San Diego’s efforts towards excellence.

We are truly grateful for David’s years of unwavering commitment to making positive differences in the lives of people with disabilities. We wish him the best in his future ventures!

Memorial

Jerry Wechsler
The Arc of San Diego is deeply saddened to announce the passing of Jerry Wechsler, a long-time supporter and board member.

Throughout his career, Jerry was committed to serving individuals with disabilities. He taught special education for 38 years with elementary through transition age students and spent the last 27 years working with the San Diego School TRACE transition program.

Additionally, Jerry helped implement the “Point of Transition” model, which assists students with disabilities to transition seamlessly into adult support services. Before that, he also developed integrated public school programs, a day camp program, and a week-long residential camp.

Jerry served as a dedicated board member of The Arc of San Diego for over a decade. His knowledge and insight were integral to the success of our organization, and his contributions will continue to empower the individuals we serve for years to come. Jerry will be greatly missed by The Arc and all those in the disability community.