



Spotlight

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2017 Gala: Please Join Us!

May 6, Hilton San Diego Bayfront

The Jewels of San Diego invite you to their annual gala, *Walk on the Wild Side*, on Saturday, May 6 at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront. We hope you will join us for an elegant evening of fine dining and live entertainment.

The gala begins at 5:30 p.m. with a lively cocktail hour and silent auction. Browse through the unique offerings of our auction before moving into the ballroom for dinner, dancing, and bidding on exciting live auction items. The renowned Wayne Foster Music & Entertainment will provide a glorious musical extravaganza. Attire is black tie optional.

Buy your tickets today. Individual Gold Seating tickets are \$200 or table of 10 for \$2,000; VIP Platinum Preferred Seating tickets are \$300 or \$3,000 for a table of 10. For additional information, including sponsorship opportunities, contact Jennifer Bates Navarra at (619) 685-1175, ext. 291 or visit us online at www.arc-sd.com/jewels.

The Jewels of San Diego Gala is generously sponsored by Diamond Sponsor U.S. Bank. It is The Arc of San Diego's premier fundraiser, raising support for educational programs benefiting children and adults with disabilities.



The Jewels of San Diego will honor Sandy Redman and Jeff Mueller at their annual Walk on the Wild Side Gala.



Gala Honorary Jewels Chairs

Phyllis & John Parrish

Sandy Redman & Jeff Mueller

Joye Blount & Jessie J. Knight, Jr.

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Get Your Jewels Gala Tickets Now!

Call Jennifer Bates Navarra
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President's Message



Volunteers have always been an essential

component of The Arc of San Diego's growth. In the fifties, we were founded by volunteers who ran the organization and, today, we continue to rely on their beneficence for our well-being.

Our boards, committees, parent groups, auxiliaries, and interns make significant contributions that lead to positive changes in the lives of our clients. Our programs are strengthened when volunteers actively engage with us. Their actions - teaching art or yoga, playing music, helping with fitness or technology, providing animal assisted therapy, and going on outings - bring exceptional social value to our clients.

Volunteers also make meaningful economic contributions to our agency. Independent Sector, a leadership forum for charities, foundations and corporate giving programs, estimates the 2015 value of volunteer time in California at \$27.59 an hour. For The Arc of San Diego that comes to more than \$322,554.

Volunteers, I appreciate your time and talent, your energy, your values, and your dedication. We honor your commitment and thank you.


David W. Schneider
President & CEO

Town Hall Meeting

The Arc of San Diego hosted a Town Hall meeting on March 3rd with California Assemblymember Brian Maienschein at the Mira Mesa Library.

Assemblyman Maienschein spoke about the issues we face as a community and stressed that promises made by the Lanterman Act need to be kept and should be a priority. He provided an update on his legislation relating to disabilities, AB-2582 Income taxes: credit: employees with disabilities, AB-516 Sex Offenses: Disabled Victim, and AB-1074 Health care coverage: pervasive developmental disorder or autism.



The Arc is grateful to Assemblymember Maienschein for his ongoing support. Last spring, he urged Governor Brown to support a 10% increase in funding for the developmentally disabled during the budget process. He was also successful in bringing money back to the state with passage of the managed care organization financing reform.

In closing, Assemblyman Maienschein reminded us that we should take the long view on issues relating to disabilities. The question being, how are we going to change this over a couple of years? Improving conditions for people with developmental disabilities has long been a priority for him and he remains optimistic we can make some good positive choices working collectively.



Welcome Liana Dolbaia

The Sol and Ruth Gerber Family Center

The Arc of San Diego is pleased to welcome Liana Dolbaia as the new Area Director for The Sol and Ruth Gerber Family Center in Chula Vista. Prior to joining

The Arc of San Diego, she was Director of the Adult Day Healthcare and The Foundation for International Medical Exchange.

Born and raised in the Republic of Georgia, Liana attended medical school in the Ukraine and Russia and received her medical degree at the Russian State Medical University. She was a pediatrician for over eight years before moving to Wisconsin almost 20 years ago.

In the U.S., Liana pursued additional degrees in Psychology from Ottawa University and a Masters in Medical Ethics from the Medical School of Wisconsin. With her extensive background in medicine, Liana pushed forward to bridge the gaps in patient-hospital and patient-doctor relationships focusing on multicultural communities. She became a community advocate on health issues while providing guidance on patient care.

Liana is happy to call San Diego home. She has two adult children and, in addition to cooking, classical music, and the performing arts, loves spending time with family and friends.

The Sol and Ruth Gerber Family Center services 225 adults and employs 54 staff.

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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 are December 9, 2016 through April 14, 2017. We thank all of you, our wonderful supporters!

Building for Self-Sufficiency Capital Campaign

We recently received a \$10,000 gift from **Boys and Girls Foundation**, \$2,500 from **Cubic Corporation**, and \$1,000 from **Chula Vista Rotary**. Thank you, everyone, for your support!

Grants

Thank you to the **Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary** for their grant in support of equipment and supplies for North Shores Vocational Center.

We greatly appreciate the generous support from the **Hervey Family Non-Endowment Fund at The San Diego Foundation** for an unrestricted grant.

Many thanks to **The Oak Tree Philanthropic Foundation** for their unrestricted grant to the Arc San Diego Foundation.

Thank you to the **San Diego County Employees' Charitable Organization** for their generous grant for musical instruments at The Sol and Ruth Gerber Family Center.

We greatly appreciate support from the **San Marcos Community Foundation** for a wheelchair accessible picnic table at Arc North County.

Thank you to the **Hallam Foundation Fund at The Rancho Santa Fe Foundation** for their generous support of The Arc of San Diego.

Many thanks to the **John G. Pitcairn Fund at National Philanthropic Trust** for their generous support of The Arc of San Diego.

Thank you to the **Knights of Columbus Council #10802 - St. Timothy's Council, Knights of Columbus Council #13124 - St. Therese of Carmel Catholic Church, and Knights of Columbus Council #10512** for their generous support of our organization through their Tootsie Roll Drive.

Memorials

In Memory of Lisa Marie Buddig
Sharon & John Buddig

In Memory of George Hidalgo
Norma Hidalgo-Del Rio

In Memory of Mrs. Chiu To Shuet Hing
Pauline Fong
Kim's Healing Center
Kai Liao

In Memory of Helen Machen
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In Memory of James R. Walsh
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In Memory of Marivel Ward
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Tribute Gifts

In Honor of Activision Blizzard
Bernard Blotner - Morgan
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In Honor of Judith Adams
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In Honor of Audrey Addams
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In Honor of Bill & Tricia
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In Honor of John Bowers
David & Susan Bowers

In Honor of Norma Cameron
George Ervice

In Honor of Jeff Garday
Jodi Garday-Faix

In Honor of Stephanie Gruen
Lee Gale Gruen

In Honor of Aaron William Jamieson
Linda Jamieson

In Honor of John Jennings
Greg & Deborah Smith

In Honor of Sara Julius
John Julius

In Honor of Jon Kurtin's Birthday
Mr. & Mrs. Rollind M. Romanoff

In Honor of the Jon R. Kurtin Family
The DeFay Family

In Honor of Dr. Paul Kurtin & Our Place
Erin Fisher

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Cynthia Boulanger
Christopher Trent
Michael Trent
Pamela Trent
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In Honor of John Vaughn
Jill Schultz

Your Name Here

The Sol and Ruth Gerber Family Center offers a number of naming opportunities that provide a special way for you to leave a lasting mark. When you choose to put your name or the name of someone special on a building, classroom, or playground, your gift will have a tangible impact on our mission.

Please consider participating in the **Building for Self-Sufficiency Capital Campaign** by taking advantage of the following naming opportunities:

Buildings and Common Areas: \$100,000-\$500,000

\$500,000 Program Building
\$400,000 Training Building
\$250,000 Child Development Center, Vocational Training Center, Courtyard, Community Room
\$100,000 Administrative Office Complex, Lobby

Interiors: \$25,000-\$50,000

\$50,000 Computer Resource Lab, Conference rooms (2)
\$40,000 Meeting rooms (2)
\$25,000 Classrooms
\$15,000 Offices (2)

Outdoors: \$2,500-\$50,000

\$50,000 Terrace
\$40,000 Deck
\$35,000 Garden
\$30,000 Bocce Ball Court
\$25,000 Preschool Playground
\$10,000 Picnic Tables (3)
\$5,000 Benches (3)
\$2,500 Trees (8)

Wall of Honor Tiles: \$250-\$1,000

Add your name to our prominent donor wall in lobby with a plaque that recognizes your commitment to support and sustain The Sol and Ruth Gerber Family Center.

For more information about naming opportunities or ways to give through cash donations or multi-year pledges, please contact Jennifer Bates Navarra, Vice President of Marketing & Development, at (619) 685-1175, ext. 291 or jnavarra@arc-sd.com or visit our website at www.arc-sd.com/capitalcampaign.

\$3,454,409 toward **\$4,500,000**

As of April 19, 2017

Campaign Goal



Camp relies on volunteer counselors



Star LARCs, our auxiliary group, commemorates 50 years of service



Lourdes, North County Chapter Advisory Board member Judy, and Elissa with Jose, Tracy, and Karim



Richard Moreau with Chapter members Lynn and Mickey Moreau at 2016 Annual Meeting



Fun time at Camp!

OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and The Arc of San Diego would like to say THANK YOU to all our volunteers!

Last year, 96 volunteers donated 11,691 hours of service to The Arc of San Diego. We are most appreciative of your outstanding contribution of time, talent, voice, and support.

A special thank you to members of our Boards - without your vision and determination, The Arc would not be as successful as it is today. We thank all of the volunteers for their dedication to our clients. Our work would not be possible without you.

Interested in Volunteering?

Volunteers are the heart of our organization. Opportunities include working with our clients in a variety of programs, joining our Boards and Committees, providing administrative support, or assisting at special events. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Michael Mather at (619) 685-1175, ext. 294 or email mmather@arc-sd.com.



Allyza volunteers at the Rescue Mission



Parent Group Horizontes de Amor

Volunteer at Summer Camp

Looking for a great summer adventure? Volunteer at The Arc of San Diego's summer camp program. You can be a Camp Counselor or Craft & Class Specialist.

We offer two 5-day/4-night sessions for children and adults with developmental disabilities at Cuyamaca Outdoor School in Descanso. We need 25-30 volunteers each session and prefer if you can commit to both sessions.

You will work one-on-one with campers, lead activities and provide guidance, support, and supervision. No prior experience necessary. Orientation and training is provided prior to camp.

If you are 18 years or older and successfully pass a background clearance and drug test, this is an amazing opportunity! We offer a small honorarium for each day of work as well as housing, meals, and transportation.

For an adventure that lasts a lifetime, contact Lin Taylor, Camp Director, at (619) 685-1175, ext. 255 or ltaylor@arc-sd.com

Now Accepting Applications

July 10-12 Counselor Training
July 14-19 Session I
July 22-26 Session II
Cuyamaca Outdoor School, Descanso



Volunteering at Auntie Helen's Community Thrift



Certified instructors teach adaptive yoga



Volunteers at Leisure Express provide fun weekend activities



Steve Schmidt, Andy Schmidt, Dennis Dizon and Joe Schmidt paint a mural



San Marcos Mayor Jim Desmond and Deputy Mayor Rebecca Jones at Arc North County with consumer Douglas.



Jacob O'Neill from office of Senator Ben Hueso at The Sol and Ruth Gerber Family Center. With him, L-R, Area Director Liana Dolbaia and South Bay Advisory Board members Yrma Nixon, Martha Brault, Susan Fuller, and Kathy Brault.



Aida Castaneda (center) from office of Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher at Sulpizio Family Center with Jennifer Bates Navarra and Melanie McCoy.

Elected Officials Tour Programs

In March, many of our legislators toured Arc programs as they helped celebrate Disability Awareness Month. Visitors included Senator Joel Anderson, Coronado Mayor Richard Bailey, Supervisor Kristin Gaspar, and San Marcos Mayor Jim Desmond and Deputy Mayor Rebecca Jones. Also visiting were representatives from the offices of Congressman Duncan Hunter, Senator Toni Atkins, Senator Ben Hueso, Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher, County Supervisor Dianne Jacob, Councilmember David Alvarez, and Chula Vista Deputy Mayor John McCann.

“At The Arc of San Diego, we believe all people, whether they have a disability or not, are people first,” said David Schneider, President & CEO. “March was a time to remind ourselves of this and it was wonderful to have our elected officials here to see the abilities of our clients.”



Robbie Riley from office of Chula Vista Deputy Mayor John McCann tours The Sol and Ruth Gerber Family Center with Jennifer Bates Navarra and Michael Mather, Marketing & Community Outreach Manager.



Matthew Parr from the office of County Supervisor Dianne Jacob visits East County Training Center with Melanie McCoy and Jennifer Bates Navarra.



Senator Joel Anderson tours East County Training Center and presents Senate certificates of recognition to staff. With him are Melanie McCoy, Area Director, Leilanie Baltazar-Charlot, and Emmanuel Jackson.



Kristin Gaspar, County Board of Supervisors, District 3, with The Arc of San Diego's Kaye Kelley, Development Manager, and Jennifer Bates Navarra.

Celebrating Milestone Anniversaries!

Employees at The Arc of San Diego who reached milestone years of service were recognized at the annual Employee Service Awards held on February 8th at the Kona Kai Resort & Spa. This year 84 employees completed 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 35 years of service. We thank our staff, who are among our greatest assets, for helping us achieve our mission and vision.

35 years

Kathy Driscoll

25 years

Eufrocina Basa
Lori Brown
Lynn Colangelo
John Curry
Margaret Johnson
Gloria Zamora

20 years

Frances Gonzales
Ron Harrell
Graciela Hernandez
Stephen Hojsan
Elvira Reyes
Cecilia Zamora
Margarita Zepeda

15 years

Dalia Ayala
Michael Bruce
Patricia Chavez
Irma Dominguez
Maria Jacquez
Sharon Kelly
Benjamin Lander
Silvia Moreno De Velazco
Laura Orcutt
Josephine Pena
Lionila Rocha
Donnetta Shetula-Hawkins
Carol Smith
Jaime Villa
Eva Williams

10 years

Frank Anderson
Albina Aparicio Rodriguez
Maria Arellano
Lidia Barragan
Kamia Brillon
Daphne Cass
Martha Castaneda Toledo
Suzanna Da Fonseca
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Marisela Ibarra-Garcia
Lucila Lizarraga
Blanca Lopez
Lance McGill
Martha Murana
Ruby Paras
Alma Perez
Christopher Ponsford
Rosa Pulido
Josievenice Ronia
Herlinda Serrano
Lourdes Solis
Lidia Soto
Anvernitia Thomas
Andrea Vernaci

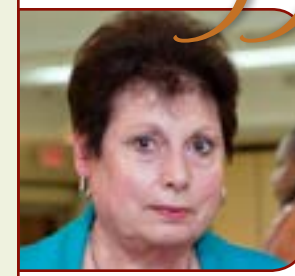
5 years

Jennifer Allen
Raquel Arce-De Vasquez
Nadezna Ariz
Zeelan Beg
Jennifer Carroll
Marion Crooks
Shannon Flood
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Latricee Hill
Kyle Johnson
David Jones
Michael Mather
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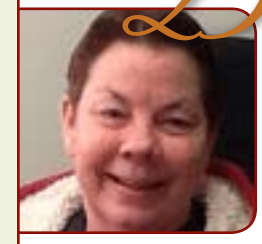
The Arc of San Diego supports and empowers people with disabilities to achieve their life goals.

35 years

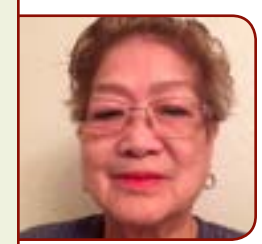


Kathy Driscoll, Respite Services
It's an honor to work with my clients. I've had them for over 15 years. They become friends and family. I had a son with severe autism and did not know anyone who had a child that was disabled. I learned from the homes I went to. So grateful for my work! It's a privilege working here.

25 years



Lori Brown, Arc Enterprises
Working hands-on with consumers is the best! I started as an aide and worked my way up. I thought this was a stepping stone, but it became a career. Lots of memories. I remember the days when we used typewriters! Appreciate how well our team comes together.



Eufrocina Basa, Respite Services
I give respite to one child, Sada. She was seven when I started and is in her thirties now. I taught her the alphabet and how to write her name. I am 81 years old and will not stop working any time soon!



Lynn Colangelo, Respite Services
I love my job. I have eight clients and am blessed to be part of their lives. I realize how much we take life for granted when I see what families handle 24 hours a day. I feel very privileged to help their children.



John Curry, Respite Services
Excellent program! I provide value to parents who are grateful to have some time for themselves. A parent always tells this story: she works in LA and I take care of her son till 5 p.m. One day, before cell phones, someone threatened to jump off a bridge. Traffic was backed up for hours. Mom was so worried, but when she got home around 9 p.m., her son was in his jammies and I was still there!



Margaret Johnson, Respite Services
I work mostly with children and like it a lot. Gained lots of knowledge with classes and training. It's been a wonderful journey. A pleasure working for The Arc.



Gloria Zamora, The Sol and Ruth Gerber Family Center
My first day I wore a pant suit, jacket, and heels. Everyone was surprised! The next day it was t-shirt, sneakers, and jeans! Consumers trust me and listen to me. I tell newcomers, have patience, compassion, and learn from consumers. Enjoy being with them. Advocate for them.

Calendar

MAY

12 SpringFest

The Sol and Ruth Gerber Family Center
1280 Nolan Avenue, Chula Vista
Contact Liana Dolbaia
(619) 427-7524 or ldolbaia@arc-sd.com

JUNE

2-3 San Diego People First Self-Advocacy Conference

Theme: Dare to Dream
San Diego Marriott Mission Valley
8757 Rio San Diego Drive
Contact Laura Krebs
(858) 278-5420, ext. 132
or lkrebs@ucpsd.org

16 Annual Meeting & Installation Ceremony

Tom Ham's Lighthouse
2150 Harbor Island Drive, San Diego
Cost: \$60 per person
Contact Rhonda Handy
(619) 685-1175, ext. 295
or rhandy@arc-sd.com

JULY

8 Seminar: Understanding Social Security & SSI Benefits

Speaker: Dennis McRoberts
Social Security Administration
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

12 Seminar: Special Needs Trust

Mary Waltari, Attorney At Law
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
TERI, Inc.,
251 Airport Road, Oceanside
\$8 per person; \$10 family;
free for person with disability
Contact Leslie Autry (619) 201-2672

Camp-A-Lot/Camp-A-Little

15-19 Session 1

22-26 Session 2

Cuyamaca Outdoor School, Descanso
Contact Lin Taylor
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From all of us at The Arc of San Diego, we say THANK YOU to Jon Kurtin, Arc San Diego Foundation board member, for hosting a wonderful golf tournament! We very much appreciate his generosity and support in brightening the holidays for our clients and thank him for his legacy of compassion and service.

Proceeds from the tournament, for the past 24 years, have been used to buy holiday

gifts for our clients. Additionally, it has supported Our Place Yoga and Wellness Center. We also thank Linda, Berni, & Hannah Kurtin, Lenny Ignelzi, Kat Sciacca, James Sullivan, and Dennis Paulson for this highly successful event.

A Successful Golf Tournament



"I used my gift card to buy stuff to make dinner for my sister."

~ Carls R.
Our Place Coffee



"I got clothes, CDs and a ring. Thank you so much!"

~ Robbie W.
The Sol and Ruth Gerber Family Center Activity Center

"I bought some books and new gloves because I love to read."

~ Keri K.
North Shores Vocational Center
Community Based Program



"I bought a small house gift for my brother and his new wife."

~ Max M.
Our Place Coffee

Sponsors

A huge thank you to our sponsors who have made it possible to help our clients for 24 years.

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