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The Arc of Howard County

Achieving full community life for children and adults

with cognitive and developmental disabilities – one person at a time

February 2009

TV Raffle WINNER

Doris Armoo, was the winner of the TV raffle held January 29th 2009. Thanks to everyone that helped support the raffle. All proceeds advance the mission of The Arc.

"Bowling for a Change" Set for February 21

Columbia Triathlon Association is the presenting sponsor of "Bowling for a Change-One Pin at a Time," a new benefit for The Arc of Howard County, on Saturday, Feb. 21, 7-9 p.m., at Brunswick Columbia Lanes.

A few Lane sponsorships are still available, and teams can still register to participate. For \$100, Lane Sponsors will have their company logos displayed on the score board and on t-shirts and will be recognized in The Arc's annual report and e-newsletter.

Teams of 4-6 bowlers will receive "Bowling for a Change" t-shirts. Their goal is to raise a minimum of \$500 per team from friends and associates who want to support them and The Arc.

Awards will be presented for the highest scoring individual and highest scoring team as well as to the individual and team raising the most money for The Arc.

Call Kari Ebeling, 410-730-0638, ext. 306, for sponsorship information or to register to participate.

Nominations Sought for Celebration of Excellence Awards

The Celebration of Excellence Annual Meeting and Awards will be held May 19, 2009, 7-9 p.m., at The Bain Center in Columbia. This event recognizes those who promote an inclusive environment for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

To nominate someone for a Celebration of Excellence award, fill out and submit a nomination form by March 7, 2009. For information, contact Cathy Hiatt, 410-730-0638, ext. 242.

Revamped Website Up and Running

The **Horizon Foundation** made a grant to The Arc to enable it to revamp its website, and it is now up and running. Check it out at www.archoward.org, and let us know what you think. We are hoping the

website will make it easier for people to find information about The Arc's programs and services and to learn about opportunities to volunteer and financially support The Arc.

Ryan Swanson Featured in The Business Monthly

The Business Monthly's annual Community Services section features Ryan Swanson, an individual served by The Arc. Look for the story in the February issue which comes out Tuesday, Feb. 3, and can be found in many places in Howard County.

BB&T Presents 2009 Chocolate Ball on March 14

BB&T will present Chocolate Ball 2009, "Infinite Possibilities Boundless Opportunities," to benefit The Arc of Howard County on Saturday, March 14, 7 p.m.-midnight, at the Kossiakoff Center, Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory. The black tie preferred event is expected to be a sell-out.

The benefit for The Arc of Howard County includes a silent auction and raffle for luxurious prizes, as well as dinner, dancing and entertainment by Oracle. And, of course, extravagant desserts created by the area's best chefs and caterers. A People's Choice award will be presented to the most popular chocolate confection.

Proceeds from the Chocolate Ball benefit The Arc of Howard County's vocational and residential support and services, respite care, and other programs and services for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

In addition to presenting sponsor BB&T, major sponsors include Columbia Triathlon, M&T Bank, Manekin, Canada Dry Potomac, Carney Kelehan, Commercial Insurance Managers, Inc., and Pinnacle Advisory Group.

Sponsorships, from \$15,000 to \$500, are still available. Individual tickets are \$150. Call Kari Ebeling, 410-730-0638, ext. 306

Exclusively Features The Arc

Many of you may have received a copy of the Exclusively Howard County magazine in the mail. Exclusively has a partnership with The Arc, which helps find advertisers and receive donation from the sales revenue. Many pages of the magazine were devoted to The Arc. If you want to advertise in next year's edition, call Kari Ebeling, 410-730-0638, ext. 306.

Mark Your Calendar for 2009

April 14, 2009 4:30-6 p.m. **Chocolate Ball Sponsor Thank You Social**, Greenfield Café, The Arc of Howard County

April 16, 2009 4:30-6 p.m. – **Volunteer Appreciation Social**, Greenfield Café, The Arc of Howard County

May 17, 2009 – **Columbia Triathlon**: Team Arc... racing for change!

May 19, 2009, 7-9 p.m. – **Celebration of Excellence: Annual Meeting and Awards**, The Bain Center

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