


# The Arc

of Union County



**Making A Difference  
Each and Every Day**

**Annual Report 2008 - 2009**

# Committed to excellence in service delivery for over 60 years!



## Children's Services

**Early Intervention** provides services to children from birth to 3 years of age. Supports may include speech, physical, occupational and developmental therapies.

*"My daughter Becca adored her physical therapist who made her feel like the most important kid in the world! Becca made progress by leaps and bounds. She 'graduated' at 18 months old!" L. Coakley*

**Bright Beginnings Child Development Center** serves children with and without special needs from ages 6 weeks to 5 years old and is NAEYC accredited. The school offers full and half day sessions and before/after school care.

*"My son Steven was diagnosed with autism at age 2. Although he received early intervention services at home, it was during his time at Bright Beginnings that we saw the greatest improvement. The inclusive school has definitely been beneficial for him socially. In fact due to watching others, Steven has learned how to go down the slide!" L. Sonsnowski*

## The Arc Kohler School

**The Arc Kohler School** is approved by the State of NJ Department of Education and serves children from 21 different school districts. Supports including speech, physical and occupational therapies, nursing and social work services are delivered through a collaborative, progressive model. The Arc Kohler School is a member of ASAH, NAPSEC and COSAC.

*"We fell in love with Kohler the minute we saw it. I can unequivocally say that the school is one of the finest I have ever seen in my life. It is a wonderful, wonderful place and my son adores being there. Our son Ian has attended Kohler for 5 years. Over time we have become friends with the teachers, staff, and therapists who are all extremely caring and conscientious." C. Stoddard*



## Family Support

**Family Support Services** were created and developed to assist and empower families who are caring for a family member with a developmental disability. Services include a variety of respite options, recreation, summer enrichment programs, camp, and extended school year programs. Services can be accessed through a Division of Developmental Disabilities case manager, Real Life Choices or Fee For Service.

*"The Arc is a lifesaver. I know when Spencer attends both the After-Work and Saturday respite programs that he is very well taken care of and the staff is great; he is so happy. Another great thing about the program is that they go on field trips to places that he has never been before. I don't worry because I know my son is safe and that he is enjoying his time with everyone." K. Bagley*

## Day & Employment Services



**Day** programs are designed to focus on the needs of individuals with medical or behavioral challenges and retirees or others whose interests are social, emotional and recreational.

**Employment Services** has served local businesses since 1977. Programs include The Arc's Vocational Training Center, 3 work centers, Vocational Evaluation, RPI, Supported Employment and School To Career Transition Services.

*"I work both in the center and in the community. I like working on different jobs, keeping busy and having to focus on tasks. L'Oreal is my favorite company to work with. I also tell my friends to come to The Arc for training and work!" Beverly O.*

*"When Monday comes, I like to go to work. Some of the jobs we do are a little hard but most are not. The work we do is important. I keep busy and make good money and get a paycheck." Jean L.*

## Residential Services

**Residential Services** provide the needed supports for individuals to live in and be valued members of their neighborhoods. Residents of Arc homes and apartments are active in their communities as members of religious congregations, volunteers, and participants in social events and recreation.

*"I have lived in The Arc supervised apartments for over 5 years. I am extremely active in the community and volunteer my time. At home I relax by watching TV or emailing my friends. Living independently I am able to come and go as I please. I don't particularly care for cooking but these days you can buy a wide variety of prepared food. I love having my own space and would like to live the rest of my life here." J. Bull*



## 2010 Special Events

**The 46th Candlelight Ball** recognizes those special people who help us as we strive towards fulfilling our mission. This year the event will be held on Saturday, April 17th, 2010 at L'Affaire in Mountainside.

**The 5th Annual Step Up For The Arc Walk/Run** invites families, friends, schools and local businesses to form teams to help raise funds for programming. The event will be held on Saturday, September 25th, 2010 at Oakridge Park in Clark.

**The Wine & Cheese Tasting** once again will take place at the Visual Arts Center in Summit. Open to the general public, the event will be held on Saturday, October 16th, 2010.

**The 6th Annual Tricky Tray** plays host to over 300 energetic guests who are hoping to win at least one of the magnificent gift baskets or certificates. Join us on Friday, November 5th, 2010 at L'Affaire in Mountainside.



