

**THANK YOU**  
for helping us  
to raise over  
**\$20,000**  
in 2010!



**Your 2010 support** and participation has been greatly appreciated. Although confronted with an ever-changing economic landscape, this is not the first time our 61 year old agency has been challenged. The Arc remains focused and committed to empower and support children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This year in particular significant gains have been realized through foundation support, fund raising, and community awareness.

### **The Arc Kohler School & Family Support Services**

Linked to a computer, the first **Smart Boards** has been installed giving students a new way to visually be involved and to interact with their learning environment.

### **Technology Advances**

For the first time in the history of the agency, almost all of The Arc's 30 programs and homes will finally be connected to one voice, data and internet network thereby creating communication efficiency.

### **The Arc A.E.R.O.S. (Advocates for Equal Rights & Opportunities)**

Formed by individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities the A.E.R.O.S. have traveled to Trenton many times to help increase public awareness and to advocate for change. In June, Governor Christie signed Senate Bill #1982 in to law for the removal of offensive language from state laws and regulations.

### **The Arc Opportunities Programs**

Previously in 3 different locations, programs and therapists are now centrally located in one building. The primary focus of the programs is to help teach new and positive skills to effectively change challenging or inappropriate behaviors.

### **The Arc Kohler School**

For the first time iPads will be utilized in various programs. Among many benefits, studies are showing iPads as an effective tool in helping to teach communication and social skills to individuals with special needs such as autism.

The Arc of Union County would not have seen such success without your unwavering support. **Thank You.** We hope to see you at our 47th Annual Candlelight Ball on April 16th where we will recognize and honor four awardees for their dedication and achievements.

With best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

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