

SAVE THE DATE

Daggett Farm Annual Spring Sale

Thursday May 10, 2018
Slater Park, Pawtucket, RI
9a.m.-3p.m.

Flying Shuttles Studio at PVD Artisans Market

Lippitt Park, East Side of Providence
Saturday 10am-2pm
Dates: May 12th, June 9th, July 14th, September 8th, October 13th

Garden Open House at Daggett Farm

Sponsored by URI Master Gardener Program and Daggett Farm
Saturday, May 19th, 10am – 2pm, Slater Park, Pawtucket, RI
Kiosks, Displays and Hands-on Learning Activities
Free and Open to All!

The Arc's 37th Annual Golf Outing and Live Auction

Monday June 4, 2018
Pawtucket Country Club

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A People-Friendly Employee Succeeds at Walmart

Julia Lottinville loves her job and it shows.

"A typical shift for me at Walmart might include encouraging customers to try my samples," says Julia, "or offering a coupon for a discount on a particular item that I am displaying." Promotional shifts at Walmart are typically called events, and these events change each week. "Each shift is different and this is one reason why I like my job so much," she explains.



Julia is always excited to go to work at Walmart in part because her supervisor Mike is nice and also because she gets great support by Arc staff. In preparing for the job market, Julia spent hours in The Arc's Resource Center working on her resume and searching the internet for jobs in the community. One thing that was clear to all that know Julia is that she is very social, so a promotional position in a large store like Walmart

was a perfect fit. Even though Julia actually works for Advantage Solutions, her 12-hour work week takes place in an Attleboro Walmart.

Julia wears a uniform and uses an app on her cell phone to punch in and out of her scheduled shift. At the end of all shifts, she uploads two photographs of her station which are sent to the company whose product she is promoting. Julia then fills out a survey on the app documenting the number of samples that she gave out and how many items customers selected for purchase.

If a child comes up and is interested in a sample, "usually candy or cookies" she laughs, "I ask to speak with the parent before I give the child a sample." She has strict instructions about children, mainly because of allergies, especially peanut-based allergies. But still, her favorite spot in Walmart is indeed the candy aisle, "Because children are fun to talk to and they are always happy to sample candy," she explains.

Each day, Julia receives a packet of instructions that helps her with the day's event. In some cases, she prepares her display after she has cooked something in a crockpot. For these tasks, she relies on help from Arc staff members Kathy, Elizabeth, or Irene. Six hour shifts can be long, but for Julia, it is the perfect job in a people-friendly environment and she loves every minute of it.



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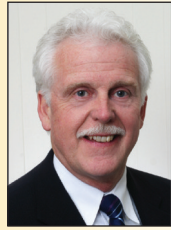
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Letter from the CEO

As spring finally reaches us in New England, we are reminded of the new beginnings that this season brings. We recently celebrated the incredible work of Arc employees during our Annual Awards Ceremony in



Jack opening the Annual Awards Ceremony

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By the time this newsletter is published, President Tom Hodge and I will have returned from a three day Disability Summit, sponsored by The Arc/USA, where we will join others in taking action against new legislation that will potentially have a negative impact on our Arc family. We will keep you posted on the outcomes of this important meeting.

As you read this newsletter, join me in congratulating Julia Lottinville on her new position at Walmart as well as all of the individuals who received awards for their stellar work in 2017. We are a great agency because of our employees!

I hope you will consider supporting our Annual Golf Outing on June 4th...by gathering a foursome, supporting a sponsorship, purchasing raffle tickets or by attending the dinner after the outing. It is always a lively event! Please follow up with Claudette Lineberger or Ann Telfer if you are interested in participating: clineberger@bvcriarc.org or atelfer@bvcriarc.org.

Last, I would like to thank Richard Staples for donating his time and expertise as our photographer! He helped at our Awards Ceremony and will photograph our June Golf Outing.

Sincerely,
John J. Padien III
Chief Executive Officer



Dale Newton and Diane Sanford with our 35 Years of Service awardees: Page Sherlock, Laurie McKenna and Elaine Scott

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The Annual Awards Ceremony Honoring the Arc Heroes of 2017

"Today we are gathered to celebrate and appreciate all of you," says CEO Jack Padien, as he introduced the Annual Awards Ceremony to hundreds of attendees on April 11th. "This is the one day each year when we stop and take time to honor and thank you for the work you do every day that makes a difference in the lives of others," he stated.

The Annual Awards Ceremony highlights the exceptional work of many employees, all of whom are part of The Arc family. Special Recognition Awards went to Mary LeFort, Assistant Director at Curran Brook Court group home and Kathy Ryan, who works in the Resource Center. Both were recognized for their dedication, professionalism and eagerness to go the extra distance in their respective roles at The Arc.



Damon Mahon receives the Community Involvement Award with Dale Kennedy and Kathy Hunt

Damon Mahon received the Community Involvement Award for his work as a certified Adaptive Yoga instructor working for Shri Service Corps. As a result of his successful teaching abilities, Alison Bologna, owner of Shri Studio has added another class for him to teach at the Studio. Toni Carroll, Karen Gilbert and Nancy Tumidjaski of Flying Shuttles Weaving and Art Studio received the team award of Service Accomplishment recognizing their efforts in five categories, including community integration and skill and competency development.

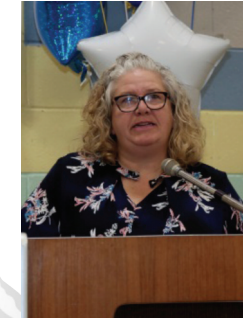
Maria Cedano received the Individual Service Ac-



Flying Shuttles receives the Team Service Award: Karen Gilbert, Toni Carroll, Nancy Tumidjaski

and helpfulness of a program participant toward his or her peers. Lisa is Vice President of Citizens With Power and is a new board member of the statewide advocacy group, Advocates in Action.

Our Employee of the Year award went to Suzanne Sulham from the Community Options program for her long standing dedication and loyalty to the people she has worked with, over the past 23 years at The Arc.



Sue Sulham, Employee of the Year

And last but not least, is the Professional of the Year award which was given to Michelle Wright, who demonstrated outstanding expertise and success on behalf of one or more persons supported by agency programs. According to her colleagues, Michelle demonstrates the promotion of self-reliance, empowerment and community presence in the women she supports at the Pawtucket Avenue group home.



Professional of the Year: Michelle Wright

Congratulations to all of our 2017 awardees!

The Arc's 37th Annual Golf Outing and Live Auction is here...

Come join us for The Arc's 18-hole golf outing and benefit at the Pawtucket Country Club on Monday, June 4th or join us for dinner and the Live Auction at 5:30pm. Our Live Auction will feature Mike Murray from Funny4Funds and Alison Bologna as Mistress of Ceremonies! Auction items include a weekend getaway on Block Island, a Food and Wine Pairing extravaganza at Zooma's Trattoria, home plate tickets to a Boston Red Sox game and Pre-season Patriots tickets...to name just a few. Your participation will help support social and recreational programming for our Arc family. Contact Claudette Lineberger at clineberger@bvcriarc.org for information and/or tickets or click the link to the Golf Outing on our website: www.bvcriarc.org.



The 2017 Arc Team: Mike Benoit, Jack Padien, Bill Szafarowicz and Tom Hodge

YEARS OF Service Recognition

35 YEARS

Laurie McKenna
Elaine Scott
Page Sherlock

30 YEARS

Nancy Dyer
Tina Gagnon

25 YEARS

Claudette Lineberger
Celeste McCallum
Angela Sostre

20 YEARS

Sherrie Amaral
Deborah Frechette
Heather Garris
Antonia Hill

15 YEARS

Bertha Madden
Delia Moreno
Neal Morin
Jessica Ouellette
Diane Sanford
Colleen Tellier

10 YEARS

John Boakai
Kimberley Callahan
Lorna Proffit

5 YEARS

Yvrose Bonhomme
Wendy Chase
Robert Ferri
James Johnson
Diane Lemieux
Monica Maroon
Sylvia Sam
Yuko Yano



EMPLOYMENT CORNER

DO YOU HAVE A LEAD?

Individuals supported by the Arc of Blackstone Valley are looking for work experience and employment opportunities in the following area:

FOOD SERVICE:
• KITCHEN HELPER
• FOOD PREPARATION
• DISHWASHER

This job seeker is interested in working in a restaurant, cafeteria, catering business or health care facility. This individual has extensive food experience working in a hospital, until the hospital closed. Our job seeker would like to find a job in the Pawtucket area.

Call Armand Gaudet at (401) 727-0150 if you have a lead or email him at agaudet@bvcriarc.org