



# 65 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

## 2017-2018 ANNUAL APPEAL



The Arc Quinebaug Valley offers a lifetime of hope and growth for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We provide opportunities through advocacy and supports for work, play and education, so each person experiences personal growth, dignity, respect, choice and greater independence to live life to the fullest.

Now, in our 65th year, we continue to achieve excellence within our community. The Arc focuses on enhancing our programs to increase the quality of life for those we serve. They are our priority and always will be, as each individual counts on us to ensure their future is bright and their needs are met.

**State funding is scarce.** Nonprofit human service agencies, such as The Arc, are being faced with budget cuts every year. Our hearts are so big, but we are forced to operate on such little funding. We truly need your help to secure the longevity and success of The Arc.

**We are strong.** Our individuals, Arc staff, Board Members and community members are extremely dedicated to The Arc's mission and endlessly advocate for the rights of individuals with disabilities. We are constantly fundraising, always thinking of ways to enhance our agency, expanding our departments when possible and sharing our stories with legislators to help aid in positive change. We will always fight for what we believe in. We are family here at The Arc.

Will you please help us reach our goal of \$25,000? Your tax deductible gift this year will help us advance and enrich the critical supports we provide to so many deserving families in Windham County. These individuals deserve a wonderful journey in life, and it is you that can help to make that possible!

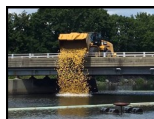
Thank you for sharing in the joy of our 65th year celebration! We have come so far with your help!

### SERVICES WE PROVIDE

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| Advocacy              | Project Redemption               |
| Bereavement Support   | - Can/Bottle Redemption Business |
| Day Services          | Residential Services             |
| Education Program     | Retirement Services              |
| Extended Day Program  | Supported Employment             |
| Extended Year Program | Thrift Store Operation           |
| Kids on the Block     |                                  |

### UPCOMING ARC QV EVENTS!

**The Arc's 30th Annual Gardner  
 Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament**  
**June 16, 2017**



**The Arc's 20th Annual  
 Rubber Duckie Race**  
**August 13, 2017**

### WHY GIVE TO OUR ORGANIZATION?

- \* We provide a focused path of lifetime services from birth to the twilight years.
- \* Our organization has not received a Cost of Living Increase through State Funding since 2007, yet our daily program and operating expenses continue to rise.
- \* We have 65 years of experience and over 150 qualified and dedicated staff supporting our individuals.
- \* We give-back. You will see our staff and individuals out in the community volunteering their time and efforts.
- \* Without our supporters, our programs would not be possible and the fate of the agency would be unknown.
- \* Your tax-deductible gift will truly make a difference in the lives of those with disabilities in this community.

**PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED AN ANNUAL APPEAL RETURN ENVELOPE. ALL GIFTS TRULY HELP! THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT THROUGH OUR 65 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE!**

*Sincerely,*

*Susan M. Desrosiers,*  
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*Pamela B. Brown,*  
 BOARD PRESIDENT