



Be the change. Make a difference. Annual Giving Appeal 2016-2017

Dear Friends and Family of The Arc Quinebaug Valley,

May 1st marks the first day of The Arc Quinebaug Valley's 2016-2017 Annual Giving Appeal. Not only does this day promote a fresh start for our agency to begin raising funds to enhance services for the amazing individuals we serve, but it brings a sense of hope to these same individuals that a bright future will continue to shine ahead.

Meet David and Chris...

David has been enrolled in The Arc's Group Supported Employment (GSE) program for over 5 years, while Chris has spent approximately 3 years in this department. This program is geared towards implementing job readiness skills to individuals who are dedicated to performing "real work for real pay."

Independent, driven and focused are only a few of the characteristics that Chris portrays while receiving services at The Arc. David has shown exceptional social skills and continues to establish and meet his own set goals daily. Although both individuals are different in their own ways, they possess the same extreme motivation to succeed and grow; and that is exactly what they did.

In February 2016, David and Chris graduated from the GSE program, and moved ahead to The Arc's Individual Supported Employment (ISE) program. This occurs when an individual shows exemplary skills in their job field and is directly hired by an employer outside of our agency. David and Chris are now part-time employees of Rite Aid in Dayville, CT, as they were able to prove to this employer that their work ethic and skills instilled through The Arc's programs are top-notch and utilized in their everyday life.

Not only was their official employment a proud moment for each of them, but was also a very monumental moment for The Arc.



With the devastating and severe state budget cuts continuously taking place to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), supports and services for adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities are in dire jeopardy.

The people we serve deserve a chance to succeed, just as the young men described above have done through the enhanced services at our agency. And so, we are turning to you to help us in our journey of making a difference in the lives of those with disabilities. It is all of you who make it possible for our services to improve year after year!

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.

Please consider making a donation to help better the lives of individuals with disabilities in our community. They need us. We truly need you. You are the difference.

Sincerely,

Pamela B. Brown

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Board President

Susan M. Desrosiers

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Executive Director



Looking for businesses to partner with The Arc!

Are you a business owner or work for a business that might be interested in partnering with The Arc Quinebaug Valley? Our agency is currently looking to partner with local businesses to employ individuals from our Group Supported Employment (GSE) and Individual Supported Employment (ISE) programs.

Please contact Linda Lamoureux at 860-774-2827 to discuss this awesome opportunity!



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