



Achieve with us.

“For people with intellectual, developmental and other life-affecting disabilities.”

Dear Friends of The Arc Quinebaug Valley:

Parents get excited when they hear they are expecting the birth of a child. They begin planning the nursery and making many preparations for the changes that will surely impact their lives. They have many hopes and dreams. Family and friends share in the joy and offer their support in creating a nurturing environment to help the child learn and grow. This support, and so much more, is more critical when a child is born with a life-long cognitive, intellectual, physical or developmental disability.


The Arc Quinebaug Valley, Inc. has been a lifeline for families for more than 60 years in our community. Advocacy, guidance and education are offered to parents whose world has suddenly been changed, perhaps dramatically, by the words, “Your child has a disability.” Most are unprepared for what those words will mean for the future of their family or for their precious child. Thankfully, today, there are community services provided by The Arc to help individuals with life-affecting disabilities through every aspect of their lives.

On February 12th of this year The Arc Quinebaug Valley sadly experienced the loss of one of its strongest advocates and Board Members. Terry Chambers was a dad who was very proud of his son despite his disability. He believed that all children have the inherent right to receive whatever supports they need to achieve their greatest potential. Throughout Terry’s illness, The Arc offered his family the support they needed in facing this very difficult time. This year’s Giving Appeal is in memory of Terry and in honor of all our families whose lives have been challenged and enriched by the birth of their children with disabilities. It is also in honor of this community that has embraced these families and the mission of The Arc.

You can help us reach our goal of \$20,000 by partnering with The Arc. Your investment will directly provide critical services and resources. The Arc maintains a high degree of excellence in the delivery of these services but we need your help. Make a difference in someone’s life by joining with us in **“Strengthening Families and Community.”** Take the next step, a gift of any size is meaningful and is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Thank you on behalf of all of us at The Arc for your support of our Giving Campaign and your trust, belief and investment in our mission.

Sincerely,



Ron and Donna Coderre
Campaign Chairpersons