Southeast Region
Fall 2019 - Edition
For people with intellectual and
developmental disabilities and their families.

Events

- Southeastern MN Autism Symposium
  Empire Event Center—Hotel Apache
  Friday, November 8, 2019
  8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

- Town Hall Forum
  Gloria Dei Lutheran Church—Rochester
  Thursday, November 14, 2019
  5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

- Give to the Max Day
  Thursday, November 14, 2019

Changing Attitudes and Policies
By Peggy O’Toole-Martin
Regional Advisory Council Chair

Sometimes a person will tell you something that gives you an occasion to change your behavior. For me, that person was my youngest daughter expressing the notion that her older sister with a disability didn’t need me to do everything for her. The comment occurred over a dinner years ago when I had asked her to please help her sister with something at the table. At the time, I thought her response was simply an annoyed sibling conveying, “I can’t be bothered with this.” In reality, her statement was just an honest observation. She said, “Mom, she can do that for herself and doesn’t need us to do that for her.” That one remark has had a notable impact on my parenting and expectations for my daughter. Why is it that as a mother of a child with a disability my natural inclination is to make life easier and “do for” my daughter instead of letting her do for herself or doing it “with her”? That simple comment (which was repeated multiple times by my youngest daughter) has caused me to pause more than once to ask myself what is best (not easiest) for my daughter with a disability. I trust that my daughter was trying to get me to acknowledge the simple truth that there is great value in doing for yourself, succeeding, and even failing. I realize that both of my daughters are strikingly competent women, but I was perhaps only conveying this message to one of them through my actions. Frankly, the best kind of love and support you can give your children is that of being seen as capable. For any of us who support those with disabilities, it is meaningful when we are able to see ability and strength and convey that message. That simple action communicated by many can contribute to the positive change needed for a more inclusive society.

Changing attitudes, and policies, is embedded in The Arc MN’s Strategic Plan (2019-2024) which is consistent with the vision and mission of The Arc Minnesota. One of the highlighted strategies is the call for engagement in public policy advocacy to drive systems change so that attitudes and policies are positively changed for people with IDD and their families —-creating greater access. This change can only be achieved through the grassroots engagement and advocacy which begins with the attitudes and behaviors of family, friends and community members. Do we see persons with disabilities as capable and competent and do our actions reflect this vision? Do we see persons with disabilities as able employees and do we hire them? Do we hear their voices and allow them to speak for themselves and make their own choices? This is not about being charitable or patronizing, but about truly giving persons with disabilities the respect that any of us desire, and that is to be seen as capable and competent.

For further information on The Arc Minnesota’s 2019-2024 Strategic Plan and 2018 Impact Highlights, please visit arcminnesota.org/2018-annual-report.
2019 Disability Advocacy Town Hall Forums

Join us for a town hall forum in your community, to discuss issues impacting individuals with disabilities, their families, and their support professionals. Share your personal story with state Senators and Representatives.

**Coon Rapids – Tuesday, September 10th**
6:00-8:00
Courage Kenney at Mercy Hospital
4050 Coon Rapids Blvd NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433

**St. James – Monday, September 16th**
6:00-8:00
St. James Library
125 5th St S, St. James, MN 56081

**Duluth – Wednesday, September 18th**
5:00-7:00
Ordean Building
424 W Superior St, Duluth, MN 55802

**Edina – Wednesday, September 25th**
6:00-8:00
Southdale Library
7001 York Ave S, Edina, MN 55435

**St. Cloud – Tuesday, October 15th**
6:00-8:00
Whitney Center
1527 Northway Dr, St Cloud, MN 56303

**Savage – Tuesday, November 5th**
5:30-7:30
Savage Library
13090 Alabama Ave, Savage, MN 55378

**Rochester – Thursday, November 14th**
5:30-7:30
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
1212 12th Ave NW, Rochester, MN 55901
The Arc Minnesota Southeast Region recently held its Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner at Willow Creek Golf Course in Rochester MN on Friday, October 11, 2019. There were just over 90 people in attendance who enjoyed a social hour, silent auction, short meeting, dinner, award presentation by Mayor Kim Norton, and dance.

Congratulations to the award winners (Legacy Award Winner: Kathy Karls not shown). Thank you for your support, dedication, and guidance that helps people with intellectual and developmental disabilities achieve their dreams and goals.
Welcome!
Hello! My name is Dhanya Delehanty and I am the new Self-Advocacy Coordinator here at The Arc Minnesota Southeast Region! I have been at The Arc for a few months now and I love it so far! I grew up in Rochester, Minnesota with my parents and two siblings on a farm outside of town. I graduated from University of Wisconsin-La Crosse a year ago and majored in Therapeutic Recreation. I enjoy traveling, hanging out with friends and family, watching movies, trying new activities, and more. My favorite animal is an elephant; my favorite color is scarlet red; and my favorite food is pesto. That’s probably all you need to know about me! I look forward to continuing to be part of The Arc and meeting everyone!

My Child Is Turning 18
Focus on the Future is a podcast for caregivers and families supporting people with disabilities. Each episode is a conversation about the journey of discovering our best life and how to achieve it. While exploring legal, financial, and quality of life structures, Focus on the Future will help you get back to what matters the most; living a fulfilling and meaningful life that is defined by you. You can listen to the podcast at arcminnesota.buzzsprout.com.

When You Have Questions, We Have Answers
Please contact The Arc Minnesota Southeast Region’s Individual and Family Advocate directly at 507-513-7620 or submit your question online at: arcminnesota.org/ask-an-advocate.

“The Arc Minnesota’s goal is that all individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities live a fulfilling life that is meaningful to them and have the tools to plan now and in the future.”

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Chris and Linda Pack organized the Seth Pack Golf Classic nine years ago in honor of their son, Seth who has Down’s syndrome. The tournament raises money, and brings awareness about intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Proceeds from the tournament have been generously donated in past years to The Arc Minnesota Southeast Region to help reach families and agencies supporting children who have special needs in Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Olmsted, Rice, Wabasha and Winona counties.

We would like to thank Chris & Linda Pack and their entire team that hosts this tournament. They have helped to make a positive impact in our communities, and would be thrilled if more families and agencies would take advantage of the available money.

If you are interested in applying for a mini-grant, please refer to page 6 of this newsletter or give Marta Bollesen a call at 507-513-7617.

The Arc Minnesota Southeast Region Rose Sale

We sold 95 dozen red, pink, white, yellow, orange and lollipop beautiful long-stemmed roses at $18.00 per dozen.

Everyone oohed and aahed over these beautiful roses!

Did you miss out this year ordering roses? No worries, this is an annual spring event.

All proceeds go toward assisting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

Introducing GetSet!, an interactive planning tool created by The Arc Minnesota to help students (14-21) develop a personalized vision map of what their adult life might look like.

Through the use of iconography, the student is walked through a series of questions to help them identify their preferences, desires, interests, and strengths. At the end of the survey, a printable map is available to save, print or share with others.

Thanks to a sponsorship from United Health Group, the survey is now free-of-charge for individuals, schools or groups, and available in English, Hmong, Somali, and Spanish. Simply go to www.arcgetset.org, click the “Promo Code” button at checkout and select the icons that best describe your preferences.
Scholarships/Grants

SETH PACK SCHOLARSHIPS

The Seth Pack Golf Classic has generously donated funds to The Arc Minnesota Southeast Region for use to improve the lives of other families who have children with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Mini-Grant for Families

The Mini-Grant for families who have children with intellectual and developmental disabilities is a scholarship that helps defray the cost to attend camp, training/education opportunities; or individual needs (equipment, furniture, clothing, etc.) Families are required to have children with intellectual and developmental disabilities who reside in Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Olmsted, Rice, Wabasha or Winona counties. There is a limit of $200 per year/per person.

For more information, or to apply for this scholarship, please go to https://arcminnesota.org/regions/southeast/southeast-region-supports-for-individuals-and-families/ and click on “Seth Pack Mini-Grant Families” form that can be found under the Program/Services tab. Print, complete and mail the form to: The Arc Minnesota Southeast Region, Attn: Marta Bollesen, 6301 Bandel RD NW, Suite 605, Rochester, MN 55901 or e-mail to martabollesen@arcminnesota.org at least one month before funds are needed.

Mini-Grant for Organizations

The Mini-Grant for agencies/projects that support children under 18 with intellectual and developmental disabilities is a grant that can be requested for a specific program, start-up project, event, etc. that provides a benefit/service to children with intellectual and developmental disabilities who reside in Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Olmsted, Rice, Wabasha or Winona counties. There is a limit of $200 per year/per project, program, event, etc.

For more information, or to apply for this scholarship, please go to https://arcminnesota.org/regions/southeast/southeast-region-supports-for-individuals-and-families/ and click on “Seth Pack Mini-Grant Agencies & Projects” form that can be found under the Program/Services tab. Print, complete and mail the form to: The Arc Minnesota Southeast Region, Attn: Marta Bollesen, 6301 Bandel RD NW, Suite 605, Rochester, MN 55901 or email to martabollesen@arcminnesota.org at least one month before funds are needed.

THE ARC SCHOLARSHIP

The Arc Scholarship is for persons with developmental disabilities and young children at risk of developmental delay, and their family members residing in Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Olmsted, Rice, Wabasha or Winona counties. Scholarships may be requested for: camp; vacation; recreational program; training/educational opportunities; or individual needs (equipment, furniture, clothing, etc.) There is a limit of $50 per year/per person.

For more information or to apply for this scholarship, please go to https://arcminnesota.org/regions/southeast/southeast-region-supports-for-individuals-and-families/ and click on “The Arc Scholarship” form. Print, complete and mail the form to: The Arc Minnesota Southeast Region, Attn: Marta Bollesen, 6301 Bandel RD NW, Suite 605, Rochester, MN 55901 or e-mail to martabollesen@arcminnesota.org at least one month before funds are needed.

MINNESOTA MICROGRANT PARTNERSHIP

The Minnesota Microgrant Partnership offers modest grants ranging from $100 to $2,000 for person-centered goals around competitive, integrated employment; accessible, inclusive housing; and community integration to individuals with disabilities. We encourage individuals to think of unique opportunities that would help them to achieve their goals and submit an application.

Applicants should apply at: https://arcminnesota.org/minnesota-microgrant-partnership/. Applications will be considered through June 30, 2021.
The Arc Minnesota 2019 Golfers Choice Tournament

BY THE NUMBERS
Jim Carper, Outreach & Development Coordinator

Our annual Golfers’ Choice Tournament was held on July 29. For The Arc Minnesota Southeast Region it was golf tournament number 15. And since our first tournament in 2005, it has grown to be our largest fundraiser and most visible public event. The following are 25 other numbers that added up to this year’s tournament being a big success:

1. Where this year’s total funds raised rank compared to all our previous tournaments
2. Hole-in-one contest, including Adamson Motors on hole number #8
3. Platinum Sponsors: Cardinal of Minnesota, ARSYS and The James & Deborah Hannigan Family Fund
4. Volunteer golf committee members—Thank you Donna Garratt, Val Koster, Jim Maronde, Kevin Smith!
5. Sponsors who provide services that help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities
6. Corporate Sponsors: Associated Bank, F&M Community Banks, First Alliance Credit Union, Hiawatha Homes, Home Federal, Lynn Roberts Charitable Fund, Premier Banks, Strategic Tax & Retirement
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9. Banks and financial organization sponsors
10. Years Schott Distributing has been our At-the-Turn and Sign Sponsor
12. Volunteers helping out on the day of the tournament
13. Volunteers and The Arc Minnesota staff that worked the day of the tournament
14. Tournament Sponsors
15. Carts sponsored by Echelon Wealth Partners
16. Winning team’s score. Congratulations McNeilus Steel Team!
17. High temperature for the day helped make it an ideal day for golf
18. % of survey respondents whose average rating of their experience was “Excellent” or “Very Good”.
19. % of survey respondents who said they would recommend the tournament to others
20. Tournament golfers
21. Event programs printed and donated by our Print Sponsor—Smyth Companies
22. Days from October 1, 2019 until the July 27, 2020, date of next year’s Golfers’ Choice Tournament
23. Hours volunteers put into helping organize and host the tournament
24. Times our Media Sponsor—KTTC, ran our tournament ad as a public service announcement
25. Dollars raised

As the numbers show, a great deal of work goes into planning, preparing, organizing and coordinating our Golfers’ Choice Tournament. We are very fortunate to have so many people and organizations who believe in our mission and choose to give their time and/or financial support to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Thanks to all!
The Arc Golfers’ Choice Tournament

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The SAM conference was held at The Doubletree Hotel in Rochester, MN on June 1, 2019 with a total of 93 people in attendance (the most ever). There were special keynote speakers, workshops, dinner, dance, bingo, door prizes, and even DETS Graduation Ceremony.

Alicia Munson, Public Policy Director at The Arc Minnesota and Katie McDermott, Advocate Associate at The Arc Minnesota were the keynote speakers for the event. They brought their magic book of spells and explained how self-advocates can make a big impact at the capitol.

Next participants broke into a variety of workshop sessions regarding: Housing Access Services; Region 10 Quality Council; How do you speak up for yourself; Your Rights related to supported decision-making and whether or not you have a guardian, and Mystery at the Ball 1 & 2, where individuals used their advocacy skills to solve a mystery.

A resource room was added to the event this year. Agencies from The Arc Minnesota Southeast Region, Region 10 Quality Council, Southeast Minnesota Center for Independent Living, People First, and of course, SAM set up booths to display their materials and answered questions.

Our conference concluded with an overview of our Disability Equality Training (DETS) that focuses on assertiveness and communication skills, the rights of individuals with disabilities, networking, and civic engagement. Twenty-four individuals who had completed the training this spring were honored with Certificates of Completion during a formal graduation ceremony.

The Magic of Self Advocacy closed with a dinner and dance that all enjoyed!

If you would like more information on SAM meetings, DETS training or the SAM Conference 2020, please contact:

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Region 10 Quality Council
By Kerri Leucuta and Karen Larson

We are finding out about quality of services and supports in our region, by completing face-to-face interviews with people with disabilities who are currently receiving support services. In addition to the 151+ interviews that we have completed in the past 20 months, we have also collected information and feedback through hosting Community Conversations; held Listening Sessions with various stakeholders; participated in local and statewide committees; attended and participated in conferences; and reviewed existing data from other sources...to name just a few of the activities that keep us informed and busy!

Volunteers Needed!
The Region 10 Quality Council is looking for passionate, dedicated people who are interested in becoming a volunteer member of our Regional Quality Council! As stated above, we have many stakeholder groups that comprise our council, and we are currently looking for a person who is currently receiving services, as well as a service provider.

In addition, we are always looking for interested volunteers to help us with our quality interviews (mentioned above)! We currently have 17 trained quality reviewers, but are always looking for more people to help us learn about the quality of services and supports for people with disabilities in our region! Through our interviews, we will be able to make recommendations to the State Quality Council, as well as plan local quality improvement projects or initiatives. No experience necessary as we will train and mentor all quality reviewers. Stipends are available as a thank you for your time and efforts.

If you are interested in volunteering your time and expertise, or have any questions, please contact Kerri Leucuta (kerrileucuta@arcminnesota.org) or Karen Larson (karenlarson@arcminnesota.org); or call 507-513-7615. You may also visit our website at https://qualitycouncilmn.org/ to apply.

Region 10 Quality Assurance
By Polly Owens

Person Directed Quality Improvement Project funds were awarded in June 2019 to aid in supporting individuals with disabilities to increase their presence in community life. Seven projects were funded for a total of $32,075. Projects funded were:

- **Cardinal Club** of West Concord received $5,000 to complete the renovation of the community park in West Concord to make it accessible and allow people of every ability to use and enjoy the park. The impetus for making the park accessible came from a young Girl Scout who wanted her friends with disabilities to be able to use the park along with everyone else in their community.

- **ExercisAbilities** in Rochester received $2,075 to purchase large screen iPads to support individuals with autism to improve decision making and thought processing in everyday situations.

- **Ability Building Center** in Rochester received $5,000 to train seven staff on the Discovery Process and customized employment. The training will help the agency in their efforts to shift from center-based contracted work to more person-centered inclusive employment for individuals they support.

- **Winona ORC Industries** in Winona received $5,000 for their Group for Employment Success which is a collaborative effort with Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center to provide skill strengthening for employees with disabilities so they can be more successful in their employment.

- **ArtMakers** in Dundas received $5,000 to support their programs which bring together artists with disabilities and local professional and student artists to create art together and build community. Their project funds will be used for a computer to support music and sound production, a festival mobile theater stage and costs of two productions.

- **Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch** in Stewartville received $5,000 to support individuals with autism and their families in participating in a family camp to create positive experiences and build connections among individuals and families.

- **Jeremy Westrum and his new business Growing Plants – Growing Lives**, in coordination with The Yellow Monkey in Rochester received $5,000 to create a community space for individuals to learn and make items for personal use or sale including succulent planters, paintings and jewelry.
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5/1/19 to 8/30/19

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___ my business provides jobs for people with disabilities

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**A special thank you to Carly Monahan’s cousins-
Michael & Melissa Peitz. They asked for gifts in
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Census ... Counts!
The 2020 Census is closer than you think! Did you ever wonder why it matters if YOU are counted?

EQUAL REPRESENTATION
• Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.
• After each decade’s census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.
• Completing the census is mandatory; it’s a way to participate in our democracy and say, “I count!”

FAIR DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES
• More than 600 billion federal dollars are distributed to state and local governments each year on the basis of census data.
• At least $1,532 per person is allocated by the federal government to Minnesota each year (that’s $15,320 per person over the next decade). If people are not counted accurately, Minnesota will lose this $15,000 in funding (per person not counted).

DATA TO MAKE SMART DECISION
• Residents use census data to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality of life, and consumer advocacy.
• Local governments use census data for public safety and emergency preparedness.
• Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices and store...which creates jobs.
• Real estate developers use census data to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods.
• Funding goes to school, transportation and community programs
Our Vision

Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families will have the hope, confidence and knowledge they need to live a life they choose, and equitable systems will support them where they live, learn, work and play.

How We Will Achieve This VISION

The Arc Minnesota Strategic Plan 2019 - 2024