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## Four Graduate from New Job Sampling Program

On Tuesday, July 16th the first cohort of participants in The Arc of Essex County's new vocational exploration and workplace readiness program completed their training. A partnership with Villa Restaurant Group, the six-week program provided participants the opportunity to learn the ins and outs of working in a restaurant with support from restaurant management and The Arc of Essex County's employment specialist.

Upon program completion and based on interest and skills learned, graduates have the opportunity to pursue career planning at a Villa location where they learn a specific role within the restaurant with one-on-one job coaching. One of the four original participants will continue to the career planning stage later this summer while the other three will move on to the next vocational focus area, horticulture. The Arc of Essex County looks forward to the second cohort of participants beginning in the fall!

Do you have a loved one interested in The Arc of Essex County's innovative Adult Day Services? Check out our Adult Day Services brochure, [available here](#), then reach out to The Arc of Essex County's Director of Children and Adult Day Services, Angela LoSapio, to learn how you can enroll - [alosapio@arcsex.org](mailto:alosapio@arcsex.org) or (973) 535-1181 ext. 1231.



## ***New Jersey State Golf Association Pros***

### ***Visit Camp Hope***

On Tuesday, July 30 four golf professionals joined the New Jersey State Golf Association (NJSGA) and The Arc of Essex County for a morning of fun at Camp Hope. The pros gave an overview of the rules of golf and provided hands on instruction to campers during a mini-golf and driving range clinic that included how to hold and swing a putter, line up a shot, and earn a coveted hole in one.

"Tommy, Mike, Brian and I enjoyed sharing the game of golf with our new friends at Camp Hope", said Kevin Purcell, Executive Director of the NJSGA. "Their enthusiasm was contagious. A well-struck ball or a good putt was cause for celebration and there were high fives all around."



The Arc of Essex County would like to thank the golf pros including Kevin Purcell, Executive Director of the NJSGA, Tommy Monteverdi of Glen Ridge Country Club, and Mike Marvin and Brian Krulfeifer of North Jersey Country Club who made this day one to remember and the NJSGA for their ongoing support and generosity.



## ***17+ New Vendors for 2019 Uncorked & Uncapped Tasting Event***

The Arc of Essex County's Annual Uncorked & Uncapped: Wine, Beer, and Food Tasting Experience continues to grow each year. While the 2018 event broke records with more than 40 vendors participating and over \$90,000 in funds raised, the 2019 event is on track to build upon that success!

Tickets are now available for the 6th annual event taking place on Thursday, October 3rd. Spend the evening sampling 125+ wine, beer, spirits, and food tastings spread throughout two lavish rooms in the Wilshire Grand Hotel in West Orange.

Listen to smooth jazz by The DC Trio and peruse must-have silent auction items like tickets to the world-renowned Broadway show, Hamilton, or an overnight stay in the Chateau Room at Oheka Castle.

#### New & Returning Vendors:



New vendors to the lineup include 3 West, All Points West Distillery, Cape May Brewing, The Fox & Falcon, Melovino Meadery, Mezza Mediterranean, Scoop House, Troegs Independent Brewing, White Birch, and many more. For the full list of new and returning favorites, visit [www.uncorkedanduncapped.com/vendors](http://www.uncorkedanduncapped.com/vendors).

For inquiries about becoming a vendor, contact Maria Meizoso at 973-535-1181 x1227 or [mmeizoso@arcsex.org](mailto:mmeizoso@arcsex.org).

For inquiries about becoming a sponsor, contact Heather Comstock at 973-535-1181 x1224 or [hcomstock@arcsex.org](mailto:hcomstock@arcsex.org).

View the 2018 event highlight reel: <https://vimeo.com/321838036>

## ***Sweet Treats for the Stepping Stones School***

The beautiful, summer weather has brought with it a wide range of engaging activities for the students at The Arc of Essex County's Stepping Stones School. On Wednesday, July 24, the Transitional Kindergarten spent time soaking up the sun as the class enjoyed water play and the playground. The students were elbow deep in the water tables and running through sprinklers to cool off. Later on, they were treated to ice cream from the Towne Scoop Ice Cream Truck sponsored by The Candle Lighters. During this annual visit, students learn the value of money and how to make change while selecting their favorite frozen treat.

The Arc of Essex County's Stepping Stones School is a Department of Education approved private school for students with disabilities serving children ages 3-10. Located in Roseland, NJ, the school is designed to meet the developmental and educational needs of children with cognitive impairments such as Down syndrome and other students with similar educational and developmental needs. For more information visit the Stepping Stones website [here](#). To request a tour and assistance with an out-of-district placement, contact Sue Brand, Director of Early Childhood and Education, at (973) 535- 1181 ext. 1271 or [sbrand@arcsex.org](mailto:sbrand@arcsex.org).



## **Millburn and Beacon Group Homes**

### **Reunite for a Paint & Sip Party**

Last year, the Millburn Group home underwent interior renovations to create greater accessibility for its residents and to upgrade the fire sprinkler system. While renovations were taking



place, residents relocated, with some staying at the Beacon group home in Livingston. During their stay the Beacon and Millburn housemates and staff became close friends.



Since then, the two group homes often plan events with one another and on Wednesday, July 17th the Millburn group home hosted the Beacon residents for a paint and sip evening. Everyone enjoyed sipping apple cider, enjoying great conversation, and channeling their inner Picasso. Daishon, an instructor from Paint and Chill in Hillside, took the time to provide great direction and artistic suggestions so everyone could follow along. By the end of the night everyone was pleased with their creative artistry and look forward to their next evening together.

If you or a loved one are interested in pursuing an independent living placement with The Arc of Essex County, please contact The Arc's Director of Residential Service, Rebecca Lorusso via email at [rlorusso@arcsex.org](mailto:rlorusso@arcsex.org) or by calling (973) 535-1181 ext. 1270. For additional information about The Arc of Essex County's residential services, [click here](#).

## ***The Arc Receives 2 Grants***

### **for Camp Hope**

The Novartis Corporation recently awarded The Arc of Essex County's Camp Hope a \$4,000 grant to provide financial assistance for children and young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to attend Camp Hope. Since 2007, Novartis has awarded The Arc of Essex County more than \$36,000 to offset camp tuition and fees for individuals and families in need.

The New Jersey State Golf Association (NJSGA) Youth Foundation also contributed a \$10,000 grant to enable The Arc of Essex County's Camp Hope to fund an adaptive sports specialist to craft and implement a sports program each summer that engages campers of all abilities in varied sports activities. A position created in 2018 as a result of this three-year grant, the adaptive sports specialist helps campers realize their athletic potential and achieve goals in a variety of sporting activities.



Camp Hope is an eight week summer day camp for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities located in East Hanover. Operating since 1956, camp runs Monday through Friday, 9 am to 3 pm, starting in late June and ending in August, with transportation provided for campers living in Essex County and surrounding areas. Camp Hope provides campers with traditional camp activities including supervised swimming and outdoor fun with modified sports, arts & crafts, and music. While enjoying these activities, attention is also given to daily living skills, peer interaction, socialization skills, and developing appropriate behaviors.

For more information, visit [www.arccamphope.com](http://www.arccamphope.com). To request a tour and for questions regarding the application process, contact Laurie Best, Senior Director of Children & Adult Day Services at (973) 535-1181 x1264 or [lbest@arcsex.org](mailto:lbest@arcsex.org).

## ***Back-to-School Shopping?***

### **Use Amazon Smile to Benefit The Arc!**

Pens, pencils, notebooks, and more. Back to school is just around the corner which means stocking up on all the necessary school supplies. While you're shopping for your back-to-school essentials, you can also donate to The Arc through AmazonSmile!

When you are ready to shop, visit [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and



select The Arc of Essex County as your preferred charity. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to The Arc of Essex County. It's that simple!



## **Adult Recreation Program Celebrates Summer**

### **and Looks Towards Fall**

On Sunday July 14th, The Arc of Essex County's Community Inclusion Program celebrated summer by attending Maplewoodstock Music & Arts Festival at Memorial Park in Maplewood. The festival featured a variety of vendors including those selling food, clothing, and jewelry; live musical performances; and opportunities to complete arts & crafts projects. The group enjoyed creating their own art pieces while shopping and collecting giveaways from various vendors. A good time was had by all.



Do you have a loved one interested in The Arc of Essex County's Adult Recreation Services? The Fall 2019 Adult Community Inclusion, Recreation, & Respite Catalog is now available! Highlights include:

- Pumpkin Picking & Hay Ride
- An Indoor Holiday Lights Spectacular
- Fall celebrations including a Halloween Spooktacular, a Thanksgiving Scavenger Brunch, and an Autumn Sip & Paint Party
- Farm-to-Table Cooking Classes and more!

Check out the Fall 2019 Recreation Catalog, [available here](#), then reach out to The Arc of Essex County's Manager of Community Supports Services, Dacia King-Sarkodie, to learn how you can enroll - [dking@arcessex.org](mailto:dking@arcessex.org) or (973) 535-1181 ext. 1272.

## **Is your name in the drawing?**

### **50/50 Tickets Now Available**

The Arc's annual 50/50 raffle winner will be chosen in just two months – are you in it to win it? Tickets are now available for purchase and proceeds will benefit The Arc of Essex County. The winning ticket will be drawn on Thursday, October 3, 2019 during the 6th Annual Uncorked & Uncapped: Wine, Beer, and Food Fest at The Wilshire Grand in West Orange, NJ. You need not be present to win. Tickets cost just \$10 each and can be purchased online [here](#) or at [Uncorked & Uncapped: Wine, Beer, & Food Tasting Experience](#) on Thursday, October 3rd.

The Arc is also seeking volunteers to help sell raffle tickets. Each volunteer can sign up for as many raffle ticket books (10 tickets per book) as they would like. **Volunteers are not responsible for any unsold tickets.** Unsold tickets simply need to be turned in along with any sold ticket stubs and money collected by September 23rd. Please contact Maria Meizoso by email at [mmeizoso@arcessex.org](mailto:mmeizoso@arcessex.org) or by phone at 973-535-1181 x1227 to sign up.



## The Arc of Essex County's Residential Corner

### August Openings

For individuals seeking a community living placement, The Arc of Essex County has the following August 2019 openings:

#### **NEW!** – Oakwood Group Home (1 Vacancy)



- 1 Bedroom Available in 5-Bedroom Group Home
- 24/7 Staff Supervision
- Recently Renovated, Single Family, Bi-Level Home
- Located on a peaceful, tree lined street in Livingston
- Current roommates are male and female ranging in age from early 30's to early 60's. They enjoy spending time outdoors, attending local concerts and other events in the Livingston area, relaxing in the backyard for a barbecue and picking fruit at nearby orchards in the fall

#### **Bloomfield Supervised Apartment (1 Vacancy)**



- 24/7 Staff Supervision
- Apartment-style living in a multi-family, Arc of Essex County, owned home
- Single bedroom on 1st floor in shared apartment with opportunities to mingle with fellow residents
- Within walking distance to Bloomfield's downtown shopping & restaurants

**South Orange Supportive Living Apartment (2 Vacancies )**



- Minimal community living support needs
- Access to an emergency on-call system for added safety 24 hours a day
- Apartment-style living in 5-floor building with elevator
- Located steps from public transportation and South Orange's vibrant downtown

**Maplewood Supervised Apartments (1 Female Vacancy)**



- 24/7 Staff Supervision
- Condo-style living in a 2nd floor unit with elevator
- Located near public transportation and within walking distance to Maplewood's downtown shopping & restaurants

**Respite Group Home**





Are you heading out of town for an upcoming business trip, wedding celebration, or planning a medical procedure that requires overnight or rehab recovery? Do you need coverage for your loved one with an intellectual or developmental disability? The Arc of Essex County's Respite Group Home can help. Accommodating up to 6 residents, the home is designed to provide a caring and supportive stay during planned or unplanned respite events. The home features:

- 24/7 Staff Supervision
- Large, 2-Story, Single Family, Colonial-style Home
- Designed to create a family-like setting in which consumers can feel comfortable until they transition into permanent housing or return home
- Staff is prepared to manage behavioral issues and additional supports based on the needs of the individual

For additional information about The Arc of Essex County's residential services, [click here](#). If you are interested in pursuing independent living at one of the above properties, please contact The Arc's Senior Director of Residential Service, Rebecca Lorusso via email at [rlorusso@arcessex.org](mailto:rlorusso@arcessex.org) or by calling (973) 535-1181 ext. 1270.

## Leave a Legacy

### Planned Giving with The Arc of Essex County

One way for you to support The Arc's mission is to leave a bequest. A bequest is a gift made to charity in your will or trust. One significant benefit of making a gift by bequest is that it allows you to continue to use the assets/property you may leave to charity during your life. Another benefit is that by making a bequest you are able to leave a lasting legacy for the work of The Arc.



Once you know how you wish to include The Arc in your estate plans, contact The Arc of Essex County to confirm the correct organization name and address(which your attorney will need). Keep in mind that your gift can be for a specific amount, a percentage or some portion of the remainder (after family, relatives and friends have received their designated share). Below are examples of language you can use with the correct name and address of The Arc of Essex County (where you wish your gift directed).

#### Types of Bequests

There are a number of ways you can make a bequest to The Arc. You can leave what is called a specific bequest. A specific bequest involves making a gift of a defined dollar amount, a particular tangible asset such as real estate, a car, other property or even shares of stock. For example, you may wish to leave your home, a portion of its value or \$10,000 to The Arc of Essex County. Another kind of specific bequest involves leaving a percentage of your overall estate to charity.

There is also the option of a residual bequest. A residual bequest is a bequest that is made from the balance of an estate after the will or trust has given away each of the specific bequests. A common residual bequest involves leaving a percentage of the residue of the estate to charity. For example, you may wish to leave 30% of the remaining value of your estate to The Arc of Essex County.

#### Bequest Benefits

There are no limitations on bequest gifts. Bequests may be made for a general or specific purpose. All bequests to tax-exempt entities approved by the IRS are not subject to estate taxes. Please be sure to consult your tax advisor for advice regarding your own personal situation. If you have a taxable estate, the estate tax charitable deduction may offset or eliminate estate taxes resulting in a larger inheritance for your heirs.

#### I Want to Learn More

In order to make a bequest, you should speak with your attorney. Your attorney can help you include a bequest to The Arc of Essex County in your estate plan. If you wish to include The Arc of Essex County, please provide the following address and Federal Tax ID number to your attorney:

The Arc of Essex County, Inc.  
123 Naylon Avenue  
Livingston, NJ 07039  
Federal Tax ID #22-1546173

Please contact Heather Comstock, Senior Director of Development and Communication at The Arc of Essex County for further assistance at 973-535-1181 x1224 or via email at [hcomstock@arcessex.org](mailto:hcomstock@arcessex.org).

## Donate Your Unwanted Used Vehicle to The Arc of Essex County



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# Car Donation Program

Easy, Convenient and Tax Deductible!



*Donate today and give someone with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) the key to their independence. Proceeds benefit your local chapter of The Arc, serving and advocating for people with I/DD.*



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Or Donate Online at

[www.thearc.org/donate-my-vehicle](http://www.thearc.org/donate-my-vehicle)

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