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NEWSLETTER

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Message from Our CEO



Gratitude is at the heart of everything we do at The Arc of Volusia. Each day, we are reminded how fortunate we are to be

surrounded by individuals, families, staff, volunteers, donors, and community partners who believe in our mission and help make it possible.

We are especially grateful for the overwhelming support shown during our inaugural A Seat at the Table fundraiser. Because of the generosity of our donors, sponsors, attendees, and the new Arc Ambassadors, we raised over \$50,000 in support of programs and services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout our community.

Beyond fundraising, gratitude can be found in the everyday moments, the encouragement shared between staff and the individuals we serve; between the volunteers who give their time, the families who trust us, and the community members who continue to advocate for inclusion and opportunity for all. Every act of kindness, support, and connection strengthens our mission and reminds us that we truly are stronger together.

To everyone who supports The Arc of Volusia in ways both big and small: thank you for being part of our community and for helping us continue creating meaningful opportunities for the individuals we serve.

-Laurie Davis

The inaugural A Seat at the Table was a meaningful success, bringing together community members, families, and supporters for an evening centered on inclusion, connection, and shared purpose. As our first year hosting this event, it set a powerful foundation for what we hope will become a lasting tradition. Guests enjoyed thoughtful conversation, great food, and the opportunity to celebrate the individuals we serve in a welcoming and uplifting environment. We are deeply grateful to everyone who attended, volunteered, and supported this inaugural event, your involvement helped make it a truly special evening.

Building on the spirit of inclusion and community, our individuals have continued that same sense of connection and growth through hands-on projects that bring meaning to their everyday experiences. Our new butterfly garden, which is already bringing color, calm, and opportunities to learn about growth and nature. Alongside this, our herb garden is thriving, with participants helping to plant, water, and care for a variety of herbs used in cooking and sensory activities. These ongoing projects are fostering responsibility, teamwork, and a deeper connection to the natural world while creating spaces our individuals are proud to care for.



Gratitude

This month at The Arc of Volusia, we are reflecting on the word gratitude, not only as something we feel, but as something we practice in the way we move through each day. It encourages us to slow down, appreciate the people around us, and recognize the many ways we are strengthened through compassion and inclusion. As we think about gratitude this month, we encourage everyone to reflect on what it means in their own lives. Gratitude may look different for each person; appreciation for family and friends, pride in personal growth, support from a community, or simply finding joy in everyday moments. Taking time to recognize those things can help shape the way we interact with others and the way we carry ourselves each day. At The Arc of Volusia, we are incredibly grateful for the community that surrounds our mission. We are grateful for the individuals and families we serve, the dedicated staff and volunteers who make our work possible, and the supporters and partners who continue to believe in creating opportunities for inclusion and belonging. This spirit of gratitude was especially visible during our inaugural A Seat at the Table fundraiser, where our community came together to raise over \$50,000. More than anything, this month serves as a reminder that gratitude is not just a feeling. It is something we can choose to carry with us every day. Through kindness, encouragement, and connection, we each have the opportunity to make a positive impact on the people around us and continue building a stronger, more supportive community together.

Staff Spotlight Tori Pickett

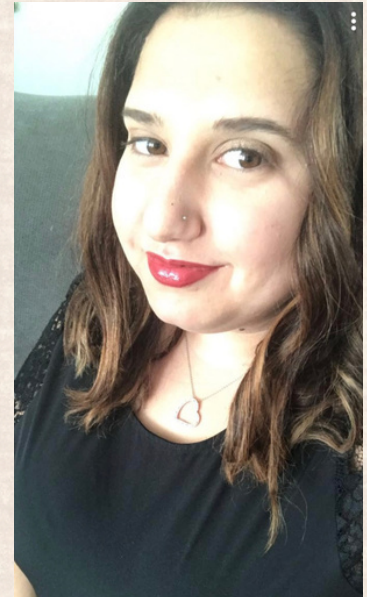
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Program Assistant

Your Role, In Your Own Words:

My role is support for a wide range of daily operations across the organization. From welcoming visitors and assisting staff to helping with events, donor outreach, and onboarding, I play a part in keeping things running smoothly.

What do you like most about your role?

The work is fast-paced and constantly changing, which keeps me engaged and adaptable. I enjoy having to shift between tasks like handling administrative needs, and helping with events and communications. It creates an environment where I'm always learning and staying on my toes.



What is your favorite events here at The Arc?

My favorite event at The Arc was our Holiday Ball. It was one of the first major events I participated in, and it really stood out to me. Seeing all of our friends dressed up, dancing, and having such a great time was incredibly special, especially knowing how much behind-the-scenes work went into making it all possible was incredibly rewarding.

What do you like to do for fun?

I love spending time at Disney and other theme parks. It's one of my favorite ways to enjoy my free time. When I'm not at the parks, I'm usually spending time with my siblings and my niece.

What advice or encouragement would you give to a brand-new client of The Arc on their first day with us?

Walking through the doors is the hardest part, just showing up on that first day is already a big accomplishment. From there, everything is about getting comfortable at your own pace and knowing you're not expected to have it all figured out right away.

How has your perspective changed since working at The Arc?

Working at the Arc has been very rewarding and has shifted my perspective in a positive way. I've learned to focus more on each person's abilities, strengths, and progress, no matter how small. It's shown me how meaningful everyday growth and independence can be.

June Birthday's

Tan 6/6
Carla 6/14
Glenn 6/14
Billy 6/16
Dorothy 6/28
Cathy 6/27
Lisa 6/29

Staff

Marvin 6/3
Tori 6/9

THE ARC *Ambassadors*



BECOME A MEMBER

Since launching the Arc Ambassadors program at A Seat at the Table, we've been overwhelmed by the support from our community. Thank you to everyone who has already joined and chosen to support the mission of The Arc of Volusia. If you are interested in becoming a member, scan the QR code above.

For just \$100 a year, Arc Ambassadors help provide programs, connection, and daily support for the individuals we serve. If you haven't joined yet, we invite you to become an Arc Ambassador and help create more opportunities for inclusion, independence, and belonging.

Swimming for the Daytona Beach campus, will be at Daytona State College instead of the Holly Hill YMCA

Reminder
 The Arc of Volusia will be closed Friday July 3rd
 Program will reopen Monday July 5th



June Summer Movie Schedule Daytona

Tickets \$2

6/9 Dog Man

6/16 Gabbys Dollhouse

6/23 How to Train Your Dragon

6/30 Sing

Concessions are not included

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The Arc

Volusia

Daytona Beach

Outings & Activities

Daytona Beach Campus Menu & Calendar

Monday 01	Tuesday 02	Wednesday 03	Thursday 04	Friday 05
Turkey Sandwich, Chips Drink & Dessert	Pizza, Salad Drink & Dessert	Meatloaf, Mashed Potato, Veggie, Drink & Dessert	Chicken Stir Fry, Rice, Drink & Dessert	Fried Chicken Sandwich, Fries, Drink & Dessert
08	09	10	11	12
Tuna Sub, Chips, Drink & Dessert	Pizza, Salad Drink & Dessert	Ham Mac & Cheese, Drink & Dessert	Chicken Nuggets, Tots, Drink & Dessert	Spring Outing Free BBQ Lunch
15	16	17	18	19
Veggie Soup, Grilled Cheese, Drink & Dessert	Pizza, Salad, Drink & Dessert	Turkey Sub, Chips, Drink & Dessert	Nuggets, Fries, Drink & Dessert	Deluxe Chicken Sandwich, Drink & Dessert
22	23	24	25	26
Nuggets, Fries, Drink & Dessert	Pizza, Salad Drink & Dessert	fried Fish, Cheese Grits, Veggie, Drink & Dessert	Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Drink & Dessert	Bagged Lunch, Drink & Dessert
29	30			
Chicken Salad Sub, Drink & Dessert	Pizza, Salad Drink & Dessert			

Wednesday 6/3
Bowling \$10

Thursday 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25
Swimming \$5

Monday 6/8
Matt's donuts and cocoa

Tuesday 6/9, 6/16, 6/23, 6/30
Movies \$2

Friday 6/12
Deleon Springs (Free Lunch)

Monday 6/15
Cooking with Matt

Friday 6/26
Captains BBQ \$20

Monday 6/29
Cooking with Matt

Interested in purchasing breakfast, lunch, or snacks?

Cash or check accepted for the day, the week, or the month.



Breakfast: \$2.00
Lunch: \$7.00
Snacks: \$1.00

Alternate Lunch Choices

Available Daily

Chef's Salad
Ham or Turkey Sandwich w/ Beverage & Dessert

Menu is subject to change

Snacks

Assorted Snacks (selection varies)
Soda, Juice, Gatorade

Daily Breakfast Choices

Sausage, Egg, & Cheese Sandwich
Ham, Egg & Cheese Sandwich
Oatmeal
Assorted Cereal Cups

2 Pancakes, and 1 sausage patty

DeLand Outings & Activities

DeLand Campus Menu & Calendar

Wednesday 6/3
Movies

Monday 6/8
Culvers \$8

Friday 6/12
DeLeon Springs

Thursday 6/18
Dollar Tree \$2-5

Wednesday 6/24
Movies

Friday 6/26
Chedar's \$12

Monday 6/29
Goodwill

Monday 01	Tuesday 02	Wednesday 03	Thursday 04	Friday 05
Chicken Nuggets, Drink & Dessert	Shepards Pie, Drink & Dessert	Pizza, Salad Drink & Dessert	Chicken Cesar Salad, Drink & Dessert	Bacon Burger, Fries, Drink & Dessert
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