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THE ARC OF VOLUSIA

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NEWSLETTER

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Message from Our CEO



September is a special time at The Arc of Volusia as we recognize Direct Support Professional (DSP) Recognition Week

September 13- 19. This week gives us an opportunity to celebrate the staff who show up each day with compassion, patience, dedication, and a genuine commitment to the individuals we serve.

Our DSPs are at the heart of what we do. They provide hands-on support, assist with daily activities, help individuals work toward personal goals, and encourage greater independence.

They are there to celebrate accomplishments, provide reassurance during challenges, and make sure each individual receives the support they need throughout the day.

At The Arc, our mission is more than providing services, it is about creating opportunities for individuals to live, learn, and thrive in their communities. Our DSPs bring that mission to life every day through the relationships they build and the support they provide.

To all our Direct Support Professionals: thank you. Thank you for the work you do, the difference you make, and the many ways you help the individuals we serve reach their full potential. We are incredibly grateful for you; not just during DSP Appreciation Week, but every day.

-Laurie Davis



Our Arc community garden is in full bloom! Our friends have enjoyed harvesting herbs, and caring for the garden. We hope for one more harvest before the end of the season.



Direct Support Professional
RECOGNITION WEEK
September 13 - 19, 2026





The future is built from what happens today.

Every day, we make decisions, take action, solve problems, and create opportunities. Not every step feels significant in the moment, but each one contributes to what we are building.

That is where momentum comes from; not one defining moment, but the continued decision to move forward.

Some days bring visible progress.

Others are spent strengthening the foundation, refining an idea, or preparing for what comes next. Both are necessary. Growth is not always immediate or obvious, but it takes shape through consistent effort over time.

At The Arc of Volusia, we are continuing to build on what we have accomplished while looking ahead to what is possible. New ideas become plans, plans become action, and action opens the door to new opportunities for the people we serve and for our organization as a whole.

We do not need to have every step mapped out to know we are moving in the right direction. What matters is that we keep building, keep improving, and keep moving forward.

The work we do today becomes the foundation for what comes next.

"If you don't like the road you're walking, start paving another one."

-Dolly Parton

Staff Spotlight Leslie Blunt- Johnson

DSP: DeLand

Your Role, In Your Own Words:

I am a DSP and Driver here at The Arc. I supervise individuals on a daily basis and teach life skills.

What do you like most about your role?

I like that every day is different. You never know what to expect on a daily basis, which keeps things interesting.

What is your favorite event here at The Arc?

My favorite events are the ones where both campuses are all together!

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

I would say take a deep breath, everything will fall into place.

How has your perspective changed since working at The Arc?

This is my first time working with this community. It wasn't a role I was expecting, but I enjoy being here every day. The work is truly rewarding.

What do you like to do for fun?

I really love to travel! Next month I am going to Boston to do some whale watching. I also enjoy reading and exercising.

What's the best advice you ever received?

If you don't understand something, ask questions.



September Birthday's

Caleb 9/01
Robert H. 9/14
Robert L. 9/3
Chelsa 9/07
Phillise 9/9
Charlee 9/15
Katrina 9/21
Brian 9/23
Marcell 9/23
Kyle 9/24
Nicholas 9/27
Christopher 9/28
Terrie 9/29
Ayush 9/30

Staff Birthdays
Leslie 9/4



**SUPPORT THE ARC, VOLUSIA COUNTY:
ADOPT A DUCK, HELP A CHILD!**



SCAN QR CODE TO
ADOPT A DUCK
TODAY!



Support **The Arc, Volusia County** by adopting a duck today.
Come join the excitement as we dump 10,000 ducks into the Halifax River
and watch them race to the finish line!

Cash Prizes: 1st Place \$2,500, 2nd Place \$1,000, and 3rd place \$500!

You do not need to be present to win.

This will be a fun, community-wide event with
food, vendors, music, and kid activities.

Scan the QR code above or visit the link below for more information!



SEPTEMBER 12th 2026 • 11 AM - 3 PM

JACKIE ROBINSON BALLPARK, DAYTONA BEACH

DUCKRACE.COM/DAYTONA BEACH

TRUNK OR TREAT 10/30

**Candy donations
requested.**

Help make Trunk or Treat a sweet
success!



Pasta for Presents Fundraiser



A delicious way to spread Christmas cheer!

*The Arc of Volusia is raising funds to purchase
Christmas presents for the individuals we serve.*



**NOVEMBER 12, 2026
11 AM – 1 PM**



DELIVERY AVAILABLE IN ELIGIBLE
AREAS OF VOLUSIA COUNTY WITH
A 2-MEAL MINIMUM.
PICKUP IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE
ARC OF VOLUSIA DAYTONA
CAMPUS.

\$12

Enjoy a delicious
spaghetti with meat
sauce lunch,
complete with fresh
salad, garlic bread,
and homemade
dessert!



Scan the QR code below or email:
achievethearc@arcvolusia.org to place your order.



**Scan the QR Code
TO ORDER!**

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Daytona Beach Campus Menu & Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	01 Pizza, Salad, Drink, & Dessert	02 Beanie Weenies, Corn, Bread, Drink, & Dessert	03 Yellow Rice And Chicken, Drink, & Dessert	04 Hamburger or Chicken Sandwich, Tots, Drink, & Dessert
07 Closed	08 Pizza, Salad, Drink, & Dessert	09 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Drink, & Dessert	10 Soft Taco, Rice, Black Beans, Drink, Rice	11 Cheeseburger or Chicken Sandwich, Tots, Drink, & Dessert.
14 Tuna Sandwich, Chip, Drink, & Dessert	15 Pizza, Salad, Drink, & Dessert	16 Pepper Steak And Rice, Drink, & Dessert	17 Ranch Chicken Wrap, Potato Salad, Drink, & Dessert	18 Hamburger or Chicken Sandwich, Fries, Drink, & Dessert
21 Turkey Sandwich, Chip, Drink, & Dessert	22 Pizza, Salad, Drink, & Dessert	23 Tuna Casserole, Bread, Drink, & Dessert	24 Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Drink, & Dessert	25 Bagged Lunch (DeLand Buffet)
28 Ham Sandwich, Chips, Drink, & Dessert	29 Pizza, Salad, Drink, & Dessert	30 Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Bread, Drink, & Dessert		

Daytona Beach Outings & Activities

Wednesday 9/2, 9/16, 9/30

Bowling \$10

Wednesday 9/9

Dairy Queen \$12

Friday 9/11

Ice Cream Social

Spirit week

September 14-18

9/14 Sports Day

9/15 Pajama Day

9/16 Disney Day

9/17 Decade Day

9/18 Arc Spirit

(Wear Orange)

Friday 9/25

Sakura Buffet DeLand \$20

(Both campuses)

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

Thursday 9/3

Donuts & Hot Chocolate

Tuesday 9/8

Baking Class

Friday 9/11

Publix Lunch \$12

Spirit week

September 14-18

9/14 Sports Day

9/15 Pajama Day

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9/18 Arc Spirit

(Wear Orange)

Wednesday 9/16

Deltona Library

Monday 9/21

Baking Class

Friday 9/25

Sakura Buffet \$20
(Both campuses)

Wednesday 9/30

Chuck Lennon Park

DeLand Campus Menu & Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	01 Turkey & Dressing Casserole, Drink & Dessert	02 Pizza, Salad, Drink, & Dessert	03 Tomato Soup, Drink & Dessert	04 Hamburger or Chicken Sandwich, Tots, Drink, & Dessert
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