

MAY 2025

THE ARC OF VOLUSIA

ACHIEVING WITH US

NEWSLETTER

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Message from CEO

Continuing education for our entire staff is vitally important to maintaining the quality of our programs. Not only that, it is an ongoing requirement of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities in order to maintain our certification with the State of Florida.

On April 16, our staff joined together for a day of education covering several important topics to better equip us to serve our individuals. We started the morning with a session on how behavior itself is a form of communication, and the importance of adapting our own communication styles for best mutual understanding. We also participated in an online training session geared toward equipping our individuals and activating our communities. Next, the FL Dept. of Elder Affairs "Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Awareness" webinar was a great tool for helping our staff learn some of the intricacies of conditions that, research has shown, affect our I/DD population at a higher rate, and at an earlier age.

Changing gears, we participated in a virtual session with our record-keeping software provider who helped us add to our knowledge base of the many features built into the program. Maintaining accurate information is key to quality communication among our staff, our families, and support coordinators.

While we understand that closing the program for a day twice a year can be inconvenient to our individuals and their families, we're thankful for the understanding of how important this truly is.

Laurie Davis
Chief Executive Officer
The Arc of Volusia



Two Campuses, One Family BBQ



72 degree water and lots of fun!



You just never know when or where a random dance party will happen.



A day of friendship



Our chefs,
Matt & Jordan

On Friday, April 25th, individuals from our Daytona Beach and DeLand campuses spent the day enjoying the beauty of Central Florida in the springtime at DeLeon Springs State Park. We are so fortunate to have so many well-kept natural resources in our area that provide the opportunity to get outside and enjoy Florida's year-round beauty.

It was a day of perfectly sunny weather, delicious food prepared by our very own Chef Matt (and his honorary sous chef Jordan, a great volunteer), some splashing in the water, and relaxing in the shade. But best of all, new friendships were formed among our participants from both sides of the county as we all joined for a day of fun and camaraderie.

Our plan this year is to bring our entire Arc of Volusia family together more often for activities and events. There are only 20 miles separating our two campuses, and it's always great to meet new friends who share a common bond. In May, our DeLand campus will host all of our Daytona Beach friends for a BBQ and games, and we have more joint activities planned for the summer. Community is key!

Support The Arc of Volusia at [ArcVolusia.org/donate](https://arcvolusia.org/donate)

Coming Soon...



Plans are underway for the first-ever "Wings For All" event in Florida. Hosted by The Arc of Volusia, in conjunction with The Arc of The US, Daytona Beach International Airport, and a major air carrier, this event will provide those with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families the chance to prepare and practice all steps of air travel and gain skill and confidence needed to be successful in a controlled, real life airport environment.

Originally conceived and designed in Boston by The Charles River Center (an Arc chapter) and Massport Port Authority, we are thrilled to be able to offer this program right here in Daytona Beach later on this year, not only to our Arc individuals, but to the entire Volusia-Flagler I/DD community as well.

Stay tuned for further updates!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Robert Herring-Simmons 5/1
Jeancarlos Rivera 5/10
Carmen Nieves 5/18
Sharon Jennetten 5/19
Jose Curet 5/21
Justin Calzone 5/28
Ronald Moore 5/30
Rachel Dunaway 5/30

Staff Birthdays

Melissa Johnson 5/16

Staff Spotlight

Our new "Staff Spotlight" feature gives you the opportunity to learn a little more about our team members in their own words.

Your Role: Driver, Outing Support Staff, and occasional Grinch

What do you like best about your job? The individuals!

What is your best-ever Arc activity our outing? They are ALL fun. As long as our individuals are having fun, so am I.



Melissa Johnson

Before Arc of Volusia, what was the most unusual or interesting job you've ever had? Training military members before deploying overseas. Role play scenarios and medical training for soldiers.

What do you like to do for fun? Theme parks! Go to Walt Disney World, Universal Studios, and Epic Universe.

Where would you go on your dream vacation? Anywhere with my husband.

What's the best advice you ever received? I'll let you know when it happens.

If you could have dinner with any famous person (past or present), who would it be and why? Keanu Reeves... because why not?

Ways YOU Can Help Us Achieve

- **Become a Member of The Arc of Volusia**
 - For as little as \$25, you'll join over 140,000 Arc members and 700 chapters nationally in support of protecting the rights of our individuals. Learn more: arcvolusia.org/donate
- **Support Arc of Volusia Events and Fundraisers**
 - Watch this newsletter, our website, and social media for details of upcoming events. Find us on FB & IG [@TheArcVolusia](https://www.instagram.com/TheArcVolusia)
- **Check out our Amazon Wish List**
 - Help us with supplies that help us fulfill our mission. Find it here: arcvolusia.org/wishlist
- **Connect Us To Causes That Matter to You**
 - Need a guest speaker for **your** organization? Let us share our story! Email us at: AchieveWithUs@ArcVolusia.org

7th Somewhat-Annual Arc of Volusia Charity Golf Tournament

Did you know that our program tuition, whether paid on an individual basis or through Medicaid, only covers 78% of the costs incurred to keep our program running? For the remainder of our day-to-day expenses, we rely on community donations, grants, and membership to provide the best possible services and programming to our individuals.

Our largest fundraiser of the year will be here before you know it! The 7th "Somewhat-Annual" Arc of Volusia Charity Golf Tournament needs YOUR assistance to reach our goal and have a great day on the course!

Join us as a sponsor, a golfer, or both by scanning the QR code below or visiting our website. We can't wait to see you out on the course!



7th Somewhat-Annual
Arc of Volusia
Charity Golf Tournament

The Arc
Volusia
Serving individuals
with intellectual and
developmental disabilities
since 1962.

**The Club at
Venetian Bay**
63 N. AIRPORT RD
NEW SMYRNA BEACH FL

**Four-Person
Scramble**

Continental Breakfast
Range Balls
Raffles - 50/50
Golf Challenges
Golf Prizes
BBQ Lunch
and more!

\$125 per golfer
\$500 per foursome

**Corporate Sponsorships
w/ foursomes
start at only \$650**

**Back to
FRIDAY
this year!**

Friday
September
19
8AM Registration

Or visit us online at ArcVolusia.org/golf25

Scan to register your team
or join us as a sponsor

**Somewhat-Annual" thanks to that pesky pandemic earlier this decade.

Not a golfer? We are also seeking in-kind donations (event tickets, gift cards, experiences, etc.) for raffle and/or silent auction items, and tournament prizes. Contact us if you'd like your company's product or service featured in our tourney!

Sponsorship Opportunities

Presenting Sponsor \$5000

(Exclusive - 1 Available)

- Premiere placement of name and logo in all promotional materials.
- Logo/Name on all hole sponsor signs
- 2 team registrations (8 golfers)
- Premiere company banner placement (banner provided by sponsor)
- Opportunity to address entire field from podium prior to shotgun start
- Logo & link on arcvolusia.org for one year

"Achieve With Us" Sponsor \$3500 (6 avail.)

- Name and logo in all promotional materials
- 2 team registrations (8 golfers)
- Company banner placement at registration (banner provided by sponsor)
- Logo & link on arcvolusia.org for one year

Golf Cart Sponsor \$2500 (Exclusive - 1 avail.)

- Name/logo on all golf carts (up to 72 carts)
- 2 team registrations (8 golfers)
- Logo & link on arcvolusia.org for one year

Beverage Cart Sponsor \$2000

(Exclusive - 1 avail.)

- Includes: Prominent signage on beverage cart(s)
- 1 team registration (4 golfers)
- Logo & link on arcvolusia.org for one year

BBQ Buffet Sponsor \$1500 (Exclusive - 1 avail.)

- Prominent signage at buffet luncheon
- 1 team registration (4 golfers)
- Opportunity to address entire field from podium during luncheon
- Logo & link on arcvolusia.org for one year

Contest Sponsor \$250 (3 avail.)

- Putting, Longest Drive or Closest to the Pin
- Contest sponsor sign
- Digital advertising on cart GPS screen on putting green or longest drive approach.
- Opportunity to present contest prize from podium at awards luncheon.




Corporate Sponsor \$650

- 1 hole sponsor sign
- Digital advertising on cart GPS screen on corresponding hole approach
- Team registration (4 golfers)

Hole Sponsor \$200

- 1 hole sponsor sign
- Digital advertising on cart GPS screen on corresponding hole approach

Daytona Beach Campus Menu & Calendar

  May 				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Beverage/Dessert	6 Pizza Salad Beverage/Dessert	7 Fish & Grits Salad Beverage/Dessert	8 BBQ Chicken Green Beans Bread Beverage/Dessert	9 Hamburger French Fries Beverage/Dessert
12 Egg Salad Sandwich Chips Beverage/Dessert	13 Pizza Salad Beverage/Dessert	14 Pancakes Sausage Beverage/Dessert	15 Beef Tamale Pie Mixed Veggies Beverage/Dessert	16 Combined Campus BBQ In DeLand
19 Grilled Chicken Salad Bread Beverage/Dessert	20 Pizza Salad Beverage/Dessert	21 Chicken Nuggets French Fries Beverage/Dessert	22 Spaghetti Salad Bread Beverage/Dessert	23 Hamburger Fried Potatoes Beverage/Dessert
26 PROGRAM CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY	27 Pizza Salad Beverage/Dessert	28 Bag Lunch (Outing)	29 Turkey Chop Suey Broccoli Beverage/Dessert	30 Grilled Chicken Sandwich Tater Tots Beverage/Dessert
Alternate Lunch Choices Available Daily Chef's Salad Ham or Turkey Sandwich w/ Beverage & Dessert				
Snacks Assorted Snacks (selection varies) Soda, Juice, Gatorade				
Daily Breakfast Choices Sausage, Egg, & Cheese Sandwich Ham, Egg & Cheese Sandwich Oatmeal Assorted Cereal Cups				

Daytona Beach Outing & Activities May

Swimming
Fridays: (\$3 ea)
5/2, 5/9, 5/23, 5/30

Tues 5/6
Painting w/ Melissa

Wed 5/7
Bowling (\$10)

Tues 5/13
King's Donuts (\$5)

Fri 5/16
BBQ at DeLand Campus

Tues 5/20
Andy Romano Park

Wed 5/28
Barberville Pioneer Settlement (\$5)



IMPORTANT REMINDER:
Both campuses will be CLOSED on Mon. May 26 for Memorial Day

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

DeLand Outing & Activities May

Thurs 5/1
Fishing in NSB

Mon 5/5
Painting w/ Melissa

Tues 5/6
Lighthouse Park \$5

Thurs 5/8
King Donuts \$5

Mon 5/12
Dairy Queen (\$8)

Tues 5/13- Dollar Tree




Tues 5/20
Andy Romano Park

Thurs 5/22
Chuck Lennon Park

Tues 5/27 - Library

Thurs 5/29
Captain D's (\$7)

DeLand Campus Menu & Calendar

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 Grilled Chicken Sandwich Pasta Salad Beverage/Dessert	6 Pizza Salad Beverage/Dessert	7 Beef Spanish Rice Mixed Veggies Bread Beverage/Dessert	8 Chicken Noodle Soup Bread Beverage/Dessert	9 Hamburger Fried Potatoes Beverage/Dessert
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