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THE ARC OF VOLUSIA

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NEWSLETTER

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Message from Our CEO

The State of Florida recently passed its annual budget, which brings about more questions than answers when it comes to agencies such as The Arc of Volusia.

A rate increase for services was not approved within the state budget; yet, costs for everything from supplies to food to utilities have seen a spike in prices. This directly impacts our operating budget which already runs as efficiently as possible while maintaining our high-quality programs and activities.

For this reason, I want to remind you... no gift or donation is too small. We depend on our community to help us fulfill our mission of providing the opportunity for hope, growth, and change to the individuals that we serve. One of the many ways to support our program is to designate a future gift in your will. In this month's newsletter, we're featuring a simple guide to including The Arc of Volusia in your estate planning process.

If you would like to learn more about supporting The Arc of Volusia through legacy giving, please contact us or visit arcvolusia.org/legacy.

Laurie Davis
Chief Executive Officer
The Arc of Volusia



Create A Lasting Legacy

Remembering The Arc of Volusia in your will is a wonderful way for you to make a lasting gift. Large or small, your bequest will make an important contribution to our long-term strength and our ability to carry on with our activities. But what if you don't have a will or living trust? You are not alone. Most Americans don't have a will.

If you die without a will, the laws of your state will decide how your estate is divided. Typically, the probate court will divide your estate among your closest surviving family members according to a formula, and none of your estate can go to The Arc of Volusia or any other charity. If you wish to have a say in how your estate is distributed, you must have a will or living trust. We encourage you to work with an experienced attorney to create a will or living trust that accomplishes your goals for your estate.

There are several ways that you can define the amount of your charitable gift to The Arc of Volusia. They are:

- A gift of a particular amount of money. For example, you give \$25,000.
- A gift of a specific item or items. For example, you give 1,000 shares of ABC Corporation.
- A gift that will be made only if one or more conditions are met. For example, you give \$25,000 provided your spouse does not survive you.
- A gift that will be made from the remainder of your estate once all other bequests, debts, and taxes have been paid. For example, you give 25% of the remainder of your estate. Often called a "residuary bequest," this approach assures that your family will be taken care of before your estate makes a bequest to us.

By including The Arc of Volusia in estate plan, you're not just making a donation; you're creating a lasting legacy that will continue to impact the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities for years to come. We understand that estate planning is a deeply personal decision, and we encourage you to speak with your financial advisor or estate planner to explore how a planned gift can align with your philanthropic goals and secure the future of The Arc of Volusia. Learn more at arcvolusia.org/legacy.

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



What's Cooking?

Wouldn't you agree that one of the most important parts of every day is lunch? A time to stop what you're doing, enjoy a delicious meal, and socialize with those around you. It's no different here at The Arc of Volusia, thanks to our "5th Street Cafe" kitchen program.

While our Arc of Volusia participants are welcomed to bring lunch from home, we also offer lunch at both campuses 5 days a week, prepared by our very own Chef Matt. (See his Staff Spotlight to the right.) Our fully outfitted commercial kitchen in Daytona Beach is home to meal preps for both locations, as well as light breakfast offerings and daily snack cart service.

Kitchen Coordinator Matt Pesce is the force behind the entire process. Not only does he prepare and cook meals, but calls on his previous culinary experience for menu planning, kitchen maintenance, purchasing, and coordination of donations. We are grateful to several organizations including CWC Ministries and local businesses whose generosity helps our kitchen program to thrive. These donations, combined with Matt's careful planning and budgeting, allow us to offer delicious meals at a reasonable cost to our participants.

Routine scheduled donations such as Pizza Hut on Tuesdays, give us the opportunity to plan ahead and provide fun meal options. After all, doesn't everyone need a regularly scheduled "pizza day" that they can count on?! And baked potatoes, a recurring donation from Longhorn Steakhouse, are the key to making

Staff Spotlight

Your Role... In Your Own Words:

I'm the Kitchen Coordinator... Serving our individuals healthy meals every day. From the first smile to the last goodbye, it's so worth every minute!

Before The Arc, what was your most unusual, weird, or interesting job? I've enjoyed all my work, but truck-driving had an extra-weird vibe. Every state is completely different.

What do you like to do for fun? Watch the world around me. I'm always amazed!

What is your best-ever Arc activity or outing? The one not yet discovered!

Where would you go on your dream vacation? Home... just like every day, with my kids and grandbabies stopping by.

What's the best advice you've ever received?

Place God above all things.

What advice or encouragement would you give to a brand new Arc of Volusia participant on their first day with us? Just be yourself, follow directions, and have fun!

What would you like to share with us about yourself? Life is worth every moment of every day. I'm thankful for all that I have in my simple and basic life.

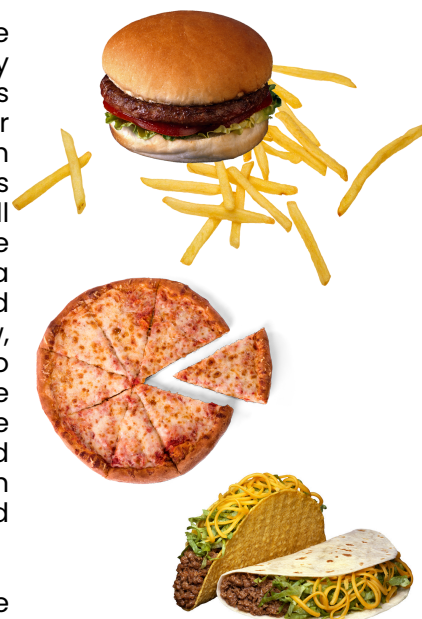


Matt Pesce

the most delicious French fries, potato salad, and home fries.

Chef Matt not only takes great pride in serving delicious meals on a daily basis, but on special occasions as well! Thanksgiving (turkey dinner from scratch) and Christmas (ham and all the fixings) are celebrated as big family meals complete with all the trimmings. Most recently, we celebrated summer with a combined-campus luau, with pulled pork, Matt's homemade coleslaw, and tropical treats! Outings to places like DeLeon Springs State Park are where Matt's barbeque skills get pressed into service, and his prepared bag lunches come in handy for outings where our food opportunities are limited.

Our lunch menu can always be found on page 4 of this newsletter, and can be purchased by cash or check daily, weekly, or monthly.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Sage Stalk 8/07
Brandon DeBenedectis 8/9
Sherry Duffy 8/12
David Gilmartin 8/23
Renee Haga 8/25
Anna Curfman 8/27
Harry McMillen 8/28
Debbie Kennedy 8/29
Elisha Imhansiehonihi 8/30
Joshua Fox 8/31
Staff Birthdays
Bill Horton 8/2
Felicia Moye 8/5
Matt Pesce 8/11
Mechelle Dockery 8/21
Allison LaRue 8/26



FUNDRAISER

MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025



Eat-in or Takeout
any time on Monday, August 4

**You MUST mention the
ARC FUNDRAISER
at the time of purchase.**

We'll also be gathering
at this BWW location
for an
Arc of Volusia Spirit Night
from 5PM to 7PM
Everyone is welcome!
Great food for a great cause,
Gift Basket Raffle, and more!



**BUFFALO
WILD
WINGS**

2479 West Intl. Speedway Blvd
Daytona Beach FL 32114



Family Forum

featuring

Dina Justice, COO, The Arc of Florida
Support Specialists, Legal Aid
and other special guest speakers

Open to the the public

iBudget Waiver - Secondary Transition Planning
More details to follow

Wed. October 22nd - 5PM



We Can't Do It Without YOU!

Our golf tournament is our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year and is crucial to supporting our programs.

Not a golfer? We are also seeking in-kind donations (event tickets, gift cards, experiences, etc.) for raffle, silent auction items, and tournament prizes

Contact us if you'd like your company's product or service featured in our tourney!



7th Somewhat-Annual
**Arc of Volusia
Charity Golf Tournament**

**Friday
September
19**

3AM Registration

**Back to
FRIDAY
this year!**

Or visit us online at ArcVolusia.org/golf25

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

Scan to Register

Daytona Beach Campus Menu & Calendar August

Daytona Beach Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Beanie Weenies Cornbread Beverage/Dessert	5 Pizza Salad Beverage/Dessert	6 Chicken Tenders Fries Beverage/Dessert	6 Steak & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Beverage/Dessert	8 Mushroom Swiss Burger Fries Beverage/Dessert
11 Tuna Sandwich Chips Beverage/Dessert	12 Pizza Salad Beverage/Dessert	13 Chicken Sandwich Fries Beverage/Dessert	14 Goulash Bread Beverage/Dessert	15 DELEON SPRINGS COOKOUT
18 BLT Sandwich Chips Beverage/Dessert	19 Pizza Salad Beverage/Dessert	20 Chicken Nuggets Mac & Cheese Beverage/Dessert	21 Chicken & Dumpling Bread Beverage/Dessert	22 Cheeseburger Tater Tots Beverage/Dessert
25 Chicken Salad Sandwich Chips Beverage/Dessert	26 Pizza Salad Beverage/Dessert	27 Tacos Refried Beans Yellow Rice Beverage/Dessert	28 Swedish Meatballs Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Beverage/Dessert	29 Hamburger French Fries 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 Outings & Activities

Friday 8/1, 8/8, 8/22
Swimming
\$3.00

Friday 8/15
DeLeon Springs
(BBQ lunch provided)

Thursday 8/21
Olive Garden
price will vary

Friday 8/29
Sunrail \$5

**Looking ahead
to September
Reminder:
We will be closed
for Labor Day
on Monday, Sept. 1.**

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 Outings & Activities

Monday 8/4, 8/18, 8/25

Out to lunch
prices vary

Wednesday 8/6
Movies \$2

Friday 8/8 & 8/22
Bowling \$3

Wednesday 8/13
Library

Friday 8/15
DeLeon Springs
(BBQ lunch provided)

Wednesday 8/20
Flea Market
\$5 or \$10

Friday 8/29
Sunrail \$5

DeLand Campus Menu & Calendar August

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4 Baked Chicken Yellow Rice/Veggies Beverage/Dessert	5 Pizza Salad Beverage/Dessert	6 Chicken & Waffles Beverage/Dessert	7 Spaghetti Salad & Bread Beverage/Dessert	8 Bacon Cheeseburger Fries Beverage/Dessert
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