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THE ARC OF VOLUSIA

# ACHIEVING WITH US

NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Our CEO



Today we  
work to bring  
new  
opportunities,  
one  
community  
at a time.

At Arc of Volusia, we believe that when people are given the right support, encouragement, and sense of belonging, they can thrive beyond expectations.

Our campuses are more than buildings; they are places where connections are made, confidence is built, and individuals are empowered to grow at their own pace. Whether it's learning a new skill, forming friendships, or celebrating life's joyful moments together, each day is a reminder of how important community truly is.

Events like dances, shared meals, and everyday interactions may seem simple, but they create lasting memories and reinforce a powerful message: everyone deserves to feel valued, included, and celebrated. It's through the generosity of our supporters, families, and staff that these moments become possible.

As we continue to grow and welcome new participants, we remain committed to creating spaces filled with kindness, dignity, and opportunity. Together, we are building a future rooted in compassion — one where every individual is encouraged to shine.

Thank you for being a part of it!

-Laurie Davis

## And We're Off....

It was a busy and exciting start to the new year at The Arc of Volusia! Our friends kicked off the year with many fun and engaging adventures throughout the community. From delicious outings at Giuseppe's Pizza, to multiple bowling trips filled with laughter and friendly competition, there was never a dull moment.

Creativity was also on full display during crafts at the library, where everyone enjoyed expressing themselves and spending quality time together. One of the highlights of the month was a wonderful visit to Va-LaSalle Farms, where our friends had the opportunity to explore, enjoy the scenery, and pick some farm fresh produce.

In the workshop, the spirit of friendly competition was alive and well during a rousing game of pool noodle hockey. The competition was on, as goalies Bill and Allison helped cheer on our friends as they worked together to see who could score the most shots. The room was filled with excitement, teamwork, and plenty of smiles as everyone joined in the fun.

These experiences not only provided fun and enrichment but also strengthened friendships and encouraged community involvement. We are so proud of all the joy, smiles, and connections made as we begin another great year together at The Arc of Volusia!





This month, our word of the month is Community.

Community means more than a group of people in the same place; it means caring for one another, lifting each other up, and showing up even when it's hard.

Every day brings a new opportunity to make a difference in your community; sometimes in big ways, but often in small, meaningful moments that add up to something truly powerful.

For many of our individuals, the world can feel overwhelming or isolating. That's why spaces like Arc of Volusia are so important.

Here, individuals can be themselves without fear of judgment. They can grow at their own pace and feel supported every step of the way.

Our community is built on the belief that every person deserves the chance to thrive *not* just survive.

As we've seen time and time again when people feel connected, they flourish.

As we continue to grow and expand our programs, we're excited for what's ahead. We're looking forward to more celebrations, more friendships, and more opportunities for individuals to shine. But most of all, we're looking forward to continuing to build a community where everyone is welcomed and valued.

Because at Arc of Volusia, we don't just create opportunities we create connections. And those connections change lives.

## Staff Spotlight Schemetta Davis

### Your Role, In Your Own Words:

I am celebrating my 25<sup>th</sup> year at The ARC! I provide service to clients by making them feel valued and supported. Always going beyond my job description to ensure our individuals are satisfied and feel special.

### What do you like most about your role?

I like helping others and teamwork. We have a positive work environment, and try to focus on the positivity.

### What is your favorite events here at The Arc?

My favorite events are at Christmas time; decorating, crafts, and the holiday ball. I also enjoy our Thanksgiving

### What do you like to do for fun?

For fun I like to read my Bible, go shopping, feed the homeless, watching cooking shows, and movies. I enjoy spending time with my husband and thinking about where God has brought us.

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

We are here to help one another, we all make mistakes, we learn by working together as a team.

### How has your life/perspective changed working with The Arc?

We are all different, and that is beautiful! I have learned a lot working with this community, we are all human, and it is important to make sure that they know we all matter. God loves us all, and having respect and patience is the key.

### What would you like to share about yourself?

I love God. I am a woman of God, very faithful, and reliable. I don't like drama, swearing, or chaos. I don't require others' approval, and I find my own happiness.

### What is your favorite activity to do with clients?

All of them! I like dances, crafts, playing games... as long as they are having fun!



## February Birthdays

Brett Bracewell 2/1

Ryan Barling 2/4

Kayla Willis 2/12

Dylan Dupont 2/13

Brittney Bauer 2/14

Lori Courson 2/19

Summer Duran 2/26

## Staff Birthdays

Cherie 2/19

Miriam 2/27

**Let's get festive!**  
**Wear your favorite Valentine's Day colors on February 13th!**



**Celebrate  
National Volunteer Week  
by joining The Arc to make  
a difference on our campus  
April 20-24.**

**To volunteer, email  
[AchieveWithUs@ArcVolusia.org](mailto:AchieveWithUs@ArcVolusia.org)  
to sign up!**

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a Valentine's Day Dance on our Daytona campus!

To help make this event extra special for everyone attending, **we are kindly asking for donations. Items include pudding cups, Valentine's themed cookies, strawberries, graham crackers, and Rice Krispie treats.** We respectfully ask that cupcakes not be included. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated and will help us create a fun, festive, and memorable celebration for our participants. Thank you for your continued support!

We are happy to announce that there are openings at both Arc of Volusia campuses. Whether you live in Daytona, DeLand, or anywhere in between, we currently have spots available to serve individuals in our programs. We welcome new participants and look forward to supporting our community with the care, resources, and opportunities Arc of Volusia is known for.

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## Daytona Beach Campus Menu & Calendar

### Monday

### Tuesday

### Wednesday

### Thursday

### Friday

02 Chicken Salad Sandwich, Chips, Drink & Dessert	03 Pizza with Salad Drink & Dessert	04 Ham Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Bread, Drink & Dessert	05 Pancake, sausage, hashbrown, Drink& Dessert	06 Cheeseburger, Fries, Drink & Dessert
09 Nuggets, Fries Drink & Dessert	10 Pizza with Salad Drink & Dessert	11 Tuna Noodle, Broccoli, Bead, Drink & Dessert	12 Beef Stroganoff, Green Beans, Bread, Drink, & dessert	13 Pizza, Drink & Dessert Valentines Dance
16 Chili Cheese Dogs, Potato Wedges, Drink & Dessert	17 Pizza with Salad Drink & Dessert	18 Nuggets, Fries, Drink, & Dessert	19 Steak Taco, Refried Beans, Yellow Rice, Drink & Dessert	20 Bacon Cheeseburger, potato wedges, Drink, Dessert
23 Tuna Sandwich, Chips, Drink & Dessert	24 Pizza with Salad Drink & Dessert	25 Twice Baked Potato, Salad, Bread, Drink, & Dessert	26 Baked Ziti, Salad, read, Drink, & Dessert	27 BBQ Bacon Burger, Fries, Drink, Dessert

### Daytona Beach Outings & Activities

**Wednesday 2/4**  
Bowling \$10

**Friday 2/6**  
Super Bowl Party

**Tuesday 2/10**  
Cooking with Matt

**Wednesday 2/11**  
Bowling \$10

**Friday 2/13**  
Valentines Dance

**Wednesday 2/18**  
Bowling \$10

**Friday 2/20**  
Daytona Flea Market

**Tuesday 2/24**  
Cooking with Matt

**Wednesday 2/25**  
Bowling

**Friday 2/27**  
Cracker Barrel \$20

### 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

### Snacks

Assorted Snacks  
(selection varies)  
Soda, Juice, Gatorade

### Daily Breakfast Choices

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

### DeLand Outings & Activities

**Monday 2/9**  
Chisholm Center  
Picnic Lunch

**Tuesday 2/10**  
Hontoon Island

**Thursday 2/12**  
Hontoon Island

**Monday 2/16**  
Bowling \$3

**Tuesday 2/17**  
Cici's Pizza \$7

**Wednesday 2/18**  
Gillespie Museum

**Friday 2/20**  
Deland Veterans  
Museum

**Tuesday 2/24**  
Papa Johns \$8

**Friday 2/27**  
Farm

## DeLand Campus Menu & Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
02 Beanie Weanie, Garlic Bread, Drink & dessert.	03 Pizza with Salad Drink & Dessert	04 Turkey Pot Pie, Bread, Drink, & Dessert	05 Fried Burrito, Drink, & Dessert	06 Western Burger, Potato Wedges, Drink & Dessert
09 Chicken Salad Sandwich, Chips, Drink & Dessert	10 Pizza with Salad Drink & Dessert	11 Ham Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Bread, Drink & Dessert	12 Pancake, sausage, hashbrown, Drink& Dessert	13 Cheeseburger Fries, Drink & Dessert
16 Nuggets, Fries Drink & Dessert	17 Pizza with Salad Drink & Dessert	18 Tuna Noodle, Broccoli, Bead, Drink & Dessert	19 Beef Stroganoff, Green Beans, Bread, Drink, & dessert	20 Pizza, Drink & Dessert
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