

Events at The Arc

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Upcoming Events:

Mock Caucus:

Monday, January 8th at 1:00; Collegiate United Methodist Church in the auditorium

Basketball dates:

Districts: February 3rd at the MidAmerican RecPlex

State: March 8-9th in Iowa City

Valentine's Day Dance:

Thursday, February 8th at the Moose Lodge in Ames

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State: March 8-9th in Iowa City

Project SEARCH Information Night:

January 24th, 5:30 p.m via Zoom

Congratulations to Josh Dobbs!

Josh is being inducted into The Iowa Special Olympics Hall of Fame.

Only four athletes were chosen this year from around the state and our own Josh Dobbs was one them!

Josh will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the annual banquet on December 7th.



A Letter From The Director:

This time of year, The Arc has much to be thankful for. We have generous support from our donors; countless hours given through our volunteers; and new athletes/self-advocates attending our programs every week.

A Special Thank You to:

- ~Lynn White
- ~The Underwood Family Foundation
- ~NAI Electrical Contractors

We have scheduled our second Mock Caucus event with the support of The League of Women Voters; we will be the recipients of Georges Niang fundraising events; and we are exploring community space for our growing programs.

Hopefully, most of you received our [Annual Membership Form](#) in the mail. If not, it is linked here and on our website. I hope you will take this opportunity to join The Arc in making your voices heard through our membership. During the Holiday Season more than ever, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress possible. And in this spirit, we say simply but sincerely, Thank You and Best Wishes for the

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Athlete Spotlights:

Joel Campbell



How long have you been participating in The Arc activities?

Since we moved to Ames in 2016.

What activities do you participate in?

My favorite activity is softball. I attend the ice cream socials. I am a graduate of Project Search. I love the Unified Fest during ISU Greek Week. It is really fun to try new sports there and hang out with ISU students. I like to play kickball at Miracle Park. I have been to Principal Park for an I-Cubs game with my teammates.

What do you like best about the Active LifeStyles program?

I love playing with my great teammates and working with great coaches. I get to continue playing my favorite sport of softball.

Camille Geary-Shen



How long have you been participating in The Arc activities?

10 + years

What activities do you participate in?

Basketball, cycling, softball, our social dances, soccer, volleyball, kickball, and other social activities.

What do you like best about the Active LifeStyles program?

Friends, Fun, Coaches!

Board Spotlight: Kathy Wellik

What is your Day Job?

I am a Senior Success Manager at Agil Fleet Inc. My job entails traveling around to higher education institutions in the United States and Canada to assist them with implementing best practices to right size their fleets. I also teach fleet certificating classes and help client to be successful.



What interested you about being on The Arc Board?

When I was the fleet director at Iowa State University, I was involved in Project SEARCH and it is near and dear to my heart. My husband is also a State Officer for the Iowa Knights of Columbus which is a proud supporter of Special Olympics. I love The Arc, all that it stands for, the people it helps and I like to help in any way I can to make the world a better place.

Where would you like to see The Arc in five years?

I would like to see The Arc continue to expand its services. Hopefully, that will include a new building that would offer many opportunities for our clients that we serve.

Board Spotlight: David Orth

What is your Day Job?

I own a non-profit consulting business call Spirited Giving.

What interested you about being on The Arc Board?

I worked for Special Olympics Iowa for eight years and became acquainted with The Arc through their sponsorship of teams competed in various competitions. I appreciate all The Arc does for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. I enjoyed my first term on the board and am looking forward to serving again.

Where would you like to see The Arc in five years?

It would be great if The Arc were still doing all of the activities we are currently doing and hopefully adding even more participants. The possibility of having our own facility with offices, a kitchen and a gymnasium is an exciting goals.



Project Search Information Night Flyer

Project SEARCH 2024 Information Night

Tuesday, January 24th, 2024
5:30 PM – 6:15 PM



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ABOUT US

The Arc of Story County, in partnership with Iowa State University and Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services, is hosting a Project SEARCH Information Night to learn more about the program.

Come learn how young adults with disabilities can become involved in this unique employment internship training program. For adults age 18-30.

LEARN ABOUT PROJECT SEARCH BENEFITS SUCH AS:

- Internship training experiences within Iowa State University
- Competitive, transferable, and marketable job skills
- Increased independence, confidence, and self-esteem
- Individualized coaching, direct instruction, and feedback daily
- Building relationships with Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services and other partners

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The George Niang Golf Outing

The Arc of Story County has been chosen by Georges Niang to be the benefactor of the Trivia Night and Golf Tournament sponsored by Georges!!

We are so fortunate to have this opportunity to spread community awareness about what The Arc does and raise significant funds at the same time!

Mark your calendars!



- Thursday, July 25th; Trivia Night - Sukup End Zone
- Friday, July 26th; Golf Outing - Ames Country Club

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