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ANNUAL REPORT



*Having fun in the sun on
Seneca Lake!*

The Arc of Schuyler Believing in our Dreams

The news media has been warning us of tough times ahead. Economic growth has slowed and fiscal problems seem imminent on the federal and state levels. Government officials are reviewing past promises and making choices about what they will support and where funds will be cut.

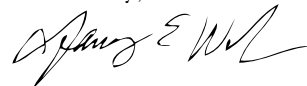
With government funding serving as a backbone for the safety net of supports and services provided by The Arc of Schuyler, our agency must continue to move forward in the face of such a grim forecast. We cannot turn back the clocks and ignore people with disabilities who want and need to be active, contributing, and fully included members of our community. People with disabilities and their families won't stand for that; they have waited too long.

The Arc's vision calls us to do what is necessary to realize the dream of full inclusion for every person with a developmental disability. This requires creativity in our thinking and our ability to adapt and change as the environment around us changes. A major focus of our efforts needs to be to build The Arc of Schuyler Endowment Fund, designed to strengthen our organization so that tough times do not make our organization and those we serve vulnerable to government cutbacks.

For 30 years, The Arc of Schuyler has made a difference in the lives of people with disabilities by listening to their dreams and creating opportunities to enable them to reach their potential. In times like these, it hits home how your charitable gifts, regardless of size, help us to keep their dreams alive by filling the gaps when public funding falls short. Through ongoing education about the power of endowment, our goal is to encourage a new level of giving that will help to minimize our reliance on government funding and secure our vision of full inclusion.

As I look back on this past year, I want to give special thanks to all of those individuals, businesses, and organizations listed in this Annual Report that chose The Arc of Schuyler as the recipient of their charitable giving. Knowing that others share in our vision and value our mission is a dream come true for the many people whose lives have been touched by your generosity.

Sincerely,



James E. Wilson
Executive Director



A Lifetime of Support Makes a Difference

Learning that your child has a disability can turn your life and your plans upside down. There are so many new things you need to learn as a parent because you want only the best for your child, as well as your whole family. Yet each day can present you with new challenges and fears to overcome.

As the mother of two children with disabilities, Kathy, 52, and Kristine, 33, having others to talk to who were familiar with my situation and willing to help was crucial to keeping my family together. I realized that my family and my children would need a lifetime of support, which is why organizations like The Arc of Schuyler are so important to me. I know that they will be there to provide supports to families like ours for the long term because from the top down, everyone at The Arc cares deeply about people with disabilities and will do everything in their power to help them enjoy happy and fulfilling lives. It is all that a parent in my shoes could hope for, and more.

As a parent, I too have gained so much. I have had the privilege to meet many families that have the same dreams for their sons, daughters, sisters and brothers with developmental disabilities that I do for my two daughters, and we have drawn strength and wisdom from each other. Families like ours no longer have to fear having our family members sent away to institutions because we cannot provide all of the care ourselves. It is comforting to know that right here in Schuyler County there are a variety of supports available through The Arc to help us keep our families close and together.

I am honored to be of service to The Arc of Schuyler as president of its board of directors because I am grateful for all that they have done for my daughters, my family and other families in our community. I am also grateful to all of you because your donations help me feel secure that the promise of a lifetime of supports will be fulfilled for the families that depend on that promise, every day.

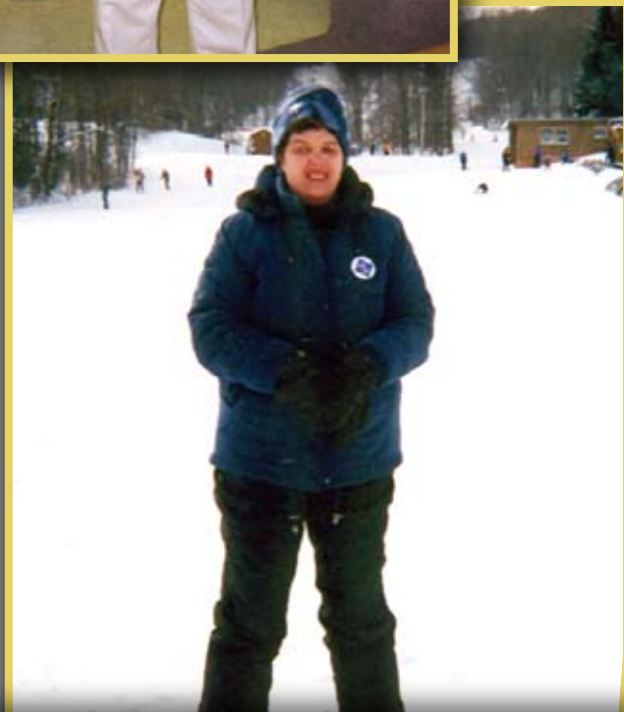
Sincerely,



Shirley Kohena
President
The Arc of Schuyler Board of Directors

Embracing Potential. Every Day.

A day in the life of The Arc of Schuyler



COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES

Individual pathways to success

The Arc of Schuyler offers a variety of services tailored to meet the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities living at home or in one of our community residences, as well as the needs of their families. Some of these services also are available to other populations or to people without developmental disabilities in our community on a limited, contractual basis with various local human service and health organizations.

Individual/Family Support

Service Coordination is a person centered planning approach, designed to help individuals get necessary services and supports, based on their needs and desires.

Service Units Provided: 850 monthly

Family Support Services include in-home **respite** to provide a break for caregivers, **recreation** opportunities for socialization, and **family reimbursement** to help with expenses specifically related to the care of a family member with a disability living at home.

Service Units Provided: 2769 hours; 57 transactions for family reimbursement

Home Care provides hands-on help for bathing, dressing, meal preparation/feeding, and household and other types of chores to relieve the primary caregiver.

Service Units Provided: 371 hours

Day Habilitation assists adults with disabilities to acquire, retain or improve self-help, socialization, and adaptive skills and to help develop motor skills.

Service Units Provided: 15,079 days

Guardianship Services ensure that people over 18 years of age with developmental disabilities have someone to act on their behalf and in their best interest, without removing the person's other civil or legal rights.

Guardianship: Provide primary guardianship for three people and alternate stand by guardianship for 3 people.

Transportation is an integral part of bridging supports available to people with developmental disabilities.

Service Units Provided: 22,003 days

Employment

Transitional Employment (School to Work) provides prevocational and work-study services for students at least 14 years of age through The Arc's vocational training program, Glen Industries.

Service Units Provided: 544 hours

Prevocational services prepare individuals for the production and social relationship workplace demands.

Service Units Provided: 4,665 days

Work Activities Center provides paid employment and vocational training services for individuals who need a little extra support before applying for community job placement and/or supported employment.

Service Units Provided: 1,461 days

Supported Employment provides staff and/or material supports for a person to obtain or retain employment in an integrated setting.

Service Units Provided: 242 monthly supported employment units

Residential

Intermediate Care Facility Services are highly individualized residential services designed to help people reach their maximum independence through holistic clinical oversight and consultation.

Service Units Provided: 8030 days

Individualized Residential

Alternatives provide periodic or 24-hour home-based training and supervision for the acquisition, retention and improvement of a host of daily living, safety and adaptive skills.

Service Units Provided: 372 monthly units

Community Residential Services

provided in a person's home focus on health skills training, socialization skills training, community skills training and functional skills training.

Service Units Provided: 803 days

Individual Support Services

supplement the needs of individuals who are living on their own but may need some limited financial and staff supports to retain their independent living.

Service Units Provided: 426 days

2007 DONORS

Your support makes a difference.

The donor listings reflect gifts received January 1, 2007–December 31, 2007. Please accept our apologies for any names that have been misspelled or excluded in this Annual Report. If you have a correction for our records, please contact Misty Jones at (607) 535–6934. Thank you.

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In Memoriam: Don Warren

Ethel Warren will always remember the day that she received a call from The Arc of Schuyler asking if she would like her late son, Donny, to relocate from the Craig Developmental Center in Sonyea, NY near Mt. Morris, to a community residence in Watkins Glen. "I couldn't believe it. It was such good news to hear that he could come home and be close to family," she said.

At a time when attitudes were changing about how to best care for people with developmental disabilities, Don, who had been at Craig, a state run institution for people with developmental disabilities, for over 20 years was one of the first to transition to a residence in Schuyler County in the early 1980's.

Although Don had experienced brain damage and tubersclerosis, which left him severely disabled at an early age, he faithfully attended The Arc's day program on 12th Street and participated in many outings and activities. He especially loved to bowl on Saturdays, and to stop by and visit his mom's house for lunch.

"I was so thankful. Everyone at The Arc worked with him to help him

reach his potential, and in the last four years especially he'd had more of a life than he'd ever had," Ethel added. "He truly found success and happiness."

Charmaine Wade, a key employee at Don's home on Canal Street in Montour Falls, remembers him as a wonderful guy with a great personality. "He was always happy, smiling and supportive," she said. "Regardless of how you felt on your way to work, Don would be so happy to see you and make you feel like a superstar when you arrived."

Ethel recalls that many people at The Arc, like Charmaine, made a difference in Don's life. "There was Jan, Donny's nurse, and Mary and Karen, who worked at the house," she noted. "They always went beyond what they had to do, and always with a smile. Donny's friend and housemate, Joan, could always make him smile and bounce back if he got down. When he was happy you could see it in his eyes. He had beautiful blue eyes."

"His family was wonderful, too," Charmaine said. "Don loved it when his mother came to visit, and he

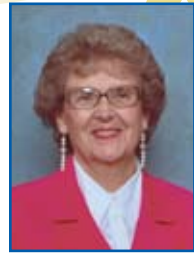


also enjoyed going to her house for lunch. We did, too, because she is a wonderful cook."

Don passed away on March 12, 2008 at the age of 56 after a long illness. His family and friends at The Arc will remember him with fondness and love. Remembrances in Donald Warren's name can be made to The Arc of Schuyler, 203 Twelfth Street, Watkins Glen, NY 14891.

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Mission Statement

The Arc of Schuyler is committed to securing for all people with developmental disabilities the opportunity to choose and realize their goals of where and how they learn, live, work and play. This is accomplished by creating an environment of independence, productivity and integration through individualized services.

The Arc is further committed to reducing the incidents and limiting the consequences of developmental disabilities through education, research, advocacy and the support of family, friends and community.

Through the successful pursuit of quality and justice, The Arc provides leadership in the field of disabilities and develops the necessary human and financial resources to attain its goals.

The Arc also provides community leadership by participating in a wide variety of activities that make our region a better place to live for all citizens.

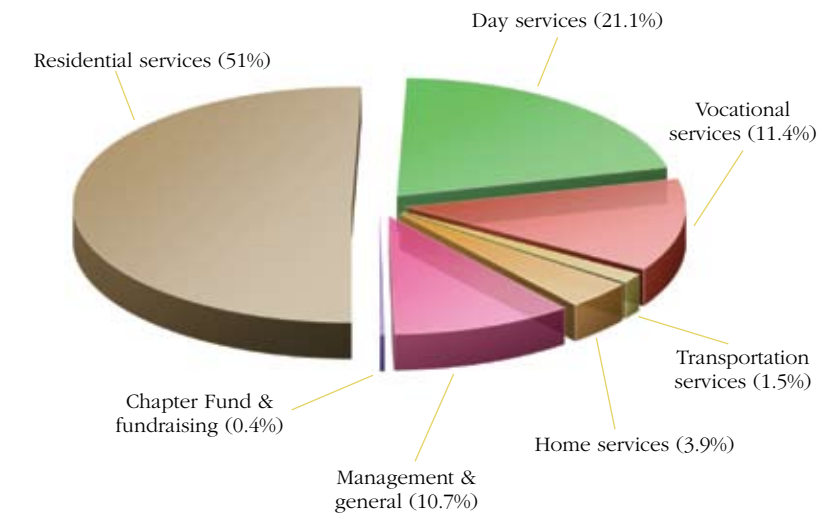
FINANCIAL INFORMATION 2007

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2007

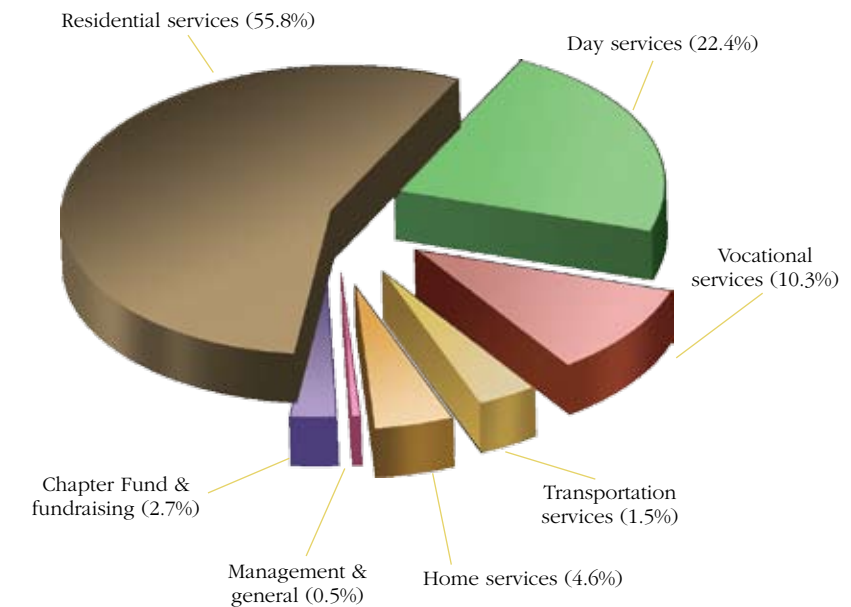
Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets as of December 31, 2007

REVENUE & SUPPORT	
Revenue	7,838,355
Support	69,232
TOTAL REVENUE & SUPPORT	\$7,907,587
EXPENSES	
Program	\$6,817,886
Support	\$844,514
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,662,400
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS BEFORE PRIOR INCOME (EXPENSE)	245,187
PRIOR YEAR INCOME	90,651
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	335,838
NET ASSETS - beginning of year	2,562,847
NET ASSETS - end of year	\$2,898,685

TOTAL EXPENSES BY PROGRAM



TOTAL REVENUES BY PROGRAM



The Arc of Schuyler is a Chapter of NYSARC, Inc. The Arc is a 501(c) (3) tax exempt organization. A copy of our annual financial report may be obtained upon request from The Arc's main offices, 203 Twelfth Street, Watkins Glen, NY 14891, or the New York State Attorney General's Charities Bureau, Attn: FOIL Officer, 120 Broadway, New York, NY 10271. Additional information can be accessed by visiting Guidestar at www.guidestar.org.

Holiday Celebration Becomes Family Tradition

What started as a small get together twelve years ago to bring people together during the holiday season has grown to be a “can’t miss” family event for those whose lives have been touched by The Arc. This past December, over 350 people came together at our Holiday Celebration to be with family and friends, give thanks, share stories and welcome in the New Year. A wonderful meal served by Carole Bower Catering, entertainment by the Twelfth Street Players, and music were all part of the evening festivities at the Watkins Glen Community Center.

We would like to thank the following long-term supporters who help to make The Arc’s Holiday Celebration a success:

Paul Titus • Cargill, Inc. • Village of Watkins Glen • Carole Bower Catering

As this holiday tradition grows in size, so too does our need for financial support to keep it going. Can we add your name to the list of supporters for The Arc’s Annual Holiday Celebration Party? Please contact Jeannette Frank, Assistant Executive Director if you would like more information about this event and how you can become an individual or business supporter. Thank you!



Top: Marie Scott and Bill Berry present Paul Titus with a gift in appreciation of his many years of support. Left: Roger Padgett and Margaret Robbins enjoying the party.

Golf Tournament Raises Green

The Arc of Schuyler’s 7th Annual Golf Tournament raised over \$17,500 for our educational and recreational programs and to provide general operational support.

“It was beautiful weather and everyone had a great time,” said Dave Dalrymple of Reading, event chairperson. “We’re already planning for next year.”

The Arc would like to thank its major sponsors of the tournament: The Bonadio Group, Montour Pharmacy, and Chemung Canal Trust. In addition, many other business

Top: Tom Harrison, announces the rules of play. Right: Dave Dalrymple, Tournament Chair and John Mariano, Honorary Chair, draw door prize winners.



Ways of Giving

The Arc of Schuyler needs and welcomes any size contributions from individuals, businesses and organizations to ensure the continuation of our programs and services. Donors can designate how their gift is used to reflect their wishes, or can entrust The Arc to determine the use. In addition,

contributions may be made in a lump sum or pledged over time.

Planned Giving ensures that your legacy of giving to The Arc endures and should be done in consultation with an attorney or trust officer. Among the many options to consider are:

- Bequests
- Gifts of real estate, stock, securities, cash
- Life insurance
- Charitable Remainder Trust

Special Gifts provide funds for special programs or specific purchases that are not included in the operating budget.

Gifts-in-Kind are any article that does not carry a professional appraisal or is a service that is donated to The Arc.

Tribute Gifts provide the opportunity to remember or honor a family member, friend or loved one. An acknowledgement will be sent to those the donor wishes to notify about the gift.

Matching Gifts provide the opportunity for a donor’s gift to be doubled if their employer participates in this program. Donor must submit the employer’s matching gift form.

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