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MAKING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL, OR REVOCALE LIVING TRUST

Setting up your estate plan can be a daunting task. The steps seem very steep but they need not be. You can provide for the future of family and your favorite charity very easily.

Naming The Arc as a beneficiary of your will or revocable living trust is simple and is a great way to provide greatly needed support for the future. The support that will sustain The Arc's vital work on behalf of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). These gifts call for careful planning with the help of an estate planner. Of course, you will want to provide first for those individuals close to you, but making a gift to The Arc in your will or trust is not as difficult as one might think.

If you wish to include The Arc, there are several ways to make a bequest:

- A residual bequest of the remainder of your estate after you have made specific bequests;
- A percentage bequest listing the percentage of your estate you wish to leave to The Arc;
- A specific bequest of an amount of money or an asset;

- A contingent bequest naming The Arc as the recipient in case another beneficiary does not survive you.

Gifts earmarked for The Arc's general purposes allow us to use the funds where they are most needed. A bequest to The Arc that is not restricted to funding a specific project gives us the flexibility to fund projects as emergencies arise or as priorities change over the years.

If you have a family member with a disability, then estate planning is even more important. We recommend that you seek the advice of a special needs attorney that understands planning for individuals with disabilities and families; so that your plans will be written to protect your loved ones. The Arc recommends that you check out the Find a Professional section in The Arc's Center for Future Planning site (futureplanning.thearc.org/professionals/landing).

For more information about how you can support The Arc, please contact Planned Giving office, Manager of Planned Giving and Major Donors at plannedgiving@thearc.org or 202.600.3495.

Whichever type of bequest that you choose, we suggest that you use the following language to avoid any confusion:

"I hereby give, devise and bequeath to The Arc, a non-profit organization or its successor organization (Tax Identification 13-5642032) located at 1825 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006, _____ (specific amount, all or a % of) the residue of the property owned by me at death, real and personal, and wherever situated to be used for its general support and charitable purposes without restriction."



Ken Oakes
National Board Member for The Arc

“A planned gift made today can impact the Future of The Arc, and The Arc is why I’m in special education today”

A lifelong advocate for special education, Ken Oakes marks the start of his journey with The Arc at age 17 when he was a member of The Youth Arc in Erie, Pennsylvania. The Youth Arc was a program designed to get young people involved with the disability movement as volunteers. As a teenager, Ken never imagined that he would one day be on The Arc’s national board.

Coming from a family of educators, Ken always knew he wanted to be a teacher and his focus was on becoming a Social Studies teacher when he entered college. However, in his first semester, that plan took a sharp turn when he was late registering for a course and the only available option was placement special education in a segregated school. Ken’s experiences at this school, located in the basement of an old church, opened his eyes to a career in special education. This path, along with his work with The Youth Arc, was the start of a lifelong passion for special education and advocating for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

During college, and inspired by his work with The Youth Arc, Ken worked at the Barber National Institute affiliated with The Arc of Erie County. He became active in the local Arc chapter and a strong advocate for kids with disabilities and in need of special education. A career opportunity with the State of Pennsylvania took Ken to the state capital

in Harrisburg to work for the Bureau of Special Education. He volunteered with The Arc of Pennsylvania, where he later became president, advocating for and promoting inclusion and meaningful transition to adult life for all students in Pennsylvania.

After moving to Philadelphia, he became the Director of Special Education for the school district of Philadelphia, continuing his efforts to enhance inclusion for students. He was inspired by a friendship with leaders of The Arc of Philadelphia to become involved in their efforts.

After retiring from public education, he joined the board of The Arc of Philadelphia and eventually becoming the President.

Now an Adjunct Professor in the School of Graduate Studies at Chestnut Hill College, Ken credits his advocacy work at all levels of The Arc with making him a better teacher, administrator and leader.

As a member of The Arc’s national board, after 41 years, Ken is still working toward the same goals that he started with as a special education major: to ensure that inclusive education is ingrained in the education system. To provide a smooth transition to adult life and work. “All parents have big dreams for their kids, including parents of children with disabilities. We want them to keep those dreams.

We want them to dream big. Becoming involved with The Arc at all levels is a way to make those dreams a reality.”

Advocating for special education is truly Ken’s passion and his work with The Arc at all levels has inspired him to make a gift to The Arc through his estate. “A planned gift made today will impact the future of The Arc and the people that we serve. The Arc is why I am a lifelong educator.” he says.

For more information about making a planned gift to The Arc, please contact Planned Giving office at 202.600.3495 or via email at plannedgiving@thearc.org



THE ARC@SCHOOL

School is back in session and The Arc@School is ready. The Arc@School is on a mission to increase the capacity of our nationwide network of chapters to provide individual advocacy that helps students with I/DD maneuver the ins and outs of our public education system.

Now in its second year, The Arc@ School was established to ensure that students with I/DD obtain the special education services they need to graduate from high school and pursue post-secondary education and/or employment.

**To learn more about The Arc@School visit:
thearcatschool.org**

Throughout this publication the term intellectual and developmental disabilities may be replaced with the acronym: I/DD.

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