

## Vocational Rehabilitation Grant Awarded

Thanks to Federal Stimulus monies allocated to Vocational Rehabilitation, The Arc has been awarded \$100,000 to support people requiring additional employment assistance. Multiple classes will be created to help structure skills and make each individual marketable in possibly more than one set field, as well as provide paid internship or job training for the employer to ensure that the job is a match without any significant impact to that business. This entire grant is designed around each individual to enhance and capture gainful employment within the Guilford County Area.

### How does it work?

It begins by creating relationships with employers in high demand in the High Point area and employers in fields that are continually growing like healthcare, education and technology. Once an employer has been identified

as a partner in this process they will also agree to a class structure and education model reinforced by the second stage of job sampling through the program of potential employees and on to a four to six week internship program with at least one participant in the program. The Arc of High Point will utilize grant funds to pay for the entire internship training process. Partnerships will focus on long term employment by teaming with employers looking for employees interested in full time, long term employment with marketable skills in specific fields.

The goal is to put money back into our communities while finding and maintaining employment for the people within the grant program. Most importantly for our community, this grant will incorporate a four to six week paid internship program to follow each potential intern and participant in this program. Employers will enter into this process with the goal that the intern will

be able to achieve successful employment with their company in a current open position or one that will be carved out specifically for the individual participating in the internship process.

While the program gets off the ground July 1, staff are now undergoing training and the planning process in well-underway to ensure successful outcomes for the individuals supported, as well as the employers in our community. For more information, call 883-0650 x224 (Peter Tyler, Director of Programs)

*"This grant will allow us to provide on the job training through internship programs with established employers in Guilford County and extend additional monetary support to employers who hire people in this program if individuals move into long term positions."*

## Summer time and the living is easy...

Summer program will begin on June 21 and conclude August 20. We are currently full but accepting children for the waiting list. We are currently seeking a musical person to come and volunteer to sing with the children once a week. No professional experience required, just a creative person who can make music and movement fun for our kids. Open to any day or time. We are

also looking for a new name for the Special Touch Learning center. The name is outdated and we want to have a more up to date name that will show our inclusive and open philosophy without advertising that our children have developmental disabilities. We welcome your suggestions! Please contact Kara McCann at (336) 883-0650 x 226 or email [kmccann@arc-of-hp.com](mailto:kmccann@arc-of-hp.com).



Summer camp participants enjoy arts and crafts, as well as field trips.

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**Annual Meeting of The Arc**

**Message from the Executive Director...**

There were two primary focus areas for The Arc of High Point, Inc. in 2009: surviving economic strife and improving on quality through achieving national accreditation.

This year, along with our Nation, we have faced many challenges. The Nation and State continue facing economic hardships that have translated to trying times for all businesses and industries. This is no different for the non profit arena. As government budgets are hit hard, those deficits are often made up for in the form of funding cuts to public services. For The Arc of

High Point, that has meant funding cuts of \$70,000 this past year. Our challenge has been to not only survive in the face of potentially devastating cuts, but to survive while still holding our mission at the center of our focus with the continued goal of improving the lives of the people we support.

In addition to maintaining focus on our mission through funding adversity, we took it a step further and challenged ourselves to achieve National Accreditation. At last year's annual meeting we announced this goal and are proud to share that in September we achieved National Accreditation through The Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL). This

process asked people to define quality in their own lives and how well we, as support providers, are meeting the expectations of the people we support. We couldn't be more proud of this accomplishment and what it means to the lives of everyone involved with The Arc. We are deeply proud of all of our staff and volunteers for their commitment to helping people live the lives that they choose.

**...Tonya Fowler**

*"It is an absolute privilege to be invited into someone's life to support them in achieving their goals. And to do this in a year while we faced our own barriers and challenges makes us proud and honored by the over 160 people who privilege us with this honor every day... for that we are eternally grateful."*



Patricia Quick accepts the Employee of the Year Award from Executive Director Tonya Fowler

Heart and Soul Singers, led by volunteer director Donna Wilson, entertained the audience.



Long-time choir member David Carver received this year's Spirit Award.



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| Community Media                          | High Point Enterprise                              |
| Earl Allen Employee:                     | Stacie Quick, Liberty Steakhouse                   |
| Joan Stultz Award                        | Marcus Harvey                                      |
| <i>(Outstanding Case Manager)</i>        |  |
| Leadership Award:                        | High Point Bank                                    |
| Parent Volunteer:                        | Paige Wilhoit                                      |
| Deborah Greenblatt Distinguished Service | Dr. Bill Milner, Access Dental                     |
| <i>(Promoting rights/services)</i>       |  |
| Professional of the Year                 | Sherry Paul, High Point Parks & Recreation         |
| Inclusive Community Award                | Highland Baptist Church                            |
| Employer of the Year:                    | Ham's (Palladium Location)                         |
| Teacher of the Year:                     | Sue Tracy, Ferndale Middle School                  |
| Bill Sackter Award:                      | Arlene Burke                                       |
| Volunteer of the Year:                   | Kim Bauman, Wyatt Early Harris & Wheeler Attorneys |



Arlene Burke accepts the Bill Sackter Self-Determination Award, recognizing a self-advocate who is an achieving, included member of their community.

One Vision Aktion Club President Bill Thomas leads the Installation Ceremony for new and returning Board Members.



# Fifth Annual Silent Art Auction

A crowd of art lovers gathered at Swaim Design Center May 6th to enjoy good food, fellowship, and of course, art. Participants in the Creative Expressions Art, studio along with community artists, exhibited paintings, photography, jewelry, folk-art, and pen and ink artwork.

Studio artists look forward to this annual event, which provides an opportunity to be recognized for their talents as an artists, as well as the anticipation of receiving a check for the sale of their art. Community members mingled with the artists and their families, creating common ground between people of ALL abilities.



"Bird in Blossoms" artist Blake Henkel

Thanks to Bob Postma, our studio artist/instructor, who nurtures the artistic talent in individuals, some of whom had never held a paintbrush before coming to the studio. With his gentle guidance, people realize their gifts and talents.

*If you were unable to attend and are interested in a "private showing," call 883-0650 x230.*

*MUCH gratitude for our wonderful volunteer pool, without whom this event would not have been possible: particularly Paige Wilhoit and Joann McDowell, Committee (and Board) members, caterers, raffle tickets sellers, cheerleaders extraordinaire!*



The Meltons enjoy the festivities.

Raffle Tickets Winners:

**Grand Prize:**

One night stay at the Great Wolf Lodge/Indoor Waterpark:

**Jenny Manning**

**Second prize:** "Lost Boat Found" Giclee by artist Bill Scherbak (16x20 framed): **Judy Carter**

**Third Prize:** Collection of art goodies (reproductions of art created in the Creative Expressions Art Studio

- Tote bag
- Mousepad
- Set of notecards
- "The Spirit Can Still Fly"
- Set of 4 coasters

Winner: **Don Shaw**

*Thanks to all who participated in the **Human Race:** Over \$4,000 was raised to support people and programs through The Arc!!!*

**Party on the Plank...and you're invited!**

Eight students from the Creative Expressions Art Studio have had their art selected for inclusion in the POP Art Show at the High Point Library June 24th. Join these artists; Josh Chaney, Jessica Driscoll, Blake Henkel, Denise Hinson, Julie Frazier, Elizabeth Larrimore, Kim Smith, and Sierra Thorpe as they exhibit their paintings.

Party on the Plank promises music, merchandise, art, food and more Thursdays beginning June 3-July 8, from 5:30pm-8:30pm, at the High Point Library Parking Lot and N. Elm Street. For more information, go to

[www.Partyontheplank.com](http://www.Partyontheplank.com).

**PARKING:**

**Passengers** in vehicles of any kind **must be dropped off at the Legislative Bldg.** The driver will then be able to park the car or van at the NC State Fairgrounds (**Gate 9**) and get bused back to the Legislature. The shuttle will run from 8:00am-2:00pm

PLEASE NOTE: Lunch will not be provided - popcorn will be served as refreshments.

**The Coalition Legislative Advocacy Day and Rally**  
**June 1, 2010**  
**PLEASE JOIN US!!**

COME TO RALEIGH AND JOIN FELLOW COALITION ADVOCATES!!  
ADVOCATE FOR BETTER FUNDING FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, SERVICES AND SUPPORTS.

**The Legislative Building,**  
**16 West Jones Street, Raleigh**

Registration will open at 8 am on the back portico of the Legislative Building. Participants can get information on the day's legislative committee meetings, the current budget proposal and begin visits with legislators. As part of the Advocacy Day, Coalition advocates will be conducting short trainings on effective ways to communicate your message to Legislators. Trainings will take place starting at 9:00 in the Legislative Bldg. auditorium (third floor). Volunteers will also be on hand in the auditorium from 8:30-12:30 with tips and techniques for making the most of your legislative visit. Popcorn will be available beginning at 11:00 am! For more information, go to [www.arc-of-](http://www.arc-of-)



**Members of the One Vision Aktion Club traveled to Raleigh last year for the Legislative Rally.**



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We want to hear from you! Please share your questions, concerns and suggestions with us. Email [tfowler@arc-of-hp.com](mailto:tfowler@arc-of-hp.com), fax 336.883.0653, or mail to: 153 E. Bellevue Drive, High Point NC 27265.



**Wingfest '10**  
**June 19, 10am-2pm**  
**Piedmont Triad**  
**Farmers Market**  
**Restaurants compete for**  
**the title of**  
**Best Wings in the Triad**

- FREE admission
  - LIVE entertainment
  - Contests
  - Prizes
  - Food and beverage available for fee
- See you there!**

**Enter to win:** "Lord of the Wings": competitive eating competition-amateurs only

**Baby Chick Crawl:** Diaper derby for ages one and under

**Best Clucker:** Can you cluck like a chicken???

**Nashville recording artist**



**Tammie Davis**



**Ross Copley Band**



**Come see the**  
**Kevin Harvick Show Car**  
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