All Aboard The Arc Arc of Greater Brockton Newsletter

Local and state officials joined The Arc of Greater Brockton team in celebrating the opening of our new Easton location. Among the attending: Arc of MA Director Leo Sarkissian, DDS Comissioner Jane Ryder, DDS Brockton Director Beth Moran Liuzzo, Representative Carol Doherty, DDS Regional Director Rick O'Meara, Easton Select Board Chairwoman Dotti Fulgniniti, Senator Walter Timilty.

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UPCOMING EVENT!

All Aboard The Arc \$10,000 Drawing and Reception

The Annual All Aboard The Arc event is returning this year with the \$10,000 Drawing and reception to be held on March 22nd at the Canoe Club in West Bridgewater. In addition to the \$10,000 drawing the reception will include appetizers, dinner, cash bar, raffles, silent auction, and performances by the AGB Young Men's Crew and Drums Alive.

Friday, March 22nd, 2024 | 6:00 – 9:00 PM Canoe Club Ballroom, 2 South St, W. Bridgewater



Tickets can be purchased online at www.arcofgreaterbrockton.org, or call (508) 583-8030 ext. 450

The Arc of Greater Brockton has sponsorship opportunities for individuals, organizations, and companies that would like to help make the All Aboard the Arc event a success. We offer varying levels of support, ranging from \$1,000-\$5,000 and each provides assorted benefits. Those benefits include the sponsor's name on promotional materials associated with the event, banners at the event, tickets to the event, and acknowledgments on social media.

Tickets: \$100

One entry for the \$10,000 Drawing and two entries for the Reception (a maximum of 500 tickets sold).

There are limited reception tickets, and advanced reservation to the March 22nd reception is required.



Scan here to reserve tickets online at The Arc of Greater Brockton website!

A New Day for Inclusion:

The Arc of Greater **Brockton Expands** Services with New **Easton Location!**

The Arc of Greater Brockton (AGB), has opened a new location in Easton, MA that will offer more services and programs for its participants and the community. This new building, located at 406 Turnpike Street, Easton, MA, is spacious, accessible, and features a variety of rooms and equipment for different purposes, such as art, music, fitness, and life skills. Participants will be able to enjoy a wide range of activities and programs that suit their interests and goals, as well as socialize with their peers and staff.

The new location will expand AGB's capacity to serve more individuals in the Day Habilitation and Community Based Day Supports programs as well as offer recreational programming during the afternoons and weekends. These events, such as movie nights, karaoke, bingo, dances, etc. will be open to the public and will provide brand new opportunities for fun and togetherness.

The new building is a response to a critical need in the area, as many day programs for people with disabilities have either consolidated services or closed their doors in the last year.

AGB will fill the gap to provide more options for individuals and families.

AGB celebrated the opening of its new location with a Grand Opening Ceremony in November 2023. The ceremony was attended by many participants, community and business leaders, other nonprofit leaders, government officials, and inclusion advocates. The event featured a speaking ceremony, tours of the facility, and a ribbon cutting. refer to the front cover for some of the speakers!

They praised AGB's efforts to provide quality services and opportunities for people with disabilities, and emphasized the importance of inclusion and community involvement. They also thanked the donors, sponsors, partners, and supporters who made the new building possible.

AGB's Executive Director Dean Rizzo said, "We are so proud of this new location, which will provide comprehensive Day Habilitation services and distinct support for sensory sensitive CBDS day program participants."



DDS Commissioner Jane Ryder



The newly opened facility, at 406 Turnpike St. in Easton.

"The greatest gift that you give to these participants every day, besides your love, is your acceptance. And that is so powerful, because it allows people to grow in ways that you've never even imagined. I've seen it in my Jim. I think you people have to be commended for what you've done. It touches my heart, and I cannot thank you enough."

—Dorothy Begin

AGB Awarded **Accreditation Achievements**

The Arc of Greater Brockton received the highest possible extensions from accreditation bodies for our three day programs in the Autumn of 2023.

Our Community Based Day Support Program and Employment Services which offer opportunities for socialization, recreation, employment, and community involvement, successfully completed the Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Quest Survey.

The Quest Survey is a comprehensive review of the quality, health, and safety of DDS-funded services, conducted by a team of trained surveyors. The surveyors use a set of standards that cover areas such as individual rights, service planning, health care, medication administration, staff qualifications, and physical environment. The program received a two-year extension on its accreditation, which is the maximum possible length.

"In the area of access and integration, individuals were encouraged to participate in a variety of activities that reflected their interests."

—DDS Review Team

Meanwhile, our Day Habilitation Program, which provides skill development, therapeutic interventions, and health monitoring, underwent the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) Survey. CARF is an independent, nonprofit organization that accredits health and human services providers based on internationally recognized standards of quality and outcomes.

The surveyors use a framework of standards that address business prac-



tices, program structure, and service processes for various areas of service delivery. The program received a three-year extension on its certification, which is the highest level of accreditation that CARF awards, and no small amount of praise from the surveyor.

In both cases, the surveyors said that they were particularly impressed by the renovations to our flagship Brockton location. The Arc of Greater Brockton has undergone an expansive \$1.3 million renovation project that increased the program space, purchased new equipment and improved accessibility at our 1250 Chestnut Street location. The surveyors remarked that our building looks welcoming and is a functionally effective

place for our programming.

What's more, the surveyors from both organizations effusively complimented the effectiveness of our staff-in particular, our direct support professionals. They were impressed by their hard work, dedication, as well as the compassion displayed in their interactions with the people they serve. We know full well how great our direct support staff is since we see them daily. That said, it was still quite affirming to hear it from the surveyors-since the effec-

tiveness of our direct support professionals is paramount to the mission. Beautiful buildings are great to have, but they're meaningless without a caring, dedicated, professional staff. That's why we're so thankful for our employees.

The AGB Team is proud of these achievements. We believe it demonstrates our commitment to providing excellent, evidence-based, and person-centered services to our participants. We can't thank our staff, board, families, volunteers, and community partners enough for their support and dedication.



The event was a huge success, with over 50 participants and employees joining the festivities. Everyone wore clothing with colors from the flag of their heritage, representing countries such as Brazil, Cape Verde, Haiti, India, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Portugal, Puerto Rico, and the United States.





of Greater Brockton (AGB) hosted a special event to celebrate Cultural Heritage Day, a day that recognizes and honors the cultural diversity of



There was also a potluck lunch, where everyone enjoyed cuisine from all different cultures, such as arroz baklava, corned beef and cabbage, empanadas, jerk chicken, lasagna, among other amazing dishes. The highlight of the event was the traditional music and dancing, which showcased the rich and varied cultural heritage of the AGB community. Everyone had a chance to join in the fun and learn some new moves from their peers and staff.

AGB Executive Director Dean Rizzo thanked everyone for participating. Dean heralded the event as a tribute to the fact that while we're certainly a diverse group, we also demonstrate tremendous unity and comaraderie.

The event not only celebrated diversity, but also shared information about one anothers' cultures to increase awareness and strengthen bonds among staff and participants. Heritage Day was more than just educational, it was also a fun time for all involved!

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the event, especially Sita Baker, Tracey Glynn, and Jean Haskell-Snow, who worked hard to make the decorations, prepare the food, and perform the music and dance.

Self Directed Employment Services

Are you looking for a job that matches your interests, skills, and abilities? Do you want to receive personalized support and guidance to achieve your employment goals? If you answered yes, then you may be interested in the Self-Directed Employment Services Program offered by The Arc of Greater Brockton.

AGB's Redemption Center: A Win-Win for the Environment and the Community

The Self-Directed Employment Services Program

is designed for individuals who may have a disability but do not receive any employment services funding from the Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services. These individuals can choose the areas of job coaching that they need, based on their own preferences and needs. Some of the job training skills that you can select include:

- Resume writing and editing
- Job searching and application
- Interview preparation and practice
- Dressing and grooming for success
- Communication and interpersonal skills
- Workplace etiquette and behavior
- Time management and organization
- Problem-solving and decision-making
- Self-advocacy and negotiation
- Career development and advancement



Nick, Customer Service Technician with the AGB Identogo Operation.

The Self-Directed Employment Services Program is part of the comprehensive Employment Services Program that The Arc of Greater Brockton operates for participants, offering placement assistance in local businesses and within their own internal business operations. Our dedicated staff assists adults with varying abilities to prepare for, achieve, and maintain meaningful employment in the community.

If you are interested in joining the Self-Directed **Employment Services Program please contact** Adam Belmore at (508) 583-8030 ext: 240 or abelmore@arcofgreaterbrockton.org!



The Arc of Greater Brockton is proud to operate a full-service Redemption Center, which takes Massachusetts redeemable cans and bottles and provides a refund of 5 cents per redeemable item. By doing so, we help divert millions of containers from the waste stream every year, saving energy, reducing emissions, and conserving natural resources. It also helps create a more economic and environmentally friendly mindset.

But our Redemption Center does more than just protect the environment. It also provides an employment opportunity for our participants, who are adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Our participants count, sort, and prepare the redeemable bottles and cans for return to larger distributors in the region, earning a paycheck and developing valuable skills. They also interact with the community, building positive relationships and promoting inclusion.

Our Redemption Center is led by Adam Belmore, our Director of Employment Services, and Mark Auger, our Assistant Director of Employment Services. They oversee the daily operations of the Redemption Center, ensuring quality service and safety for our participants and customers. The Redemption Center is staffed primarily by members of other AGB programs.



Helping Hand Resources at The Arc of Greater Brockton

The Arc of Greater Brockton Team understands that individuals and families can experience various hardships from time-to-time. We welcome the opportunity to provide assistance through our Friends of The Arc Helping Hand Fund and Family Support Giving Room. The Friends of The Arc Helping Hand Fund is available to cover the cost of an unexpected expense, support skill development, programs, and fees for recreation activities. An online application is available through our website at www.arcofgreaterbrockton.org.

Our Family Support Giving Room is open and stocked with non-perishable food items, personal hygiene items, and Personal Protection Equipment. Every month a new meal is featured where a family can pick up a recipe and all of the ingredients to prepare a meal for a family of four. The Giving Room is open 8:00 AM-4:00 PM Monday-Friday and Saturdays from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, as well as select early evenings. If you are not able to come to AGB please let us know and we can arrange for the delivery of items to your home, please call (508)-583-8030 ext. 241 for additional information and assistance. A special thank you to the United Way of Greater Plymouth County for their support of our AGB Giving Room.

Every year, Americans generate about 292.4 million tons of municipal solid waste, which is equivalent to 4.9 pounds per person per day. Some of this trash can be recycled or composted, a significant portion still ends up in landfills. This wastes valuable resources, and contributes to greenhouse gas emissions, water pollution, and habitat destruction.



"We're delighted to provide employment to so many of our participants that is beneficial to the community on so many different levels. We provide a service for them that helps create environmental consciousness."

Our Redemption Center is open to the public six days a week: Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, and Saturday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. It is located at 1250 West Chestnut Street in Brockton. You can bring your redeemable cans and bottles directly to our Redemption Center. You can also donate your bottles and cans here to support our organization and our mission.

We encourage people to establish accounts with our redemption center, which can be used to fund a non-profit organization of your choosing.

You can also learn more about our Redemption Center and other programs on our website or by contacting Adam Belmore at (508) 583-8030 ext: 240 or abelmore@arcofgreaterbrockton.org. Thank you for your support and participation!









At The Arc of Greater Brockton, we're more than the sum of our parts. Whether we're marching in a parade, exploring a new place, or simply having a good time with friends on a beautiful day outside, we demonstrate enthusiasm, creativity, and resilience! What's more, we always have fun. These photos capture the essence of that. We hope you enjoy this glimpse into the lives of our amazing participants. And we hope you'll join us in celebrating their achievements and aspirations. Don't be shy! Join us in the future for some of these fun outings.

Our Community Based Day Support, Day Habilitation and Recreation programs provide endless opportunities for learning and fun. You won't regret achieving with us!





















PROGRAM UPDATES

SUPPORT GROUPS

The Family Support Center provides numerous support groups for families and participants in the region.

Caregivers of School Age Kids:

Third Saturday of the month, 9:00-10:00 AM Contact: Ashley Santos at asantos@arcofgreaterbrockton.org or Tracey Glynn at tglynn@ arcofgreaterbrockton.org

Caregivers of 18+: First Thursday of the month, 10:00-11:30 AM

Grandparents Support Group: Second Tuesday of the month, 10:30-11:30 AM

Connecting Caregivers of Children: Third Tuesday of the month, 10:00-11:00 AM

Haitian Support:

Third Sunday of the month, 5:00 PM For more information, contact Eleonor Jean-Pierre at 508-583-8030, ext. 311

UPCOMING GROUPS:

Spanish-Speaking Caregivers Group: Resuming soon, Date TBD For questions, contact Aisha Boykin at aboykin@arcofgreaterbrockton.org

Caring for the Caregivers:

Coming this spring! The AGB Wellness program focuses on caregivers caring for themselves as they care for their loved ones movement, food discussions, and an all-around wellness guide. Contact: Tracey Glynn at tglynn@ arcofgreaterbrockton.org

Meetings are typically held at the AGB facility. For specific details contact Cathy Hickey at 508 583-8030 ext. 227 or chickey@arcofgreaterbrockton.org



Family Support Center

Feeling overwhelmed, confused, lost, and in need of support? Our family support team is a group of compassionate, nonjudgemental professionals waiting and willing to assist you navigate a wealth of information and resources available to you. What can we help with?

- SSI benefit counseling
- DDS service navigation •
- Help with DDS eligibility applications
- Help with MassHealth Application •
- **Recreational & Social Activities** •
- Family Events ٠
- Support Groups (bi-lingual groups offered) •
- Sibshops
- Spanish/Hattian/Cape Verdean/Portuguese outreach •
- Utility Resources
- Educational Family Training •

Do you want to learn more about our programs, events, and advocacy efforts?

We have accounts on Facebook, Twitter, Linkedin, and Youtube, where we post regular new, updates, and resources. Following us on social media is the best way to stay informed and engaged with The Arc of Greater Brockton. Don't miss this opportunity to join our online community and support our mission.



Members of the AGB Haitian Parent Support Group along with their children, gathered together to celebrate Christmas.



VACATION CAMP adventure.

Vacation Camps run for February, April, June, and December, Tuesday–Friday from 9 am to 3 pm for school-age kiddos. Kids must be 8 Yrs. to attend. \$20 per day activity fee; lunch is provided.





MUSICAL THEATRE

Our Winter Cabaret is in full swing and almost ready for production. Performances from our Young Men and Young Ladies' Crew, Dance Troupe, and Musical Theatre create a musical story of friendship. We are excited to be performing at the beautiful Bridge Center this March. Contact Tracey Glynn if you want to join this amazing group or are interested in tickets.

WEEKEND WARRIORS

Weekend Warriors (WW) has opened a second campus at our Easton location. We are so excited to announce our Weekend Warrior program has grown enough that we have added a second programming space.

WW is a 3 hour program from 10 am-1 pm on Saturdays for kiddos from 8-18 YRS. That promotes creativity, fun, community activities, and lasting friendships. Contact Tracey Glynn for details on how your child can become a warrior!



Spend your vacation with the AGB! Our campers have so much fun with their friends, experiencing exciting places in the community. Every day is a new





Annual Golf Tournament June 3rd, 2024 at Thorny Lea Golf Club



Recent Donations and Sponsorships to AGB

We rely on donations and generous contributions from individuals and organizations. Here are some organizations and people who helped the Arc of Greater Brockton fulfill its mission with recent financial contributions.

The Arc of Greater Brockton will be returning to Thorny Lea Golf Club in Brockton for its Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, June 3, 2024. The tournament has sold out the last two years, as 144 Golfers enjoyed an afternoon of great golf, skills competition, camaraderie and refreshments.

Thank you to last year's premium sponsors!

Partner Sponsor Dockendorff Family Foundation **Golf Cart Sponsor** A.I.M. Mutual Insurance Companies

Premium Sponsor South Shore Bank

Contributing Sponsor Rockland Trust Barbara and Michael Palladino **Putting Contest Sponsor**

Deacon Plumbing and Heating

Drink Cart Sponsor Fitzgerald Appraisals **Closest to the Pin Sponsors** The Mulvoy Family South Shore Plumbing and Gas Inspectors Association

Jay DeGrace, with Jack Zade and Dean Rizzo

Men's and Women's Drive Sponsors In Good Health Sysco

Sasin's Renew Titanium Sponsorship with a \$10,000 Donation

We are immensely grateful to Canton Residents Don and Dottie Sasin, who have donated \$10,000 once again to support AGB!

And another big Thank You to our 35 Hole Sponsors!

Congratulations to last year's contest winners!

Men's Closest to the Pin: Hole 9 George Barrows, Abington Knights of Columbus

Sysco Women's Closest to the Pin: Hole 9

Kathy Butters Town of Canton **Putting Contest Winner** Ryan Feeney, ASD Fit

Jane Brett,

Women's Longest Drive

Men's Longest Drive Jay DeGrace, City of Brockton Mayor's Office

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2023's Winning Foursome and AGB Executive Director Dean Rizzo. From left to right: Phil Tarallo, Norb Callahan, Rob Tarallo, Ted Maybry. The winning foursome was 19 under par on the day!



AGB participants thanking last year's golfers

Visit our website at www.arcofgreaterbrockton.com/golf-tournament/ for information, sponsorship, and to register.



Carchidi Family Donates \$5,000 as Platinum Sponsors

The Carchidis contributed \$5,000 to our Brockton renovation project, supporting the Day Habilitation Center expansion!

Thank You Recent Corporate and Family Sponsors!

United Way of Greater David Zade **Plymouth County** Titanium: \$15,431

Copper: \$600 The Lions Club of **Easton Foundation**

Dorchester Awning Co. Platinum: \$5,000

Copper: \$500

Gaston Electrical Silver: \$1,000

Joan's Dream Corp. Silver: \$1,000



PHCC of MA Donates \$10,000 to Become **Titanium Sponsor**

We received a generous donation of \$10,000 from the Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors Association of Massachusetts (PHCC of MA) last September. Thank you so much PHCC!



Ockers Renew Gold Sponsoship with \$3,500

The Ockers Company graciously donated \$3,500 from the proceeds of their 6th Annual Customer Appreciation Golf tournament to AGB last autumn!

Local Banks Support The Arc

We express our gratitude to our local banks: HarborOne and Abington Savings Bank donated \$2,500 to our Employment Services department. North Easton Savings Bank donated \$2,500 to purchase new technology for our participants. SCU credit union donated \$500 to AGB.

How You Can Make a Difference With The Arc of **Greater Brockton**

Disability rights are human rights. Everyone deserves to live a fulfilling and meaningful life, regardless of their challenges. Our goal is to help create a society where everyone is valued. That's why we offer a variety of services and resources to help people with disabilities achieve their goals and dreams.

We Offer:

- Advocacy and education on disability rights and issues
- Information and referral to local and state resources
- Family support
- Recreation and social activities
- Employment and vocational training

But we can't do it alone. We need everyone's help. Fortunately, there are so many ways you can #AchieveWithUs.

1. Become a Member

By becoming a member of The Arc of Greater Brockton, you support our organization and gain access to a network of services and resources through the national Arc and The Arc of Massachusetts. Membership is \$25 per year, and comes with many benefits, such as:

- Receiving our quarterly newsletter and other updates
- Getting discounts on AGB recreational events and merchandise
- Access to benefits from the National and State Arc

And more!

To join The Arc of Greater Brockton, please email rmoore@arcofgreaterbrockton.org.

2. Volunteer

If you want to make a difference in someone's life, why not volunteer at The Arc of Greater Brockton? We are always looking for additional volunteers to help us with various tasks and events, such as:

- Assisting with weekend and after-hours activities, such as bowling, movies, dances, etc.
- Helping with fundraising and outreach efforts, such as mailings, phone calls, social media, etc.
- Sharing your skills and talents, such as art, anime, music, sports, etc.

Volunteering with The Arc of Greater Brockton is rewarding and fun. You will meet new people and make a positive impact. Our volunteers say they get more out of volunteering than they give because it is such an uplifting experience. To become a volunteer, please call us at 508-583-8030 ext. 212

3. Make a Donation

Another way you can support The Arc of Greater Brockton is to donate money. No amount is too small or too large because every dollar counts. Your donation will help us provide essential services and programs to our members and the people we serve, such as:

- Transportation and accessibility
- Personal care and medical equipment
- Educational and recreational materials •
- Emergency and crisis assistance

You can donate online at www.arcofgreaterbrockton. org/donate/, or send a check or money order to 1250 West Chestnut Street, Brockton, MA, 02301. We also have various levels of individual and corporate sponsorship opportunities, which come with recognition and benefits. Please contact us 508-583-8030 ext. 212 for more information.

4. Lobby Your Representatives and Public Officials

Lastly, you can help improve the lives of people with disabilities by contacting your local, state, and federal officials and asking them to support legislation that will improve their lives and make our society more inclusive.

To find out more about relevant bills and initiatives, please follow us on social media—Facebook, Twitter, Youtube, Linkedin—and join our email list by emailing rmoore@arcofgreaterbrockton.

Thank you and we hope you'll #AchieveWithUs.

Celebrating New Staff, Recent Advancements and 2023 Milestones

Welcome New Staff!



Stacy Bolduc Case Manager Easton & Brockton Day Hab





Jaqueline Bourdeau Support Specialist Easton Day Hab





Jenna Buccella Support Specialist Brockton Day Hab



Elizabeth Corgain Support Specialist Brockton Day Hab





Ricardo DaCruz Assistant Director Easton Day Hab



Samuel DeCoste



Congratulations to these Team Members!



Tina Patricelli Brockton Day Hab Promoted to Assistant



Director of Day Hab Cindy Gray: **5th Anniversary**





Jamacia Lassegue: **5th Anniversary CBDS** Coordinator Brockton CBDS

Employment Services





Jossimara Fernandes Support Specialist Brockton Day Hab

Lisa Giusti Healthcare Support (RN) Easton Day Hab

Joseline Gomes Support Specialist Easton Day Hab

Rueben Gordon **CBDS** Coordinator Brockton CBDS

Sandra Grace Healthcare Support (LPN) Brockton Day Hab

Rocco Jeswald **CBDS** Coordinator Brockton CBDS



Joana Brandao: **10th Anniversary** Assistant Director Brockton CBDS

Jean Snow-Haskell: 35th Anniversary **Employment Specialist Employment Services**





Miranda Jean Support Specialist Easton Day Hab



Stavcee Landenberger Support Specialist Brockton Day Hab



Agwo Udo Support Specialist Easton Day Hab



Russell Moore Director of Development and Events



Sonia Walrond Director of Finance

Board Member Acknowledgements

Thank you for your Service on the Board of Directors! The following Board members recently ended their term on the Board.

Nancy Gardner

Nancy served as a Parent Representative on the Board of Directors for 6 years, and remains a strong advocate with her son Jonathon on a variety of legislative bills. Nancy remains on our Friends of The Arc Helping Hands Committee.

Eunice Fontes Monteiro

Eunice served as a Public School para-professional and Parent Representative on the Board of Directors for 8 years. Eunice will remain a dedicated advocate for quality programs and services in support of our many Day Program initiatives.

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AGB Celebrates Two-Year, \$1.3 Million Capital Investment



Local and State leaders joined members of The Carchidi Family and The Arc of Greater Brockton Team in the Ribbon Cutting Celebration of the renovated AGB Raymond J. Carchidi Center for Wellness and Day Habilitation.

Last summer, we completed a 2-year, \$1.3 million renovation program at our flagship location in Brockton, located at 1250 West Chestnut Street. The investments consisted of a reconstruction of the exterior parking and transportation corridors; expansion and renovation of our Day Habilitation Center; a renovated entrance; a small addition to our Redemption Center; and a variety of new interior remodeling and furnishings.

These investments would not have been possible without the support of so many, with a special thank you to the Brockton Redevelopment Authority and City of Brockton, MassDevelopment, South Shore Bank, and the donated professional services of Pando Associates Architects, Inc. from Canton.