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The Out There Art Fair

Little Rhody's Only Outsider Art Festival
Sept. 24th, 2016, 10am-4pm
24 Commerce St., Pawtucket, RI

Flying Shuttles at the Fine Furnishings Show

November 4th -6th, 2016 \$10 admission
Pawtucket Armory Arts Center
172 Exchange Street, Pawtucket, RI

Create Your Own Thanksgiving Centerpiece

Saturday, November 19th, 10:30am – 12:00 pm \$25
Daggett Farm Greenhouse, RSVP: 401-722-2038

Decorate Your Own Holiday Wreath

Saturday, December 3rd \$35
Session One, 11:30-1pm; Session Two, 1:30-3:00pm
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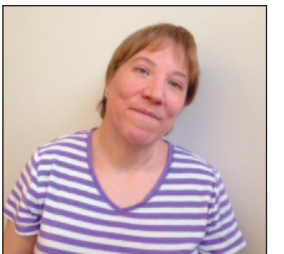
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The Arc at Work!

Individuals preparing for competitive employment are supported and empowered by Arc staff every day. In this article, we celebrate the stories of three individuals who have secured community-based employment, earning competitive wages.

"food truck" and cleaning. Prior to this job, she was employed for 17 years at Cartie's Health Center. "I love my job, because it not only keeps me busy, but

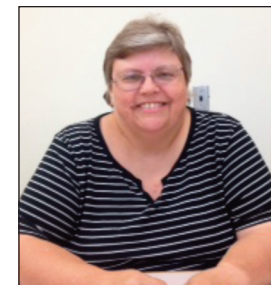


Mary Babiec

I enjoy the people and the work," she exclaims. "I like earning money so that I can pay for new clothes, food and movies on Thursdays. I feel it is important to be independent and to learn how to spend money wisely." Mary is grateful to Arc staff that provide transportation to and from work each week and for their assistance with banking.

"It is important to be independent."

-Mary Babiec



Marilyn Lima
Grandview Center

Marilyn Lima has a strong background in the culinary arts which helps in her current job in food service at Genesis Healthcare's Grandview Center in Cumberland. She graduated and earned a certificate from the Cookie Place and has even written a cookbook! "This is my dream job because the residents are really nice and I especially enjoy serving people in the Swan Room." Marilyn works three days a week from 3:30-7:30 pm. She delivers meals on the food truck to individuals who eat meals in their rooms as well as serves people in the dining room. Preparing trays each day is part of her job, along with clearing tables and cleaning pots and pans. "Having a job makes me feel important," she comments. "My paycheck is directly deposited into my bank account so I can easily save money and pay for things like my rent and food or planning a vacation." The Center's Executive Director, Susan Lehman, has a lot to say about Marilyn, "She is absolutely a wonderful addition to our Center. As a Dietary Aide, Marilyn shows tremendous pride in her work which is evident as she comes to work early each day. She is polite, works very hard, and enjoys conversing with our residents. We are very lucky to have her."



Mary Babiec works at Mansion Nursing Home in Central Falls, 3-4 days a week. Her job responsibilities include sandwich preparation, setting up food trays for delivery by the

Jose Delgado works five days a week at the Heritage Park Day Care Center in Pawtucket. Working over 20 hours a week, he is responsible for delivering breakfast to all classrooms early in the morning, followed by clearing and cleaning the tables. Jose's supervisor, Erin Combs comments, "Jose helps with maintenance duties and delivering lunches to the



Jose Delgado



children at Heritage Park YMCA. He is a reliable, hard worker who always has a smile. Jose is a great asset to our center." Often he is given additional duties like going to the janitor's supply closet for paper towels, mops or other items. "Sometimes I get to spread the wood chips around out on the playground which gets me outdoors. One of the best parts of having a job is that I can pay for my membership at Planet Fitness." Before this

job, he worked with the Blackstone Valley Landscaping crew, NEPTCO and Books on the Square in Providence. "This is my favorite job though, because I like my boss Erin and I enjoy the work!"

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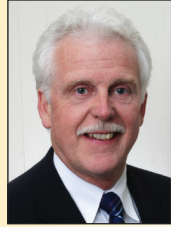
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secure the opportunity to choose and realize their goals of where and how they live, learn, work and play



Letter from the CEO

As the summer season comes to an end, I would like to once again celebrate all of the accomplishments of The Arc as we strengthen our efforts to provide lifelong learning, supported employment and independent living, empowered by choice.

We are all excited about the new computer resource center that features a fully integrated desktop computer system, two laptop computers, a projector and screen and several tablets. We are grateful to many funders for this project including Bristol County Savings Charitable Foundation, Ocean State Charities Trust, John E. Fogarty Foundation, Emma G. Harris Foundation and the Conversion Institute at RIC's Sherlock Center. Our intent is to teach computer skills, pursue online job applications, and to expose consumers to newer, state of the art training modules and simulation experiences.

Our 35th Annual Golf Outing and Live Auction on June 6th was a huge success! We had about 60 golfers who enjoyed a beautiful summer day at the Pawtucket Country Club, followed by a delicious dinner and live auction. I personally wish to thank our major sponsors including IPNE, A Division of Starkweather and Shepley; Pannone, Lopes, Devereux and West, LLC and Klein-Hornig, LLC for their generous support of this event. We welcomed many new companies this year who committed to our golf outing with sponsorships and tee signs. A special thanks to our Event Chair Melanie Cherry, Master of Ceremonies Alison Bologna and Bill Simas of Funny4Funds, all of whom helped to bring our live auction to a new and exciting level of success.

Last but not least, help us celebrate the men and women of our military by contributing to our commemorative brick campaign, in support of The Arc's Veterans For Tomorrow (VFT) complex on Douglas Avenue in Providence.

Engraved bricks and stone benches honoring an individual or a specific group of veterans will be the heart of the building's landscape, Liberty Park. Donations in support of this campaign will help to pay for furniture, landscaping and recreational programs for the 20 residents of VFT. VFT opened on Veteran's Day in 2015 providing critically needed housing for veterans at risk for homelessness. Please join us in honoring our military by going to our dedicated campaign website: <https://www.bricksrus.com/order/veteransfortomorrow>.

Once again, thank you for your support and commitment to The Arc!

John J. Padien III
Chief Executive Officer



Veterans for Tomorrow

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month, so join us for this special presentation on October 13th!



Date: Thursday, October 13
Time: 5:00 - 8:00 PM
A light supper will be provided.

Location:
The Arc of Blackstone Valley
Independence Square
500 Prospect Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
(401) 727-0150

*Driving directions are provided on The Arc's website: www.bvcriarc.org.
Parking is free.*

To register for this event, please contact:
esollecito@ric.edu or
crosenbaum@ric.edu or
call 401-456-2764.

A New Path - Employment Information Session for Families of Adults with Intellectual Disabilities

Learn about employment possibilities, work incentives, family engagement and listen to a panel of individuals supported by The Arc of Blackstone Valley who are employed in the community. This information session is free and open to families. Please complete the brief "A New Path" pre-survey before attending the October 13th session.*

Presenter and Session Coordinator:
Claire Rosenbaum, Adult Supports Coordinator, Sherlock Center, RIC

*Below is a link to A New Path pre-survey. It is VERY brief and shouldn't take more than a few minutes to complete. Please complete it before attending the information session. Type this link into a computer browser to access the survey:
<http://sherlockcenter.A-New-Path.sgizmo.com/s3/>
(The survey link is also available on The Arc's website: www.bvcriarc.org)

Connecting Lives with ART

is the mission of Art Connections-RI, a non-profit organization that donates works of art in non-profit and public agencies that serve vulnerable communities throughout the State. As President Wendy Ingram states, "art has the power not only to transform people and places, but also to provide beauty, hope and inspiration". The Arc of Blackstone Valley will display 22 pieces of donated work throughout Wing A, Wing C and our conference rooms, including works by Flying Shuttles artists. We hope everyone will enjoy the beautiful works of art throughout our agency, thanks to Art Connections-RI!



Norman Petersen,
The Sound of Oz, Art Connection-RI

Janet Alling, *Hide and Seek*
Art Connection-RI

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Elected to The Arc of Blackstone Valley Board of Directors: Kevin Monaghan

The 35th Annual Arc of Blackstone Valley Gold Outing and Live Auction was a huge success!



Low Net Team Winners: Paul Robert, Bill Hunt, Gary Furtado and Jeff Furtado with the Rotary Club of Pawtucket

Winners of the 2016 Golf Outing!

Low Net Team: Bill Hunt, Paul Robert, Gary Furtado, Jeff Furtado
Low Gross Team: Jim Drumm, Jack Padien, Gary Pannone, Jason Pannone
Low Net Individual: Bill Hunt
Low Gross Individual: Jeff Furtado
Closest to the Pin #5: Robert Pielech
Closest to the Pin #13: John Dawson
Closest to the Pin #15: Kathleen Kohls
Closest to the Pin #8: Tom Robinson
Longest Drive #18 Women: Kara Condon
Longest Drive #18 Men: Jason Pannone



The Arc Team: John, Joe, Jim and Jamie

Over 60 golfers enjoyed a warm, sunny afternoon of golf at the Pawtucket Country Club on June 6th. After dinner, we held our Live Auction with Master of Ceremonies Alison Bologna from WJAR TV 10 and Auctioneer Bill Simas of Funny4Fund\$. Thanks to our sponsors, golfers, and a generous group of bidders, The Arc raised \$40,000 to support educational and recreational programs for our consumers including \$3,600 towards our Holiday Party.

Thanks especially to our major sponsors this year:

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