



FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL AND
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

The Arc Fond du Lac's September 2024 Newsletter

The Arc Fond du Lac empowers adults and youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities to become independent and integrated into the community through advocacy, education, training and support.



Stay Up-To-Date!

Check out our Facebook page to stay up-to-date on all things Arc!

Check it out!



2024 Events for The Arc Fond du Lac!

Our 2024 event dates are scheduled! Hope you can join us for one, or as many as you can make it to. If you want more information about any particular event, please reach out! Let's make 2024 an incredible year of The Arc!

Fondy Idol | November 15

Save the
date!

2024 Events



Awards & Recognition Banquet | January 25
Fashion Show | March 14
Brat Fry | May 17
Take a Swing for the Arc Golf Outing | August 2
Run, Walk, Roll with The Arc | September 14
Fondy Idol | November 15

Fondy Idol!

Join us for Fondy Idol 2024, where our clients will inspire and wow audiences with their performances!

On November 15th, that talent will shine brightly at this annual event where you, the audience, will be taken on a journey where clients will get the chance to show off their amazing talent. In addition to individual numbers, get ready to sing along to our group numbers!

Fondy Idol is an annual production, done in partnership with Fond du Lac Community Theatre, showcasing the many talents of the clients of The Arc Fond du Lac. Whether hearing them sing or seeing them dance, attendees are sure to see a performance of a lifetime.

Tickets to this event are available in advance at The Arc Fond du Lac, at the door, or the button below!

All proceeds are used to provide programming and experiences for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

[Purchase Tickets
Here!](#)



Friday, November 15 | 6pm
Goodrich Little Theatre
72 W 9th Street

Join us for Fondy Idol 2024
A Night At The Oscars

There is no shortage of talent from our performers at The Arc Fond du Lac. On November 15, that talent will shine brightly at this annual event where you will be inspired and wow'ed by our clients as they perform. Featuring songs from movies!

Get your tickets; they're only \$15! At *The Arc*, Online at arcfdl.org/fondy-idol-2024/ or at *the door* the night of the event.

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Your support means so much!



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Cookie Fundraiser!

The Arc is partnering with Subway to sell fresh baked cookies per dozen with various options of flavors. Each dozen is being sold for \$9 with a portion of the proceeds coming back to The Arc. Cookies can be divided into two separate flavors; it will be six cookies of both flavors.

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Name	Chocolate Chip		Oatmeal Raisin		White Chocolate Macadamia Nut		Double Chocolate Chip		Raspberry Cheesecake		Paid
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Arc Achievers!

Meet Ms. Bernice!

Bernice has lived in our Bechaud Adult Family Home since 2005 and has attended the Opportunity Center Day Program since 1978. Bernice enjoys activities at the Woodlands Senior Park and the Eagles Senior Dining.

She participates in many activities at The Arc, her favorite being watching game shows, specifically, The Price is Right! Bernice enjoys visiting with peers and keeping an eye on them by always reminding everyone when their ride has arrived.

Bernice loves it when her sister Alice brings in her dog, Benji, for a visit. In Bernice's younger years, she grew up on a farm in Johnsburg with her sisters, including her twin sister Bernetta.



Employee Spotlight!

Meet Chris Kramer, she joined The Arc family in the Spring working in both our Opportunities Center and Special Living Services departments.

Chris was raised on a dairy farm and agriculture is very important to her, this has led her to teach our clients about farm-to-table. This has been a great opportunity for our clients to discover the process from start to finish. Chris has worked with clients to grow our garden from seeds. From there, the clients harvested the crops and enjoyed them with their lunches.



Chris describes working at the Arc as rewarding, caring, and challenging. Chris said every day looks different, one day she is taking a group on an outing, and the next day could be working on math problems with a client. She always has a positive attitude and makes the best of her and the clients' time together.

Outside of The Arc, Chris enjoys crafting and gardening. She enjoys spending time with her three children whom she describes as the true joys in her life. When her kids were growing up she was proud to be a 4-H and FFA mom. She now attends tractor pulls and watches cattle shows with them. Chris often goes to the Woodlands Senior Park to spend time with her dad; she describes it as her happy place. When Chris is not with her family, she can be found spending time with her cat "Tips".

The Arc appreciates all that Chris has done with us; we are excited to see what else she has in store!

Thank you, FDL Area Foundation!

A big thank you to the Fond du Lac Area Foundation for awarding The Arc Fond du Lac \$2,000 to implement LifeVac devices throughout all departments and Adult Family Homes of The Arc Fond du Lac. LifeVac USA is a device that clears the upper section of a person's airway and is a valuable addition to the tools set in place for the safety of our clients and staff.



Youth Daily Living Skills Program!

Introducing our new Youth Program!

The Youth Daily Living Skills Program provides year-round opportunities for children ages 8-18. The focus of this program is to help children develop independent living skills, build higher learning/job readiness proficiency, learn how to advocate for their rights, and achieve personal goals.

For more information or to sign up for the program, please contact Gwen North at gnorth@arcfdl.org or 920-923-3810.



Youth Daily Living Skills Program

This program includes creating stronger self-advocates, helping to develop independent living skills, becoming familiar with your community, building job readiness skills, and working to achieve personal goals.

Activities of Programming:

- Volunteering in the community
- Educational courses on: self-advocacy, personal hygiene, setting and achieving goals, job readiness, safety, nutrition, etc.
- Community outings – including how to access the community and navigate independently.
- Cooking skills
- Recreational activities such as STEM projects, arts/crafts, exploring your interest
- Help with afterschool homework and projects

For more information, please contact

Gwen North, YDLSP Coordinator gnorth@arcfdl.org
920- 923-3810 ex. 7121 | 500 N. Park Ave, Fond du Lac

Youth Daily Living Skills Program

Program Details

- September – May, Monday – Friday, 3pm – 5pm. The Arc will pick-up from schools in Fond du Lac and within a 10 mile radius. Parents/Guardians/Designated adult will need to pick-up at The Arc between 5pm – 5:30pm.
- June - August, Monday – Friday 8am –4pm, participants need to provide own transportation. Participants can be dropped off beginning at 8am, and stay for pickup until 4:30pm

Guidelines to Participate

- This program is appropriate for youth ages 8-18 years old, who display minimal physical/verbal aggression, are minimal concerns for elopement, can use appropriate self-regulation, can be appropriate in a community setting, demonstrate independent self-help skills (personal cares, feeding, etc.) and show a desire to set goals, and work towards achieving them.
 - Participants must show a desire to participate in all activities and be active members of program.
 - Good attendance is a must.
 - If participants cannot demonstrate these skills they will be discharged from programming



Wisconsin Disability Policy Internship Program

The Wisconsin Disability Policy Internship is a 4-6 month, part-time (20 hours a week) paid internship designed to provide an early public policy career-level experience in disability policy. Interns will earn \$20 an hour and will work within key Wisconsin policy divisions, state agency offices, or disability organizations.

Submit your application by October 28, 2024, at 5:00 pm

Who can apply?

Required to Apply

- Identify as a person with a developmental disability or a family member of a person with a developmental disability.
- Demonstrated interest in disability advocacy and policy.
- Good communication skills and ability to work as a team and get along with others.
- Basic knowledge or interest in state or local-level advocacy related to disability, long-term care, employment, education, or community organizing.

Please contact Sally Flaschberger by email at sally.flaschberger@wisconsin.gov or by phone at 608-266-5038 if you have questions or need assistance with the application.

[Internship Information Here!](#)



Public Training Classes

We have Training Courses coming up in September!

Please visit our website for more information or contact Connie Gens, Training Coordinator, at connie.gens@arcfdl.org or 920-923-3810.

[Visit our Website](#)



Apparel Sale!

The Arc has added new items to our apparel! If you are interested in purchasing any clothing items, please call our office at 920-923-3810!



Become a Board Member!

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The Arc has a few spots open for Board Members!

If you are interested or to find out more about the role of a Board Member, please contact Dawn Scannell at dscannell@arcfdl.org.



Walmart's SparkGood Round Up

Walmart has recently launched "Walmart's 'SparkGood Round Up'" program where customers can round up their purchases to the nearest dollar and donate the change to their favorite charity/nonprofit.

We would love for you to choose us to receive these donations every time you shop on Walmart.com. These donations will be put towards needed department supplies.

Please see the button below to add The Arc Fond du Lac as your charity of choice whenever you shop from Walmart.com. Thank you for your continued support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in our area!



[Round Up Here!](#)

Walmart Wish List

The Arc Fond du Lac has create a Wish List through Walmart!

This list is a combination of requests from staff and clients to be used by all departments to cover a variety of needs and help us live out our mission every day. These items can be included in your purchase, picked up at the store, or

shipped to our 500 N. Park Avenue, FDL address.

To check out the list, please see the button below. We thank you for your continued support of The Arc and our mission!



[View Wish List Here](#)

The Arc Fond du Lac is hiring!

Achieve with us and join our diverse, enthusiastic team where you can apply your unique skills and enjoy a flexible schedule in an upbeat and fun-loving environment!



We are hiring for:

- Resident Care Provider
- Direct Support Professional
- Special Living Services Case Manager

Apply below, on our website, or stop in and grab an application!



[Apply Here!](#)

Achieve with us.





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