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ANNUAL REPORT

2015-2016


The Arc[™]
King County

STACY GILLETT

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thank you

Because of your support, The Arc of King County has had the privilege of partnering with people who experience intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families for 80 years. Together, we empower people to live full, meaningful lives; to give voice to their needs; and to champion their perspective. Like you, we respect individual choice as the guiding force in supporting people to advocate for themselves with the assurance that their desires, interests, and preferences will be honored.

For 80 years, The Arc of King County has partnered with you to expand inclusion in our community, and we see an unprecedented amount of progress ahead. It truly is a new era at The Arc of King County—an era of incredible opportunity for the nearly 21,000 children and adults in King County who are estimated to experience intellectual disabilities, epilepsy, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome and autism.

As human citizens, we believe all individuals should be given the opportunity to have an education, a job, access to healthcare, the right to enjoy and access their community, and to experience friendships and relationships. Yet, while most are no longer institutionalized, many adults with I/DD still live in isolation, are

not meaningfully employed, and lack access to any real interaction outside their homes. Your support has brought many victories over the years, and I am certain our continued work together will accomplish more access and inclusion in the years ahead. As I reflect on the accomplishments included in this report, and many more stories of success we have shared over the years, I know we still have a lot of hard work ahead. We are honored to continue this work with your partnership, and as always, thank you for your commitment.



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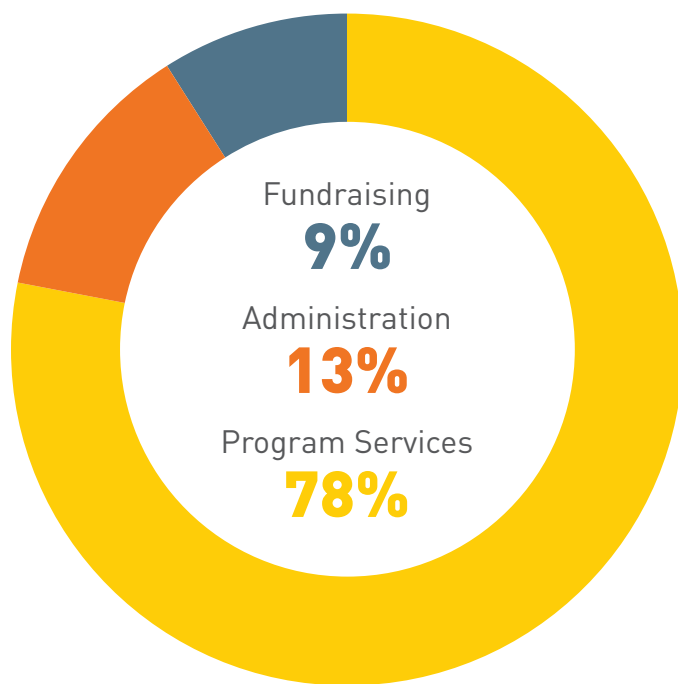
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FINANCES

Funding sources include government contracts, service fees (generated by our Representative Payee and Supported Living programs), and private philanthropy (including foundation grants and individual contributions). These cover program service costs and critical infrastructure that is necessary to achieving our mission. This financial summary is an excerpt from The Arc of King County's audited financial statement of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Full copies of our audited statements, provided by Jones & Associates LLC, are available on our website, www.arcofkingcounty.org.

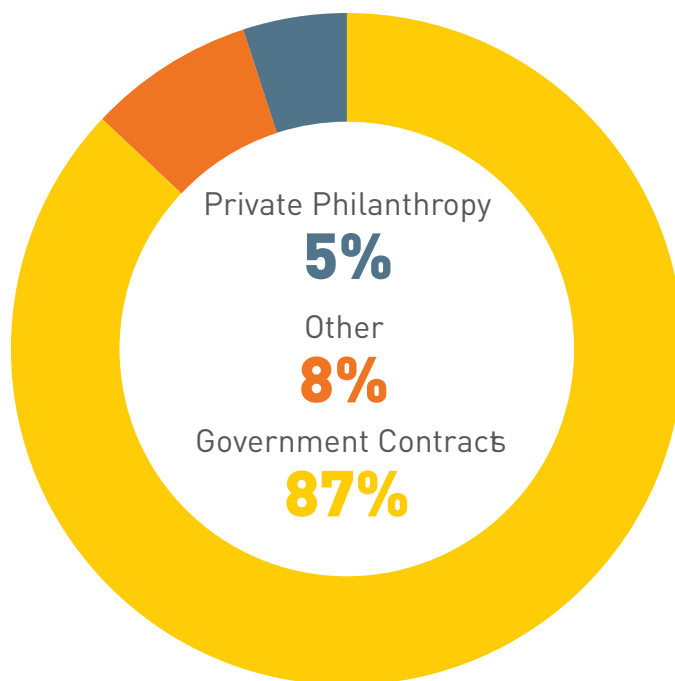
EXPENSES

Total: \$3,634,868



REVENUE

Total: \$3,476,295



PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

In March of 2016, The Arc of King County held two open meetings for stakeholders to participate in our strategic planning process. As a result of these sessions, extended conversations with the Board of Trustees and the Arc's executive team, we produced our 2016–2019 Success Plan, detailed below. At the end of the day, we believe that The Arc of King County is at the heart of our community's civil rights movement for all persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities to thrive as equal, valued, and active members of the community.

#1 LEAD ORGANIZED ADVOCACY

Organize the community's largest coordinated advocacy campaign on behalf of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to fully live in community with all people

MEASUREMENTS

Organize an annual advocacy campaign to elevate the status of civil liberties, protection and involvement of persons with intellectual and developmental disability

Publish an annual policy & legislative platform

Train 25 activist advocates & other volunteers to effectively advocate

#2 PROMOTE COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY

Mobilize the community's largest organized group of advocates and their supporters

MEASUREMENTS

Launch a Membership Program to attract 300 individual and corporate members

Increase Charitable Giving by 15% through increased member, volunteer and community engagement approach

Analyze and increase In-Kind Contributions and Volunteer Engagements



A PICTURE OF SUCCESS FOR CHARTING THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT 80 YEARS OF SERVICE

#3 OFFER RESOURCE & REFERRAL

Offer the most comprehensive community-based resource center for technical assistance to serve individuals, families and organizations on the front lines of supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

MEASUREMENTS

Provide over 13,000 hours of peer-based & professional information and referral services

Recruit, train and involve at least 30 new volunteers in providing peer-based services

Act as a resource center to other providers of care in the community

#4 PROVIDE DIRECT CARE & SERVICE TRAINING

Provide exemplary care services as the community's example of quality service delivery

MEASUREMENTS

Increase Supported Living Program participants by 10 percent

Increase parent-to-parent programming and support by 20 percent

Double Representative Payee Community participants

Enhance at least 8 key partnerships in the community that increase service availability and quality



HIGHLIGHTS

2015-2016 BY THE NUMBERS



694 parents, guardians, and children participated in **37** multicultural gatherings for the African American, Latino, Somali, and Vietnamese families we serve

3,607 informal and referral communications to **1,566** parents, guardians, self-advocates, and professionals



1,073 people participated in **89** peer support events



8,810 Resource Guide views

Most frequently viewed sections:

1. Recreation/activities
2. Respite care
3. Housing

1,600 hours of direct client assistance provided each week through the **Supported Living Program**



180 training hours were completed by **30** new volunteer **Helping Parent mentors**

WINGS FOR AUTISM

OUR LITTLE BOY WENT ON AN AIRPLANE

This past fall, my son Riley (9 1/2, non-verbal, autistic with many sensory issues), myself, Phillip (Riley's dad), Aunt Laurie, and Desiree (Riley's ABA Therapist) participated in Wings for Autism. We arrived at SeaTac Airport a little early, and used the extra time to walk around the terminal and go up-and-down many escalators, a highlight for Riley. Desiree, Laurie, and Phillip were all amazing with Riley—he kept laughing so much that I found myself somewhat relaxed. I have always been terrified to take Riley on an airplane—my main fears have been the terminal and all of the waiting.

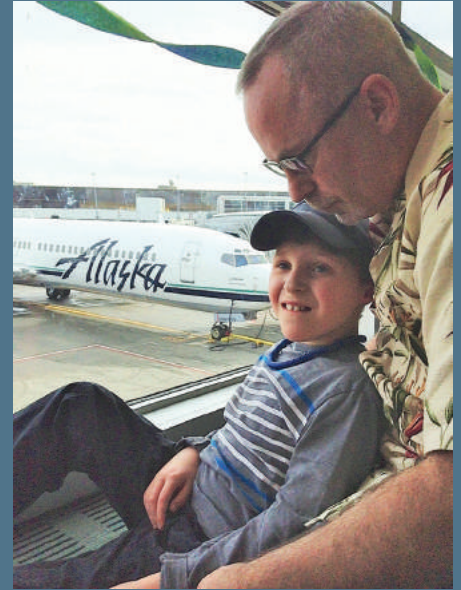
We checked in and got our boarding pass. Going through the preferred customer line during the security check went well with Riley. He loved going on the tram, especially because on the way to and from he got to go on the escalators again. Once we got to the gate, we found a place on the floor, right next to the window, to wait, and Riley played with his books and toys. During our wait, we got to meet 1st Officer Mark, who was so friendly and compassionate. When it was time to board the plane, things went smoothly. Riley got excited getting on the plane, and went a little too fast, but once we got him settled, all was good again. After getting off the plane and back to the gate, we praised Riley for doing such a good job, and he was rewarded with time on the iPad (his favorite)! The rest of us were so relieved and amazed that all went so well!

Wings for Autism is an incredible program. We did not think that we'd ever be able to have a family vacation where a plane would be involved. You have no idea what Wings has given our family. The event has given us the confidence to give more experiences to Riley—yesterday, we decided that we're going to book an actual flight in April! The words thank you do not seem adequate. We are so grateful to The Arc, Alaska Airlines, Port of Seattle, and all of the many volunteers and sponsors for making Wings for Autism happen for families like ours.

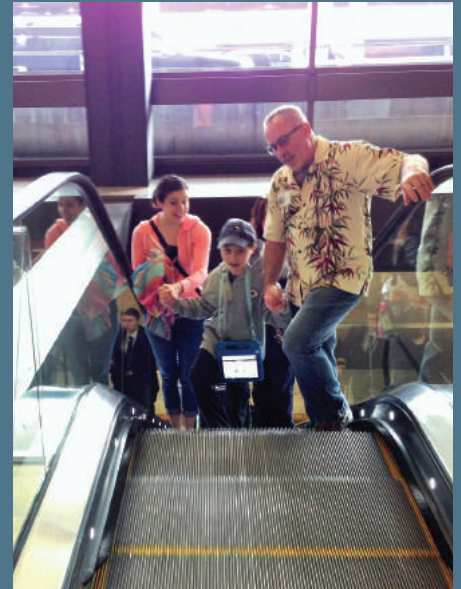
I still can't believe it—our little boy went on a plane!

Sincerely,

Nancy Burke-Hall
Phillip Hall



Riley and his father, Phillip, waiting at the gate at SeaTac Airport.



The Hall family rides an elevator at SeaTac Airport.

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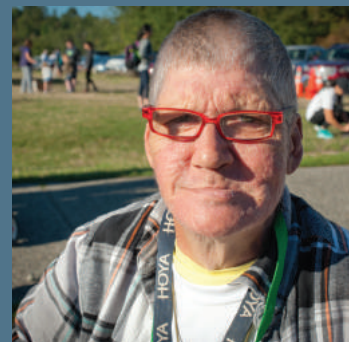
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