DEAR FRIENDS,

Can you imagine being one of 12,000 people in Washington state on a waiting list for services for an average of 4 years to receive much needed Home and Community Based Waiver Services?

We work every day to help individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families to understand and navigate human and social service programs to prevent crisis, avoid homelessness, and to demand fairness from a system full of barriers. We advocate for competitive, integrated employment for people with I/DD who want to work and help students with disabilities receive a meaningful and robust education which prepares them for post-school independent life and employment. We demand affordable housing options and community-based living options to improve a person’s quality of life and prevent someone with a disability from relying solely on their family for their lifetime of care.

We have a vision to build communities in the Pacific Northwest that are inclusive of children and adults with I/DD based on the premise that segregation and isolation are unacceptable. Until people of all abilities stop experiencing these significant barriers, we will continue to lead the movement for human and civil rights for people with I/DD.

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities have the right to economic, political, social and personal prosperity, stability and opportunity.

When you support The Arc, your dollars help us change individual hearts and minds – in the state legislature, city and county councils, in our local schools and businesses, and even among our neighbors and friends – so that people with I/DD can thrive in our community. No state can be strong when it leaves so many of its citizens behind. Please join us as partners – we can’t do it without you.

Stacy Gillett
Executive Director
WHO WE ARE

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REVENUE = $3,656,494

- GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS: $3,117,349
- INVESTMENT INCOME: $115,543
- PRIVATE PHILANTHROPY: $423,681

EXPENSES = $3,989,157

- PROGRAM SERVICES: $3,272,113
- MANAGEMENT & GENERAL: $395,911
- DEVELOPMENT: $230,133
YEAR IN NUMBERS

1,425
PEOPLE SERVED

3,216
INTERACTIONS
18 families, with 41 individuals supported to avoid homelessness through Best Starts for Kids

49 Educational Workshops conducted for families and people with I/DD with 557 attendees

53 Helping Parent Matches made to pair parents of children with I/DD for support from other parents

2,621 individuals supported through The Arc’s virtual support groups
WHO WE SERVE

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL BY AGE GROUP

- AGE 0-15: 30%
- AGE 16-25: 39%
- AGE 26-50: 22%
- AGE 51+: 9%

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL BY REGION OF COUNTY

- SEATTLE: 32%
- NORTH KING: 6%
- EAST KING: 22%
- SOUTH KING: 31%
- OUTSIDE KING: 8%
Joel “Romeo” Abel loves karaoke, rock shows, shopping for records, drawing and sculpting. He rides the bus, gets his hair cut at the local barbershop, grabs coffee on his walks, and enjoys being outside. He has been a participant in The Arc of King County’s Supported Living program for over 20 years and a celebrity in Ballard for even longer.

Last year, Joel had to move from his Ballard apartment after 30 plus years of living and thriving in a community where he is beloved.

After hearing about his situation, a longtime friend of Joel’s named Max Wallace launched a GoFundMe account and donations flooded in to help Joel with his housing situation.

Joel has been in temporary housing in Shoreline while Parkview Services used donated funds to build a permanent residence for Joel in the Ballard neighborhood. Another organization, PROVAIL, volunteered temporary housing while Joel received support from The Arc for his daily living.

With help from these outstanding organizations, and many others to help with the move and storage, Joel was able to transition into his new home in November, 2017.

Now Joel gets to be a part of his own community where he lives and thrives. Ballard provides Joel with independence, people he knows, places he likes to go, and the familiar comfort of a neighborhood we all long for as we get older.

Joel is a frequent visitor of Bop Street Records and other businesses on Market Avenue – his home away from home. He is an active member in the community and will now get to live in the Parkview home for the rest of his life if he chooses. There couldn’t be a better way to start a new year.