

From the Desk of Robert A. Pruznick, CEO

Is Work in Our Field a Calling?

*Career: 1. An inner urge or a strong impulse, especially one believed to be divinely inspired.
2. An occupation, profession, or career*

I just came back to the office after attending a beautiful and moving Roman Catholic “ecclesiastical funeral”. This sorrowful occasion marked the untimely death of the husband of one of our very dedicated staff members in our residential services department. And since we often find the character and judgement we value in our employees, replicated in family members, this death represented the loss of a father for another very valuable agency caregiver. And true to form, many of their colleagues at The Arc, Warren were in attendance, not only paying their respects, but also providing comfort and support. I have witnessed such spontaneous therapeutic solidarity over my decade’s long tenure that has always filled me with organizational pride.

Yet, I was not prepared for the epiphany that was visited upon me this morning. At the mid-point of the service, during the singing of the offertory hymn I found myself emotionally overwhelmed by the refrain that exquisitely captured the spiritual reason why this congregation of so many good people existed. In response to God’s query of whom will bring his light and sustenance to those in need, the faithful sing: “Here I Am, Lord; Is it I, Lord?; I have heard you calling in the night; I will go, Lord; If you lead me; I will hold your people in my heart.”

I realize that such metaphysical motivation may only account for a fraction of my staff, but I know that almost all the people drawn to careers in this field are inspired by the best instincts in humanity. But I also believe that it is legitimate to appeal to both the sacred and the secular sensitivities of the general public to attract the quantity and the quality of people we so desperately need to maintain and expand our critically important programs.

I pray that we can adequately tell The Arc’s magnificent social work success story, so that our message of efficacious love and respect for the vulnerable yet valuable people we serve will resonate across the land and that many more humanitarians hear this calling and answer affirmatively.

**The Cuenco Family: Edith- CLA Coordinator, Andrew -Asbury Group Home Manager;
Rene-deceased husband/father; Amanda -daughter/sister**





27th Annual WRNJ Radiothon Set for April 21st

It's true: 27 years and more than \$1.3 million later, the WRNJ Radiothon for The Arc is still going strong, and we'd like YOU to be a part of its 2017 success on April 21. We'll be back at Rt.46 Hyundai (formerly Hackettstown Hyundai) on Rt. 46 in Hackettstown (near Target) from 8 am to 5 pm "live" and on the air with Russ Long, Deirdre Bryant, Norman Worth, Mike Galley, Ed Kalegi, and Dave Kelber— all the voices of Radiothon you've come to know since 1991. They'll be taking your pledges and sharing stories from parents, staff, and consumers that tell the importance of The Arc in their lives. Each has a story of inspiration. We'll also be joined by our 2017 co-chairs Cindy Matthews and Dawn Barbera of First Hope Bank, longtime VIPs (Very Involved People) making their inaugural effort at heading this vital fundraising effort. Both Cindy and Dawn have, for many years, successfully reached out to donors who have continually offered support to Radiothon.

Please be generous when a Radiothon VIP calls you on April 21. You also may contribute via The Arc website at: www.arcwarren.org. Thank you for your support of The Arc and the individuals and families we serve.



Radiothon 2016: Chairperson Maria DiGiovanni, left, with 2017 co-chairs Cindy Matthews and Dawn Barbera of First Hope Bank; CLA administrative assistant Bonnie Hill with Karen Marshall; Radiothon pledge forms; CLA's Reni Piperrata; Arc CEO Bob Pruznick; Radiothon IT team members Lisa Capo, Greg Beben, Kayla Conklin; the "official" end of day shot with Maria DiGiovanni, Kevin Guyette, and Deirdre Bryant in front and RNJ's Ed Kalegi, Panther Valley Pharmacy's Bob Eberle, Progressive Business Concepts' Brian Kathenes, Bob Pruznick, and WRNJ President and General Manager Norman Worth; Ed Kalegi and Norman Worth at the mic with Arc Board member Jim Travis of SASCO Insurance Services; and PNC Bank's Ken Bertholf and Theresa March. As of Feb.1, 2017, the 2016 total is nearly \$68,000. Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who did their part to make this an outstanding success. **See you on April 21, 2017!!!**



Want to Make Your Summer Unforgettable AND Make Some Money?

The Arc is interviewing for a number of positions at Camp Warren for the upcoming summer season beginning the end of June and continuing through the second week of August. Positions include camp counselors, lifeguard, camp assistant director, and camp health director,

Applications may be found and completed online at:
www.arcwarren.org. Please mail to: Arc Recreation/Camp Warren
 PO Box 319, Washington, NJ 07882.

The Arc/Warren Tricky Tray



We will be holding our very first tricky tray fundraiser in the Spring of 2017!

This will be a great way for our individuals to get involved in a community event, and to spread awareness of who we are as an agency.

BUT, we need YOUR help! Please share this with your friends. We are looking for donations (new items or monetary) to help make this event successful. No donation is too small—any donations are *greatly* appreciated!

All donations are tax deductible—we will send out a voucher as soon as the item is received!

For further information, please reach out to Robin at rsmith@arcwarren.org, or Lisa at lcapo@arcwarren.org

Donations can be dropped off at the main office, or mailed to:

Warren Arc

Attn: Tricky Tray Committee

P.O. Box 389

Washington, NJ 07882

We can also pick up donations from you!

Main office: 319 West Washington Ave. Washington, NJ 07882

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The Arc Foundation

Looking for a way to support The Arc? Look no farther than your driveway! That old car, motorcycle, RV—even an old boat—can be turned into a nice donation to The Arc—AND a nice tax deduction for you!

The Arc has been working with an organization that will pick up your used vehicle at **NO CHARGE TO YOU**, even if it's not running, and turn it into an employment experience for people with intellectual disabilities. The vehicle goes to auction and you, the donor, can designate the charity of your choice as beneficiary of proceeds. Many people have done this during the past several years and have reported how much they appreciated the ease with which the process works.

All you need to do is call 1-800-ARC-CARO. It's that easy! Remember, RV's, motorcycles, and boats are also eligible. Pass the word to your family and friends! From all of us at The Arc, thank you for your support of this program.

