

Fulfilling our Mission of Facilitating Good Lives - A Founder's Son Savors Success

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"It is difficult to make a man miserable while he feels worthy of himself and claims kindred to the great God who made him." Abraham Lincoln 1862.

Ralph "Chipper" Firth, son of charter members Bob & Margaret Firth had an exceptionally good day a couple of weeks ago. Participating in a Special Olympics bowling tournament, he ended this year's annual competition as the center of attention. Garnering his first gold medal ever, he was as ecstatic as an Eagles football fan, shedding tears of joy over his accomplishment. His unbridled reaction brought great delight to everyone in the bowling alley. It was an especially poignant occasion for my Recreation Department staff who work diligently throughout the year to prepare all our athletes for Area and State level contests. Like any good coach they shared Chipper's exultation and his emotional rush of well-earned self-esteem.

Given Chipper's lifetime involvement in sporting events – he was an equipment manager on the sidelines at Phillipsburg High School football games and later he helped his father with a similar role at Lafayette College – he had always been an on-looker to athletic success. The proximity to the action gave him great appreciation of the rewards of practice and attempts to perform to the best of one's ability. Now at 70 years of age Ralph finally entered the winners circle.

Chipper is a perfect example of an individual who has thrived in our care. After years of living at home with his father and brother, we created a residential program for him in his hometown in 2011. Given his extroverted personality, he has always been our ambassador to the community, working first in our Phillipsburg based store, The Arc Emporium, and presently in our downtown Washington commercial model day program, Serendipity.

The annual "prom" hosted by our Community Living Options program provides Mr. Firth with another opportunity to distinguish himself – always arriving in his tuxedo and enjoying himself thoroughly on the dance floor. A devout Elvis fan, he usually enlivens our Halloween event dressed as "The King of Rock & Roll."

Chipper has indeed lived a happy, fulfilled life as a very active member of The Arc Warren family. I take great pride in our ability to afford him and so many other individuals served by our programs with wholesome, vivacious life styles.

The Winter Mini Carnival Feb.25 Was a Blast for Area Families

Many thanks to the Key Club of Hackettstown High School and the Kiwanis Club of Hackettstown for raising nearly \$1,000 to help get us started on the 2018 WRNJ Radiothon! And thanks for the support from so many student clubs and the Drama Dept. for presenting two numbers from the spring musical, "Godspell."



28th WRNJ Radiothon Set For April 6th

There's nothing like our annual WRNJ Radiothon for The Arc to send Spring screaming around the corner. And here it is, set for Friday, April 6 from 9 am to 5 pm from the showroom of Rt.46 Hyundai in Hackettstown, and chaired by our good friend Jon Male of PNC Bank. For eight hours solid, local business and community leaders will help us raise \$65,000 in support of Arc programs for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Arc staff, families, and consumers will be on hand to tell their stories related to Arc services—all "live" and on the air with WRNJ on-air personalities.

How can you help us reach our goal? Simply by making your pledge with the pledge form below, or by calling 908-689-3355 on the day of the event. You also may visit arc.warren.org to make a safe and secure ePledge.

However you support Radiothon, please know your dollars will remain right here in Warren County to assist our neighbors, customers, and friends who live with disabilities. The Arc is there for them every day of the year, and your donation helps make that possible for more than 1,100 people annually.

Here are some scenes from the 2017 WRNJ Radiothon for The Arc:



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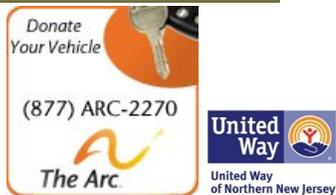
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There are many ways you can help support The Arc, and not all of them originate in your checkbook. While financial support is always needed, and much appreciated, we always welcome an introduction to someone who is able to help financially, whether through an outright donation or inclusion in a trust or other financial plan.

Perhaps you have a friend or neighbor, a colleague or relative who would be willing to make a charitable gift to The Arc because he or she understands how much this organization has meant to you and your family. You can be the conduit through which this introduction and potential gift is made. Just give The Arc Foundation office a call at 908-689-7525 x212 and we'll help get you started.

After all, who better than you knows how important the future of The Arc is to so many people here in Warren County?