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NORTH EAST OHIO CONFERENCE OF PEOPLE FIRST

Cuyahoga County's People First chapter, presents a Northeast Ohio Regional Conference for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. The event will take place on Friday and Saturday June 12 & 13, 2009 at the Sheraton Hotel in Independence. Workshops will feature speakers, question and answer sessions, as well as time to make and meet new friends! Presentations from self-advocates, politicians, and community figures on topics of

interest that affect adults with developmental disabilities. Registration is \$190 per person which includes hotel accommodations, conference materials, and meals. Deadline for registration is Friday May 22. Register today! For registration information contact Maria Woollard at 1331 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115, call (216) 622-0755 ext. 13, or email mwoollard@cmr-cleveland.org or visit www.cmr-cleveland.org.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF PEOPLE FIRST OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY MICHAEL J. RICH

I think the Cuyahoga County chapter of People First will be moving forward with the induction of their new officers. All of the officers are bright and very energetic. At this time, our hands are not tied and we have full control of our ideas. I am hoping old and new members will want to come and be active participants. Our future looks bright. The new officers are:

President – Mike Rich
Vice President – Amy Hook
Chaplain – Juanita Thompson
Sergeant-at-Arms – Albert McCalep

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Arc of Greater Cleveland is pleased to announce the addition of individuals elected to its Board of Directors. Joining the Board is, Powell W. Caesar, III, director of public affairs for the Cuyahoga County Coroner's Office and Amy Boyd-Kirksey, past president of the Junior League of Cleveland, Kevin Goodman, managing director of business development BlueBridg networks and Michael J. Rich recipient of the 2007 excellence in self advocacy award and president of People First of Cuyahoga County. In addition our honorary board welcomes Alex Machaskee, president Alex Machaskee & Associates, Mary Verdi-Fletcher president and founding artistic director, Dancing Wheels and Loree Vick, senior public relations and media advisor, University



Kevin Goodman



Michael J. Rich

Hospitals. The Arc GC's newly elected Executive Committee is headed by President Elizabeth Kelley, Esq., Vice President Daniel F. Waldeck, Senior Vice President, Regional Manager Corporate Banking, National City now a part of PNC, Treasurer Sanford C. Trado, CPA, and Secretary Mark Hicks Vantage Financial Group, and Member at Large Robert E. Schweid, Ph.D.

The new Board members will serve alongside current trustees Jamie Debenham senior vice president, Neace Lukens, James L. DeFeo associate Thompson Hine LLP, Michael C. DeAloia, Michael A. Donzella, Ed.D., adjunct professor, Notre Dame College of Ohio, College of Education, and John S. Tepfenhart, director of corporate business

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Powell W. Caesar, III



Amy Boyd-Kirksey

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Cindy Norwood

A Life That Tells A Story... The stories of real people testify to the impact of the economy and the positive impact we can have.

Angela*, 54, who lives with

moderate intellectual disabilities and Post Polio syndrome, will tell you so. Angela received assistance through a program developed to purchase a bedroom set for her new home. It replaced an ancient one whose bed frame was falling down. The assistance Angela received was something that helped her feel well-provided for as well as safer and more comfortable.

Angela's story illustrates that simple gifts like these empower individuals with disabilities to make their own contributions to their communities. After purchasing her new bed, Angela donated her old one to be restored by a local charity and given to another community member in need. As a result, Angela enjoyed the privilege and importance of helping others. In February 2009, The Arc of Ohio and five of its chapters—The Arc of Ohio, based in Central Ohio, The Arc of Greater Cleveland, The Arc of Stark County, The Arc of Summit and Portage Counties and The Arc of Hamilton County—were given the opportunity to participate in an innovative program to help address some of these needs through local philanthropy.

The program model was developed by the Foundation For the Challenged. The Foundation For the Challenged

offered a grant of \$25,000 to The Arc of Ohio and Chapters in a match challenge. Under the program, the five local Arc chapters, including The Arc of Greater Cleveland, will receive \$5,000 each and we have committed to raising that amount from private donors in our local communities. Once matched dollars are raised, a total of \$10,000 will be available to individuals with developmental disabilities living in each community. What we feel has been created is an innovative way to engage local donors by securing their support in a mini "stimulus package" program focused solely on people with developmental disabilities and meeting their basic needs. The Community Living Fund of Ohio provides aid dollars to qualified individuals who live without basic needs such as bed linens, pots and pans or a comfortable bed. The collaboration of nonprofit organizations leverages decades of advocacy for advancing quality of life for people with developmental disabilities. One hundred percent of raised dollars will be distributed to people with developmental disabilities.

Here in the Greater Cleveland community our advocacy efforts have supported and empowered individuals of all ages and their families; connected and informed them; improved service systems that support them; influenced public policy; increased public awareness; and inspired their inclusion in communities.

The Arc of Greater Cleveland is grateful for an initial lead gift from the Michael A and Susan K Clegg

LEGACY LUNCHEON

The Arc of Greater Cleveland presents its Fourth Annual Legacy Luncheon, Honoring Greater Clevelanders who have made a significant impact to improve the lives of those affected by intellectual disabilities.

The 2009 Legacy Luncheon presents the Ben M. Bonanno Excellence in Advocacy Award to The Honorable Judge Burt W. Griffin, whose personal and professional life has been devoted to advocacy on behalf of individuals with disabilities.

Wednesday, September 30, 2009
at noon InterContinental Hotel & Conference Center
9801 Carnegie Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

For more information, visit our web site at www.cmr-cleveland.org or call 216.622.0755 for reservations.

fund and we ask you to join us and consider a gift for the community living fund
*pseudonym



Foundation For the Challenged

advancing quality of life

SPOTLIGHT ON: HELP DAYTIME ACTIVITIES

Have you been looking for something to do during the day? Want to get out of the house, have some fun, and enjoy Cleveland's attractions?

This all-day experience was created to serve adults based on their needs and is focused on enjoying activities in our club-house like atmosphere, field trips to parks and attractions and the companionship of new and old

friends. We'll even pick you up and bring you back home again!

We'd love to have you stop by and see for yourself!

Call Tami at 216-432-4810x339

The Help Foundation has been providing residential and supportive services to adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities since 1965.

Visit us online at www.helpfoundationinc.org



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Providing advocacy services for individuals with
intellectual and developmental disabilities

Become a champion in the hearts of many!

RUN! WALK!

Raise money for the Arc

The Arc of Greater Cleveland & Cleveland Marathon Charities



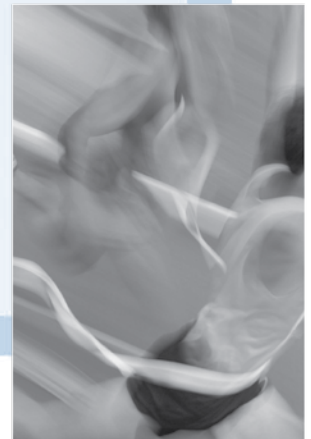
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The Rite Aid Cleveland Marathon
Sunday, May 17th 2009
Races and Walks for ALL endurance levels!!

- ⇒ Marathon 26.2 miles
- ⇒ Half Marathon 13.1 miles
- ⇒ 10K ~ 6.2 miles
- ⇒ 5K (Saturday, May 16th) ~ 3.1 miles

For more Rite Aid Cleveland Marathon details go to:
<http://www.clevelandmarathon.com>
For more details about The Arc of Greater Cleveland go to:
<http://www.cmr-cleveland.org>



Arc GC OPEN

Benefit Golf Outing

Proceeds benefit

The Arc of Greater Cleveland,
an independent voice fighting for equal rights and
equal access to services for individuals with
intellectual and developmental disabilities.



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Make your plans to be our guest at the Third Annual Arc GC OPEN

Cost \$150, \$125 Early Registration

Includes:

- Greens Fees
- Scramble Format
- Golf cart with GPS
- Gift Bag
- Contests
- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner
- Awards Ceremony

Hole Sponsorship \$150
Corporate Packages Available

When Wednesday, June 24, 2009
Registration 9:00 a.m.
Shotgun Start 10:00 a.m.

Cost \$125 per golfer by May 15
\$150.00 per golfer by June 12
\$50.00 dinner only

Where Coppertop at Cherokee Hills
5740 Center Road (Rte. 303)
Valley City, Ohio
330-225-6122

Proceeds benefit
The Arc of Greater Cleveland,
an independent voice fighting for equal rights and equal access to services for
individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

Arc GC OPEN

Sponsorships

Double Eagle

*\$5,000 Donation
(\$4,000 tax deductible)
One Available*

- Event naming rights (“company name” – Arc GC Open)
- Corporate logo on welcome banner
- Corporate logo on Awards Dinner signage
- Corporate logo on GPS screen
- Corporate logo on Arc GC Website
- Recognition on Program Cover
- Acknowledgement in Arc GC Newsletter
- Recognition award
- Two reserved dinner tables
- Two foursomes

Eagle

*\$2,500 Donation
(\$2,000 tax deductible)
Three Available*

- Corporate logo on welcome banner
- Corporate logo on Awards Dinner signage
- Full-page recognition in Event Program
- Acknowledgement in Arc GC Newsletter
- Recognition award
- One reserved dinner table
- One foursome

Birdie

*\$1,000 Donation
(\$500 tax deductible)
Five Available*

- Corporate logo on welcome banner
- Corporate logo on Awards Dinner signage
- Half-page recognition in Event Program
- Acknowledgement in Arc GC Newsletter
- One foursome

Par

*\$500 Tax Deductible
Donation
Ten Available*

- Corporate logo on welcome banner
- Corporate logo on Awards Dinner signage
- Business card recognition in Event Program

Hole Sponsor

*\$150 Tax Deductible
Donation*

- Mention in Event Program
- GPS recognition on one hole
- Signage on one hole

REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline: June 12, 2009

1. Company Name/Contact Person _____
 Phone _____ Email _____ @ _____

2. Name _____
 Phone _____ Email _____ @ _____

3. Name _____
 Phone _____ Email _____ @ _____

4. Name _____
 Phone _____ Email _____ @ _____

Dinner-only Guests @ \$50 each

Name _____ Email _____ @ _____
 Name _____ Email _____ @ _____

| | Totals |
|--|-----------------|
| \$25 DISCOUNT! Total number of players _____ x \$125 per player by May 15 | \$ _____ |
| Total number of players _____ x \$150 per player after May 15 | \$ _____ |
| Total number of dinner-only guests x \$50 per person | \$ _____ |
| Total number of "Hole Sponsorships" x \$150 per hole | \$ _____ |
| \$25 DISCOUNT! Two "Hole Sponsorships" only \$275 if received by May 15 | \$ _____ |
| Other sponsorship | \$ _____ |
| Total Enclosed | \$ _____ |

Please invoice me Check enclosed payable to "The Arc of Greater Cleveland"
 Visa / MasterCard (circle one) Name as it appears on card _____
 Credit Card #: _____ Exp. date _____ 3-digit code (on back) _____
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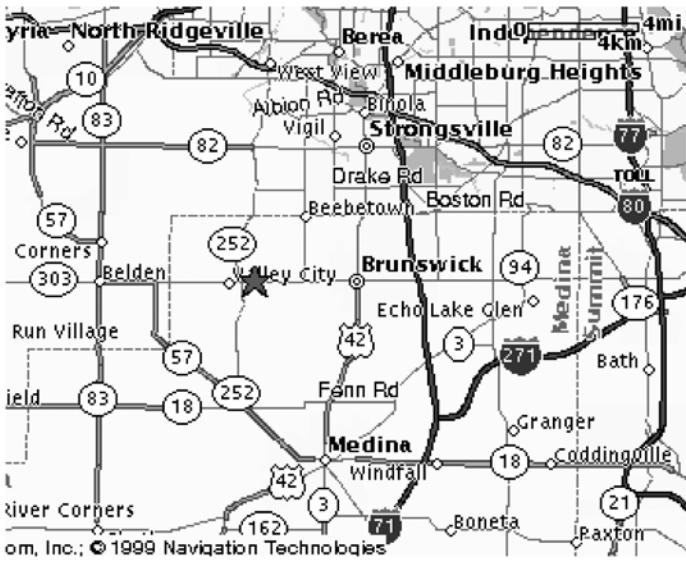
Mail or fax to Arc GC, 1331 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, OH 44115
 Contact us at (216) 622-0755 Fax: (216) 622-0752

Skills Contests

Wednesday, June 24, 2009
 Cherokee Hills Golf Club
 5740 Center Road, (Route 303),
 Valley City, Ohio 44280
 330-225-6122

- 9:00 Registration, Continental Breakfast, Putting Contest
- 10:00 Shotgun Start
- Lunch at the Turn
- 3:30 Dinner and Awards Presentation

Four-person Scramble



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