



July 2021

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Camp Hope Gears Up for an Unforgettable Summer

On Monday, June 28th, The Arc of Essex County's Camp Hope opened for its milestone 65th anniversary season. The camp will return to its traditional 7-week format after an abridged season in 2020, with 175 campers expected throughout the summer.

The heat was no match for the lively spirit at camp as "Operation Discovery" week kicked into high gear. Science came alive as campers watched different chemical reactions with fun experiments such as elephant toothpaste. Later in the week, celery stamp rainbow fish, a nature scavenger hunt, and sponge fish relays were just a few of the highlights. Campers beat the heat cooling off each day in the pool and splash pad.

Many camp classics including the Car Wash, Tie Dye Tuesday and Camp Olympics will take place later this month.

Is Your Loved One Attending Camp Hope this Summer?

New merchandise items including baseball hats and white long sleeve t-shirts are available, in addition to water bottles, cinch sacks, and sweatshirts. To view apparel options and to place your order today, [click here](#). For questions, contact Heather Comstock at (973) 535-1181 ext. 1224 or via email at hcomstock@arcessex.org.



The Arc Celebrates Three Stepping Stones Graduates

Despite the lingering impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, Stepping Stones students continued their studies with classmates, teachers, and therapists both in person and virtually during the 2020-2021 school year. To celebrate the end of another school year and honor three 2021 graduates, the school hosted outdoor graduation ceremonies on Thursday, June 17th. Family members gathered during designated one-hour graduation/moving up ceremonies and enjoyed performances by their loved ones and their classmates.

The Arc of Essex County would like to wish all of our graduates the best of luck as they begin their new adventures!

The Arc of Essex County's Stepping Stones School is a Department of Education approved private school for students with disabilities serving children ages 3-10. Located in Roseland, NJ, the school is designed to meet the developmental and educational needs of children with cognitive impairments such as Down syndrome and other students with similar educational and developmental needs. For more information, or to request a tour and assistance with an out-of-district placement, contact Sue Brand, Director of Early Childhood and Education at (862) 210-8781 or sbrand@arcessex.org.



Looking forward to Summer Fun

Check Out the Summer 2021 Adult Recreation & Respite Catalog

Do you have a loved one interested in educational programming, community experiences, seasonally-themed events, and weekend group respite programs? The Arc of Essex County's Summer 2021 Adult Community Inclusion, Recreation, & Respite Catalog is now available! Highlights include the following in-person and virtual programs:

Exercise & Nutrition
Wreath Making
Beach Party Bingo
Summer Paint & Sip
Karaoke/Talent Show

Check out the Summer 2021 Recreation Catalog, [available here](#), then reach out to The Arc of Essex County's Senior Manager of Community Supports Services, Dacia King-Sarkodie, to learn how you can enroll - dking@arcessex.org or (973) 535-1181 ext. 1272.



Board Members Appointed

During Annual Business and Membership Meeting

On Tuesday, June 8th members of The Arc of Essex County tuned in for the virtual annual business and membership meeting. During the meeting, hosted on Zoom, members elected new trustees and approved modifications to the agency's by laws. Appointed to the Board were:

Trustees:
Patricia Boylan
Eileen Hahn
Dana Irvis
David Cordova
Caitlin Cascino

During the June 8th Board meeting, the following advisory board members and officers were elected:

Officers:

Gary Russikoff – Treasurer

Advisory Board Members:

Robin Alampi

Stuart Applebaum

Lorraine Coppola

Caitlin DiRuggiero

Mark Gerson

Herbert Lev

Brian Lowe

Angela McCaffrey

Peter Madonia

Leon Morton

Jo-Ann Raines

Patricia Sanders

Kenneth Sauter

Damian Sian

William Sumas

Maryanne Vindici

Meredith Whittaker

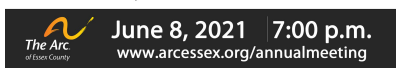
Paul Wirth

Regan Waters White

The Arc of Essex County extends our upmost appreciation to all returning and new board members for their time, talent, and effort on behalf of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

ANNUAL VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Meeting Agenda:
The Arc of Essex County's Annual Business Meeting
Agency Update
Bylaws Amendments & Trustee Vote



The Arc of Essex County Residential Corner

July Openings

For individuals seeking a community living placement, The Arc of Essex County has the following July 2021 openings:



Terrace Group Home (1 Male Vacancy)

- 1 Bedroom Available in 4-Bedroom Group Home
- 24/7 Staff Supervision

- Recently Renovated, Single Family, Ranch-Style Home on a Quiet, Residential Street in West Orange
- Minutes from Eagle Rock Reservation, Shopping, and Recreation
- The residents of this all male group home enjoy picnics at Liberty State Park, bowling, going to the mall to shop, and weekly restaurant nights (pre-COVID)



Nutley Group Home (1 Female Vacancy)

- 1 Bedroom Available in a 6-Bedroom Group Home
- 24/7 Staff Supervision
- Large Single-Family Home on a Quiet Dead-End Street
- Current roommates range in age from early 30's to early 60's. They are an active and fun loving group, always looking for new things to try. Pre-COVID, they held parties at their home and enjoyed attending parties hosted by others. They enjoy trips to the movies, restaurants, Medieval Times, the YMCA, and numerous other venues, often making use of The Arc's recreation clubs.



South Orange Supportive Living Apartment (1 Female Vacancy)

- 1 Bedroom Available in a 2-Bedroom Apartment
- Minimal Community Living Support Needs
- Access to an Emergency On-Call System for Added Safety 24 Hours a Day
- Apartment-style Living in 5-Floor Building with Elevator
- Located Steps from Public Transportation and South Orange's Vibrant Downtown

For additional information about The Arc of Essex County's residential services, [click here](#). If you are interested in pursuing independent living at one of the above properties, please contact The Arc's Senior Director of Residential Services, Rebecca Lorusso via email at rlorusso@arcessex.org or by calling (973) 535-1181 ext. 1270.

Tributes and Facebook Fundraisers

From Spring 2021

Tributes are a beautiful way to acknowledge those you care for, and at the same time, help further The Arc's mission. To purchase a tribute, please call Ann Burleigh at (973) 535-1181 ext. 1245 or visit The Arc of Essex County's website [here](#).

Special Occasions:

In Honor of Lee Bergman

Madeline Dreifus

In Honor of Karen and David Savinsavin

Stuart Applebaum

Memorials:**In Memory of Kathleen Anderson**

Christine Briggs

In Memory of Louise Collins

Melanie Blahnik

Alice Fisher

Linda Fisher-Helton

Harry Gallup

Karen McIntyre

Tamara Osbourne

West Caldwell Board of Education Secretaries Association

In Memory of Angela DellaPia

Victor Buonopane

In Memory of Gregory De Lorenzi

Bayer Matching Gifts Program

Arianna De Lorenzi

Schwab Charitable

In Memory of Mickey McNany

Elizabeth Johnson

In Memory of Ralph Miele

Maryanne Vindici

Supporters can host Facebook Fundraisers for birthdays and celebrations to raise money on behalf of The Arc of Essex County. We are very grateful for the following individuals who fundraised April – June 2021.

Jane Marie's Birthday Fundraiser

Chris Froelich

Cindy Joseph

Jane Marie

Jacqueline Savino

Marisellie Serrano

Facebook Donations

Wendy Bronsnick

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