

# The Archive Newsletter

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No Limits Summer Camp 2022

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# From the desk of the president

Great things are happening at The Arc of the Ozarks as we begin the summer months! The new fiscal year begins on July 1st, and we will soon be announcing some exciting news pertaining to salary increases, new services, and plans to expand additional services for individuals and families in our community.

As we keep an eye on the possible new surge of COVID, we look forward to an optimistic future at The Arc of the Ozarks. The 2022 legislative session in Jefferson City passed a new budget that approved a record amount of new funding for disability services in the state of Missouri. Our board and administration are making plans to turn this funding into additional services for individuals in our community. We move with caution as safety continues to be our priority, while being mindful of the economic hardships of our clients and staff. As always, I would like to thank our board, staff, families and community members for working together to ensure that the mission of The Arc continues to be met safely.



President/CEO Mike Powers

In this issue of the newsletter, you will read about the renovations and re-opening of the swimming pool at the Activities Center, the No Limits Summer Recreation program, a recap of our annual Monett golf tournament and bass fishing tournament in Branson, and some awesome success stories.

Hope everyone has a great summer.

Michael H. Powers  
President/CEO  
The Arc of the Ozarks

## Awarded Grants

<i>Grant</i>	<i>Grant Purpose</i>	<i>Amount</i>
O'Reilly Auto Parts Golf Classic	Mercy Autism Clinic Branson— Family Advocate Services	\$10,000
Greene County Senior Services Fund	Habilitation Services for Seniors	\$15,000
Ozarks Health Advocacy Foundation	Autism Diagnostic Tools	\$4,990
Disability Inclusion Project	Ozarks Inclusion Partnership— Employment Inclusion Workshop	\$1,000

# CARF Accreditation

The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) International is an independent, nonprofit accreditor of health and human service. The Arc of the Ozarks has participated in this evaluation and achieved ten consecutive three year awards since 1994.

This accreditation process is accomplished through surveys conducted by independent peer reviewers, who gather and assess information and services to determine if quality standards are being met. A recommendation identifies any standard for which CARF determined that the organization did not meet the minimum quality standard requirements.

This year we are especially honored to report that The Arc of the Ozarks received no recommendations. This accomplishment is extremely rare and only occurs in three percent of CARF surveys. The Arc of the Ozarks takes pride in providing exceptional disability services and supports and is committed to maintaining a standard of excellence that provides the highest quality of service to all clients and families we serve.



CARF Seal

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## Legislative News

The Missouri General Assembly approved the fiscal year 2023 state budget on Friday, May 6th. The estimated \$49 billion budget allocates a record level of spending for the State of Missouri. Legislators continue to allocate the American Rescue Plan spending package in HB 3020, that contains \$2.8 billion of one time federal dollars designed to assist states recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are incredibly grateful to the Missouri General Assembly for including funding that serves the needs of individuals with disabilities in Missouri. We extend a heartfelt thanks to our Southwest Missouri legislators that advocated on behalf of individuals with disabilities, rallying to pass a budget with record new funding to increase much needed disability services across Missouri. The Arc of the Ozarks is fortunate to have exceptional leaders from Southwest Missouri that listened to the need and led the efforts this session. Thank you for your work and commitment to making more services accessible to Missourians with disabilities.



Missouri State Capitol

# Brian rocks 15 years of employment with The Arc

When he isn't rocking out to his favorite music legend, you will see Brian going to different offices around Springfield to pick up paper to be shredded. He loves seeing other people working in the various businesses, and he's especially proud of how many bags he can shred in a single shift. Brian has been working as a shredder since he began his employment back in 2006.

Through his work in the Shred and Recycling area, Brian has met several people and built positive working relationships with them. He began with a small home shredder and over the years he has grown to be an Allegheny J-45 Shredder expert.



Brian accepting his recognition of service certificate

Thanks to supported employment opportunities, Brian has set an example for the employment team by offering his many years of service and dedication to his job. He has one of those personalities that everyone wants to be around. He puts a smile on everyone's faces by wiggling his eyebrows, calling his job coaches "grandmas" and, of course, through his jam sessions with Elvis. Congratulations Brian for a job well done!

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## Ozarks Inclusive Partnership – Employment Summit

Ozarks Inclusive Partnership (OIP) is a partnership among a variety of local disability stakeholder organizations. OIP's mission is to educate, inspire, and develop relationships/partnerships between businesses and organizations in Southwest Missouri.

This group of dedicated advocates hosted a half-day workshop designed to raise awareness and increase community understanding about disability inclusion and inclusive employment practices. The Arc is proud to be a part of this innovative group of community partners committed to championing disability inclusion in the workplace.



Treasurer Fitzpatrick speaking about MOABLE

With a full line up of topics from credible speakers and panelists, participants learned why employing people with disabilities makes good business sense and the benefits of utilizing untapped talent while promoting inclusion in their businesses. Topics included reasonable accommodations, creating a culture of inclusion, tax credits, Americans with Disabilities Act, benefits of MOABLE accounts and more.

Each participant received a free digital toolkit along with many additional resources to help their businesses to be more inclusive. To learn more about OIP and to get involved, contact our Family Advocate, Angie Perryman at 417-864-7887 or follow Ozarks Inclusive Partnership on [Facebook](#).

# The Arc dance

The Arc of the Ozarks Education/Recreation program celebrated the arrival of spring with their first dance since the pandemic began. Clients finally had the chance to bust a move in The Arc gym, surrounded by friends and family.

Keep up with The Arc of the Ozarks events and activities by following us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).



Arc client, Shade with her Spring Fling date, Issac

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## Student-led event raises funds for autism services

On May 7th, students of the Springfield Public Schools Health Sciences Academy at Mercy program held a fundraiser to benefit The Arc of the Ozarks autism services. This program for eighth-grade students explores the many healthcare fields available throughout the Ozarks.

The students began raising funds the week before the event with a bake sale that raised over \$800. The event itself was held at Mercy Hospital, where guests enjoyed fun activities including face painting, carnival games, and student performances. The students emceed and created the program for the event, which focused on educating the public about autism spectrum disorders. Our Vice President of Clinical Services, Dr. Kayette Glass addressed the class of 2022 and graciously accepted the funds raised for The Arc of the Ozarks autism services.



Students presenting Dr. Glass with a check

The initial fundraising goal set by the students was \$1,500, but they were able to surpass that goal with a grand total of \$3,100 raised. Dr. Kayette Glass then spoke at their graduation ceremony to honor and recognize the students for their advocacy and success.

The funds were allocated toward our Family Mandt Trainings. Mandt for Families is a free community program tailored to the dynamics of families and caregivers who want to acquire new skills, techniques, and knowledge when working with a loved one with autism and other diagnoses. Additionally, families and caregivers are provided with valuable information about autism and other diagnoses and how it affects the individual and the impact it may have on the family.

"In our 12 years of struggles with our daughter, we have never been in a room with any other families who knew exactly what we were going through. The rest of the day was filled with so much empowering information for both my husband and myself." said Amanda, MANDT parent.

# The Arc pool is back with a splash

The Arc of the Ozarks Timothy Grant Newport Activity Center's pool has officially reopened. Staff and clients celebrated the reopening with a luau theme party for where everyone could swing by for a dip or grab a cupcake.

We would like to thank the Sutherland Foundation for their generous \$10,000 donation to help fund the remodel of our swimming pool. This renovation has updated our facilities to better meet the needs of individuals with limited mobility in our community. This makeover and refresh were long overdue but just in time to kick off our 2022 No Limits Summer Camp season. Thanks to the Sutherland Foundation for your support.



Camper making a splash

"The entry stairs make it so much more accessible for our campers to get in and out of the pool. The hot tub has been a hit," said Amy Holland, Director of Education and Recreation.

Our pool is not only available to clients but also accessible to anyone in the community who is looking for a great indoor pool. We hold open swims Monday through Thursday from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm when summer camp is not in session.

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## Miracle League returns

After two long years without baseball, Counterpoint clients were ready to get back in the swing of things on the Miracle League Ball Field! The Miracle League is all about making new friends, building self-esteem and the love of the game, serving children and adults with disabilities.

Using the "Buddy" system, each player is paired with a volunteer buddy who may assist in hitting, running, catching — or simply being a cheerleader!

The Betty and Bobby Allison Miracle League Ball Field is a custom-designed barrier-free ball field, where players of all ages and abilities can hit, run, catch, and play ball. The field is specially equipped with a cushioned synthetic surface that allows players utilizing wheelchairs and walkers to move unrestricted and without fear of injury. What a great way to spend your summer— hitting baseballs and making friends.



Terry poses for a photo with his buddy



Eli posing with his glove in the dugout

# No Limits Summer Camp returns

No Limits Summer Camp kicked off on June 6th with smiles and fun. This season has been a hot one so far, and we are very grateful to enjoy the newly remodeled pool. This year was the first since the pandemic that we have opened to new campers. No Limits Summer Camp welcomed 12 new campers between the two sessions.

"Campers have been playing tons of games, making lots of crafts, and practicing lots of social skills by going out in community," said Amy Holland, Director of Education and Recreation.

Campers enjoyed many outings including fishing at [Bois D'Arc pond](#), [Dickerson Park Zoo](#), [Firehouse Pottery](#), [Springfield Gymnastics](#), [Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park](#), [Art Zone](#), and [Republic Aquatic Center](#). This year, we were able to hire a bus driver for summer camp outings. Sheryl has been a wonderful addition to the summer camp team.

What makes No Limits Summer Camp unique? Our multi-week program promotes the educational and recreational interest of each camper. Campers continue their learning, helping to maintain their Individualized Education Program (IEP) plan set for them during the school year while making friends and having fun.



No Limits Summer Camp activity fun



No Limits Summer Camp bus driver, Sheryl

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## Price Cutter Charity Championship raffle sales

Purchase a TLC Properties Charity Sweepstakes ticket for \$25 for a chance to win a 2022 Toyota Tacoma, or a Rick's Automotive, Inc Raffle ticket for \$20 for the chance to win a 2022 John Deere UTV Gator. Your purchase will support No Limits Summer Camp. Purchase your ticket by calling 417-874-1902. To purchase online, use [this link](#) or the QR code below.



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# Monett Golf tournament recap

On Friday, May 6, The Arc of the Ozarks hosted our annual Monett Charity Golf Tournament at Windmill Ridge Golf Course. It is hard to believe that this is our 19th year hosting this community supported event. Despite the rainy start, it was a great day of golfing and fun for everyone involved.

25 teams came out to help raise funds for individuals supported by The Arc of the Ozarks in Barry and Lawrence counties. Proceeds from this event will fund the remodel of our new space in the Life360 Resource Center. This partnership will allow us to have a new base in the community for our employment services and community integration services. We are grateful to work alongside other non-profits at a hub of local resources and excited to be a part of this project in the Monett community.

Golfers started the day by enjoying a cookout style lunch with tea courtesy of McAlisters Deli and cookies donated by Subway. Our President/CEO, Mike Powers, welcomed the teams and thanked them for their continued support of this longstanding Monett tradition. Raffles, prizes, games and fun were a bonus to enjoying 18 holes of golf spent with teammates, friends and family.

Over \$10,000 was raised to benefit individuals served by The Arc in Barry and Lawrence counties. This would not have been possible without the amazing support from our sponsors and community partners that came out to help make this tournament a success: [Alliance Rehab and Medical Equipment](#), [Associate Electric Cooperative, Inc.](#), [Freedom Bank of Southern Missouri](#), [Marsh & McLennan Agency](#), [First State Bank of Purdy](#), [Liberty Utilities](#), [GEICO Local Office - Springfield](#), [Nestleroad & Robert Optometrists](#), [Xcel Business Service](#), [KPM CPAs & Advisors](#), [Monett Coast to Coast](#), [SumnerOne](#), [Pinnacle Sign Group](#), [First Independent Bank](#), [Metlife](#), [Crown Power & Equipment](#), [ADP](#), [Jack Henry & Associates](#), [Genesis Bolt and Supply Inc.](#), and [Hearo](#).

We could not have done it without you. Thank you!

Winning scores listed below

Flight A	Flight B	Flight C
1st: 59	1st: 66	1st: 70
2nd: 59	2nd: 67	2nd: 72
3rd: 59	3rd: 68	3rd: 73



Newly renovated Life 360 office space



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Client volunteer, Mildred, with her staff enjoying the day



Monett Golf Tournament in full swing



The Arc of the Ozarks' golf team

# Fishing tournament has a record breaking year

Fishermen from all across the Ozarks and beyond took to Table Rock Lake on Saturday, April 30th in hopes of reeling in the biggest bass at our 4th annual Open Buddy Bass fishing tournament. The event raised a record breaking \$16,000 to benefit individuals we serve at The Arc of the Ozarks to fund unmet medical, dental and personal needs.

The morning started out with a few scattered showers but the sun made its appearance just in time for boaters to launch. The day ended with weigh-in and lunch around 3:30 where we identified the biggest bass at a whopping 5.93 lbs. We would like to congratulate all the winners and want to offer our sincere thanks to all the participants who came out to support The Arc of the Ozarks.

This event would not have been possible without our generous sponsors at [Central Bank](#), [Marsh & McClennan Agency](#), [Hufft Land Services](#), [Rick's Automotive](#), [At Home Real Estate](#), [Old Missouri Bank](#), [JMARK](#), [Hearo](#), [WON Communications](#), and [Metro Credit Union](#). We cannot say thank you enough for their continued support and dedication to the individuals we serve with disabilities.

A special thank you to [Link Media Outdoor](#) for providing in-kind advertisement services through billboards around the Ozarks.

"This was a great way for sportsmen to enjoy their passion for fishing while making a difference in the lives of those who need their support," Glenn Rosser, owner of Anglers Obsession Guide Service and original tournament volunteer organizer. "We will continue to grow this tournament and thank all of those who chose to spend their day with us. We'll be looking forward to next year's event and hope that other anglers and sponsors will join us."

Results listed below:

- 1st Place: Gray/Gray (19.23lbs)
- 2nd Place: Emmitt/Fisher (15.24lbs)
- 3rd Place: Buehler/Tassett (15.20lbs)
- 4th Place: Power/Rice (14.68lbs)
- 5th Place: Brassard/Mulberry (13.50lbs)
- 6th Place: Bacon/Dugan (13.30lbs)

Big Bass: Bila/Sedletski (5.93lbs)



Big Bass winner, Brock Bila, showing off the catch of the day



The fishing tournament is fun for the whole family



Boaters ready to start the tournament



The Arc's President/CEO, Mike Powers, and Central Bank Vice President of Marketing, Andrew Tasset, speaking to participants



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