

# The State of The Arc



MISSION UPDATES, VOLUNTEER PROJECTS, EVENTS, DISABILITY NEWS

## BECOME A PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THAN YOURSELF



Become a founding member of The Arc's Inclusion Club today! Inclusion Club is a brand new giving society designed to allow supporters to increase their impact and enrich the lives of hundreds of people in Central Alabama with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Recurring gifts allow The Arc to budget for a strong and steady income source to continue providing meaningful support and services in our homes, day programs, employment training, and early intervention. Your gift is the best assurance that The Arc can continue to promote inclusion, independence, and dignity for the people we serve.



### Wings for Autism

Going to the airport can be a very overwhelming experience, especially for people with autism or other intellectual/developmental disabilities. From the crowds, loud noises and endless lines, to the unfamiliar security procedures and locations, this can be a very stressful experience. Wings for Autism gives people with autism or I/DD and their families the opportunity to participate in a dress rehearsal designed to help them become more comfortable with air travel.



[click here to find out more](#)



## Save The Date to Shamrock Shindig

The Junior Board of The Arc of Central Alabama invites you to the 6th Annual Shamrock Shindig. Enjoy St. Patrick's Day fun at Iron City on Friday, March 15th, 2019 from 7-11 pm. We'll have hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and even great live music from The Divines. All you need to do is show up in green (of course) and bring your luck so you can try to catch a prize in the always exciting balloon drop.

[Learn More](#)



## The Arc Show & 2019 Calendar

This unique 2019 calendar consists of original artwork by people served through The Arc. Your purchase of a calendar helps us continue providing these amazing services that offer endless opportunities. We hope you will view this calendar as a daily reminder of the talents and creativity of the people served and the difference you make in each of their lives. Stay tuned for more information on our new Blount County event - The Arc Show! This fundraising event will feature beautiful artwork created by people served in the Blount County area. Details coming soon.

[Purchase Your Calendar Here](#)

## Stories of Impact

The Arc of Central Alabama empowers a hundred individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Jefferson and Blount Counties to live the lives they choose as equal, contributing, and valued members of their community thanks to the Employment Program. A recent New York Times article, "Hiring People With Disabilities Is Good Business," shows the benefits to a company hiring people with disabilities. Let's continue being champions for the people with I/DD and read the full story below.

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## Thank You

Every year, we ask our loyal supporters in the community to adopt an angel through The Arc Angel Tree. This project provides Christmas gifts to the people living in an Arc supported home who do not have active family members or caregiver in their lives. Thank you to everyone who adopted an angel, put up a tree or held a wish list drive at their place of business, and the numerous volunteers who helped us bring the joy of gifts under the tree to the people we serve. You are forever a part of The Arc family!