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February 2015

## Thank You Members and Friends!

generous donations, memberships and purchases of our annual holiday treats helped raise over **\$10,000!** We are grateful for your year-round support of our programs for people with disabilities and their families.



*Volunteer Paul Schowalter at Malicki's Piggly Wiggly*

Special thank you to the many volunteers who donated their time to staff our holiday treat sale outlets and to the businesses who welcomed our sales efforts: Sweet Flame, Pick 'N Save, Educators Credit Union, Malicki's Piggly Wiggly, Community State Bank - Union Grove.

## Volunteers Needed for Self-Advocacy Classes

Arc continues to work with students in high school and transition classrooms to help them build their "soft skills" - communication, teamwork, collaboration, adaptability, problem-solving, and role-playing.



Volunteers spend time getting to know students while helping them express themselves through hands-on interactive activities.

Sessions are 50 minutes long during the regular school day. By sharing with other students, they develop self-confidence and recognize that they do have skills for future employment.

Student Suzie Sheely recently completed the Pieces of Life activity and presented it to her peers. In this activity, students identify their strengths and discuss ways to deal with their weaknesses by considering alternatives, such as asking for help and making positive changes in their lifestyle.

Please call the Arc office if you'd like to volunteer!

## Advocacy: Helping Parents Improve Special Education Services for Their Child

Arc provides phone consultation and advocacy at school meetings when parents need guidance about their child's special education services and IEP - Individualized Education Program.

There are many great resources to guide parents in seeking information about best practices and their rights regarding special education. Please visit our website at [www.thearcofracine.org](http://www.thearcofracine.org). For additional support, please call the Arc at 262-600-0000.

## Boston Store Community Days Display Sat., February 21st

We plan to visit our display table in Boston Store on Saturday, Feb. 21st from 12 - 2 pm. We will be selling coupon books for the annual **Boston Store Community Days Event on Feb. 27 & 28th.**

Coupon books are \$5 each and the **Arc receives 100% of the proceeds if purchased from us!** Books are also available for purchase at the Arc office. Visit <http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001x457NcK4pymrboCabvwDRLogXkavb3JAIYw1UF8nbFR>

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## Join us for Disability Advocacy Day

Tuesday, March 17th



Annual bus trip to the Capitol is a great way to meet your state representatives and speak up about your concerns. Please call the Arc office for information and to reserve your seat: 1-262-634-6303.

**Transition Day**  
Saturday, March 21st  
Gateway - Racine Campus

Mark your calendar for this FREE annual opportunity to meet face to face with agency representatives who can guide you through the maze of services for children and adults with special needs. Workshop topics will be announced soon.

Annual funding for our programs is provided by:  
**United Way of Racine County**  
**Racine Community Foundation**  
**SC Johnson**  
**Racine Dominican Mission Fund**  
**Knights of Columbus**  
**Junior League of Racine**  
**Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities**

**Join The Arc!** Individual Membership is only \$20 for a full year of news and information about disability issues and events from the local (Racine), State and national offices of The Arc! Visit our website <http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001x457NcK4pymrboCabvwDRLogXkavb3JAIYw1UF8nbFRI-btOYprKsXZ-AfjQ89tDjROFSQxoe03VKBhzEz5NQfi7rywKjKSClq1fOqyr9KioSkm5LgVXn2emdrvFzepbRpBrwgAa67NgOxtcxRtqjVyn6Vr9CopfOJsLX7D5ISA==&c=&ch=> or call 262-634-6303 for more information.

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