

Achieve with us.

Dear Friend,

Do you know someone who achieves their goals in life regardless of the challenges they face? It's not easy, but we all do it. Meet Lesley – despite her disability, she is making her dreams come true: to live and work in her community. But for many, obstacles can seem insurmountable without support from people like you, and organizations like The Arc of Kentucky. The U.S. Arc serves 1.4 million individuals with intellectual and Developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families across the country. In Kentucky there are more than 7 million Americans live with intellectual disability, Down Syndrome, Autism or one of the 100+ other diagnosis that affect their ability to function independently.

Doesn't everyone have the right to be respected?

Be valued? Be included? Participate?

They are young and old, all races and backgrounds. They have families, friends and others who care about them. And, they have goals and aspirations just like you and me. We know you would want to help protect their basic rights to equal opportunities if you had the chance.

Here's your chance. Become a member of The Arc of Kentucky today. The Arc of Kentucky promotes and protects the rights of people with I/DD to live, learn, work and play in their communities as valued members of society. We advocate ending institutionalization, offering opportunities for education and employment, ensuring services and supports are there so people with I/DD can live just like everyone else.

As a member of The Arc of Kentucky, not only will you be joining us to help people with I/DD achieve their full potential, but you will:

- **Stay informed** – as a member you will receive a “welcome” packet from our office, a quarterly newsletter, special access to our “members only” tab on our website which will give you up-to-date information about The Arc of Kentucky's advocacy priorities, programs and events, and a discount on our registration for our Best Practices Annual Conference.

Lesley lives, works and plays in her community. She enjoys travel, dance, dogs, volunteering, attending church, doing mission work, bowling, spending time with family & friends out in the community and being a board member of The Arc of Kentucky. She is especially gifted as a self-advocate. She has a passion; advocating for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Her work helps The Arc, and The Arc helped her achieve her goal of becoming an advocate. She recently received the Susy Riffe Memorial Award for Achievement, given to a Kentuckian with an intellectual disability, who has made a positive contribution through participation at work, in the home and the community. She is pictured (at right) working as an office aide at The Arc of Kentucky.

You Can Help Protect Lesley's Right to Follow Her Dreams!

Meet Lesley!



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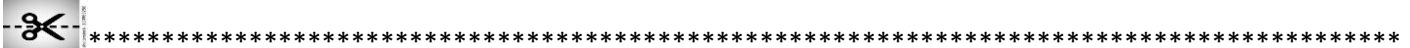
Get Involved Locally – As a member of the state Arc, you will be not only informed of local Arcs in your community, but also statewide connections. Opportunities will open up so that you can get involved through committees, task forces and other advisory groups.

Get Discounts- Join us for our annual conference and receive a discount on your registration. **Join TODAY** to begin receiving all these great benefits and so much more!

Please visit our website at www.arcofky.org for information on how to join, or fill out and detach the bottom portion of this page and return to:

**The Arc of Kentucky
706 East Main Street, Ste. A
Frankfort, KY 40601**

Self-advocate participants attending the 874K Rally in Frankfort.



The Arc of Kentucky Membership Application. Please join us! Today's Date: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Organization: _____

Check One:

- I am a professional or a business in the field. Enclosed is a check for \$50.00 for my dues.
- I am a parent/relative of an individual with an intellectual or developmental disability or I am interested in supporting the Arc. Enclosed is a check for \$25.00 for my dues.
- I am an individual with an intellectual or developmental disability. Enclosed is a check for \$10.00 for my dues.
- I am a student interested in supporting The Arc. Enclosed is a check for \$10.00 for my dues.

Please make all checks out to The Arc of Kentucky and Mail to: The Arc of Kentucky, 706 East Main Street, Ste. A, Frankfort, KY 40601.

*Membership dues to The Arc of Kentucky, a 501©3 nonprofit organization, are tax deductible as charitable contributions.