

## Arc Resident Receives the Somerset County 2021 Excellence in the Arts Award



Message From The Executive Director, Lauren Frary and Mike Stefani, Board President

Gratitude is important everyday of the year, but at this time, it is more important than ever. Last year showed me how fortunate I am to work with a team that refuses to give anything less than 110%. Even during these challenging days of the pandemic, The Arc of Somerset County employees rallied beside each other for the sake of our service community. THANK YOU to our employees who selflessly put their individual priorities aside over and over again to be there for others. YOUR work continues to make a REAL DIFFERENCE!

What's more, our leadership team's ensure that we continue to provide services and supports be it in person, virtually or a combination. I'd also like to thank our communities. Our neighbors, local businesses, community partners and families—all those who play a role in sustaining our programs and services- were faced with unique and evolving challenges this year. Your drive, commitment and dedication is truly exceptional.

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The Arc of Somerset County is pleased to announce one of our Adult residential clients, Marcia J. of Bridgewater was a recent recipient of the **2021 Excellence in the Arts Awards Program**.

The program honors individuals and organizations that show exemplary leadership and dedication to the fine and performing arts in the Somerset County Community. Marcia J. was one of three individuals to have been selected by a committee appointed by the Cultural & Heritage Commission and was awarded for *Arts in Education* recognition on Tuesday evening, December 7<sup>th</sup> 2021 over zoom.

*Karen Kowalski, MPH OTR - Director of Adult Services at The Arc of Somerset County stated "On behalf of The Arc of Somerset County, we sincerely congratulate Marcia for being such a passionate advocate for the valued leisure time pursuits for both herself as well as for her room-mate. Looking forward to more contributions to the art community in the future by our friend Marcia!"*



*Marcia J. of Union Ave Live Zooms Her Message of Thanks to Members of the Somerset Cultural & Heritage Commission*

[Click Here to View the Zoom Video Award Presentation](#)

### From Marcia J:

*I love doing art work. I started at home with my Mom. My Mom showed me what to do. I did sponge art at school and I won a blue ribbon. Wherever I am I've enjoyed all kinds of arts and crafts including coloring, stenciling, and painting.*

*I've recently discovered how enjoyable it is to paint with acrylics on canvas. My room is filled with canvases. I started with simple paintings and later used my I-pad to explore different types of paintings and create in those styles. For example, I painted an apple tree with one giant apple. Now I see giant apples everywhere! In addition to art I enjoy listening to music (especially when I paint), dancing, occasionally watching TV programs such as the Munsters and the Flintstones, and going to day program. Time spent with my friends and staff is very important to me. My Saturday visits to see my Mom are the highlight of my week.*



## The Arc of Somerset County MISSION

The Arc of Somerset County provides a lifetime of comprehensive services, advocacy and support to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families to promote growth, achievement and ongoing involvement in the community.

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## Somerset Patriots Donate \$5K to Assist JCDDF Family Effected by Hurricane Ida in September

Special thanks to The Somerset Patriots, the New York Yankees Double-A affiliate, for selecting The Arc of Somerset County as one of five charities from the team's 2021 fundraising efforts to assist those affected by the flooding and damage caused by Tropical Storm Ida. \$35,000 was raised by the team through an online auction, ballpark 50-50 raffles, and a donation match by the Kalafer family, Flemington Car & Truck Country Family of Brands, Clinton Honda, and Jaguar Land Rover Princeton.



Members of the Executive Staff of the Somerset Patriots Presents Check to Family Member of the JDCCF Effected by Hurricane Ida.

**THANK YOU [SOMERSET PATRIOTS](#)  
FROM THE JERRY DAVIS CENTER  
FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES!**

The money raised through the Somerset Patriots Children's Educational and Sportsmanship Foundation was earmarked to assist with recovery efforts for Central New Jersey residents and businesses. The donation will help The Arc of Somerset County assist one of our Jerry Davis Center Families from Manville that were affected by the flooding and damage from the storm. THANK YOU!!

### Message from the Executive Director Continued...

Most importantly, I want to thank each and every one of the children, adolescents and adults we serve and their families. You are the reason we show up every day. You are the reason we do what we do. THANK YOU for your faith in us as we walk these uncertain paths as partners together. Although we will continue to face challenges with the pandemic, we look forward to what 2022 will bring. Most notably, the 50th anniversary of The Arc of Somerset County! We will celebrate our past and look forward to the next 50 years. Along with our milestone anniversary, we will launch a new strategic plan that will outline our path into the future. We will challenge ourselves to expand our services to meet the changing needs of our communities. In addition, we will look forward to utilizing our new facilities at Camp Jotoni to the advantage of our families and communities. I look forward to our next chapter and hope that you will be a part of it.

Best Wishes in 2022 -Lauren Frary



# THE ARC'S GOT TALENT VIRTUAL TALENT SHOW OF 2021!

For the second year in a row, The Arc's Got Talent went virtual. This year included singing, musical performances, art, along with poetry readings. All of our participants' hard work a successful show! Special Thanks to Volunteer *Alice Rivers* for the video coordination this year!

### Thank you!

*All staff* who assisted in recording:

Doretha C  
Federick A.  
Alice R.  
Lance F.

Cliff L.  
Karen K.  
Pat H.

### Judges:

Jill G.  
Amy T.  
Sabrina S.



*Congratulations to all of our artists who proudly displayed their artwork*

### *Did You Know...*

The Arc Foundation of Somerset County continues to seek funding for the expansion of programs (both in person and virtually) for the children and adults that are served by The Arc of Somerset County?

### *Did You Know...*

The Arc Foundation of Somerset County continues to outreach every season to various local Somerset County corporations, civic and religious organizations for group volunteer activities that include virtual storytelling, BINGO, and holiday parties during the holiday season?

For more information on how to get involved and VOLUNTEER please contact Lisa Marie Arieno, Director of The Arc Foundation of Somerset County at 908-658-3805 or email: [lisamariea@thearcofsomerset.org](mailto:lisamariea@thearcofsomerset.org)

# Camp Jotoni Campers Return to TWO Newly Constructed Cabins

*There were miles of smiles at the entrance of the Camp Jotoni parking lot in late June and early July as our beloved campers and their families returned to their favorite summer camp!*



*For our campers, whether it is a Friday night out or a weekend get-away, the opportunity to experience time away from the normal routine to enjoy social time with friends can be highly restorative if not transformative.*

Week 6 Camp Jotoni campers enjoy their 1st day of awesome weather at the pool!



*Construction for Cabins 3 & 4 are now underway as of November 2021!*



*Thank you for helping us on our journey to make camp an even better experience. It is because of your belief in our mission, your love for our campers and staff that we will soon be able to expand our services beyond the summer camp season. It is because of your donation- Camp Jotoni was one of the only residential camps open to meet the needs of our families and campers in 2021...*

[Generations will feel the impact for many years to come because of your support](#)

**4th Annual "Clubs for Cabins"  
Golf Outing for  
Camp Jotoni  
Monday, September 13th 2021**



**Thank You to All of Our  
Dedicated Sponsors and Golfers  
for Helping us Reach our Goals  
for Cabins 3 & 4**

On Monday, September 13th 2021 The Arc Foundation of Somerset County hosted the 4th Annual "Clubs for Cabins" at Raritan Valley Country Club. Special thanks to our sponsors and golfers who helped us reach our goal of raising over \$90K which will go towards the building of cabins 3 & 4 this winter.

**SAVE THE DATE and Join Us for the 5th Annual "Clubs for Cabins" Golf Outing scheduled for Monday September 12th 2022!**

The Arc of Somerset County hosted "Unmasking Our Heroes" awards reception on Friday evening at Raritan Valley Country Club. Award recipients were recognized for their commitment to our agency and those we serve for their support of time, in-kind donations and financial support during the 2020-2021 Covid-19 pandemic. We will forever be grateful for our volunteers!

**"Unmasking Our Heroes" 2020-2021 Volunteer  
Awards Recognition Event  
October 15th 2021  
Raritan Valley Country Club**



**Thank You to All of Our Heroes of 2020-2021!  
We will always have a  
special place in our hearts for your service!**

**THE ARC GRANT ACHIEVEMENTS  
(JULY-DECEMBER)**

*We are proud to recognize the following grant achievements*

- CompoSecure \$15,000—Camp Jotoni Capital Campaign
- Henkel America \$10,000—Camp Jotoni Capital Campaign
- Columbia Bank- \$10,000—Camp Jotoni Capital Campaign
- Church and Dwight Employee Giving \$4,000—Camp Jotoni Capital Campaign



In 2021-The Somerset County Cultural & Heritage awarded a Local Arts and Music Program Grant for Adult Services in the amount of \$3,500!

Congratulations Karen Kowalski, Director of Adult Services, MP OTR for receiving these wonderful funds for the adult service programs!

# 2021 FALL SEASON PROJECTS AND HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS WITH OUR LOYAL VOLUNTEERS



Marvin Barrantes, Landscape Consultant From Total Maintenance Pro, completed a beautiful landscape project at our Franklin Group Home. The project totally transformed the landscape of this home and added color and dimension to the property. The labor from Marvin's team was donated to the project as a part of their Community donation program Thank you so much for this amazing work!

The Little Gym - Special thanks to The Little Gym at Montgomery/Hillsborough for your partnership with raising funds for The Jerry Davis Center for Children and Families Student Tuition Assistance Program (STAP) during your Halloween month of festivities!



Special thanks to Jacob Beebe- our Rutgers "Bridging the Gaps" student in 2019 and now a Rutgers PharmD student who came to our Commons Apartments on Saturday 11.6.21 to bring pizzas to everyone including staff members.

Jake formed a very nice relationship with Charlie, Geri and Jayne while he was doing his fieldwork at JCATC a few years ago and wanted to come back to see his friends but wants to include



Withum Week of Caring - We are thankful to our volunteers from [Withum](#)! The folks at Jill Court loved making Thanksgiving placemats. Thank you for sharing your Week of Caring with us!



Henkel Holiday Party - Thank you, Henkel of Bridgewater for the festive and fun annual party



It was a GREAT DAY at the Jerry Davis Center for Children and Families on December 22nd for SANTA to stop by and say hi! Happy Holidays to our families at The JDCCF!

Special thanks to our friends at the Hillsborough Education Association this holiday season for virtually spending an evening with our folks over at Union Ave for cookie making and Holiday BINGO!

**-In 2022- We Are Celebrating 50 Years of Service -**  
**[Click Here to Celebrate With Us](#)**

From its humble beginning in 1972 with just sixteen children and two employees, The Arc of Somerset County has grown to serving over 1,400 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families annually.

Starting in January 2022- The Arc Foundation of Somerset County will be highlighting 50 years of milestones and successes of those members of The Arc of the United States and our Somerset County Chapter that helped shape history around advocacy and inclusion. [Will you celebrate with us?](#)



*The Arc Foundation of Somerset County invites you to*

# Save The Date!

## *Arc Angel Gala 50th Anniversary Celebration*

**Friday June 10, 2022**

Cocktail Reception Begins at 7:00 pm

Bridgewater Marriott  
700 Commons Way  
Bridgewater New Jersey

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## **What's Happening in 2022?**

***In 2022- We Are Celebrating 50 Years of Service***  
***[Join Us for our 50th Anniversary Celebration-](#)***  
***Arc Angel Gala—Friday June 10th at the Bridgewater Marriott***

### ***Step Up for The Arc 5K and Walk***

“Step Up for The Arc 5K and Walk Event” will be Saturday May 7th 2022 at Duke Island Park

### ***Camp Jotoni's 5th Annual Clubs for Cabins***

The Arc Foundation of Somerset County will be hosting the 4th Annual “Clubs for Cabins” golf event fundraiser. Monday, September 12th at Raritan Valley Country Club

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## **DID YOU KNOW THE ARC FOUNDATION OF SOMERSET COUNTY CAN ASSIST YOU ON AN GIFT OF ESTATE OR A PLANNED GIFT?**

The Arc Foundation of Somerset County accepts the following gifts

- Stocks
- Wire transfers and ACH payments:
- IRA: (qualified charitable distributions)

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