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Supported Employment News:

The Arc's Aqueduct Crew trainee's tireless efforts ensure a clean and safe environment along the California Department of Water Resources aqueduct.



The Arc Crew trainee Samya Lacson, hard at work maintaining the grounds of the Department of Water Resources Delta Division Facility.



Community Employment Specialist Arthur Lopez has been delivering COVID-19 sanitation supplies packages to Ralph Burnett in self-quarantine since March.



Diamante Smith celebrates his six-month anniversary at Habitat for Humanity of Stockton. Congratulations, Diamante!



Day program remote services include Baking. With pre-prep, varying levels of physical and instructional supports everyone can participate. The best part is enjoying the dish with friends and family. Click below for the recipe and adapted instructions in both English and Spanish. Bon Appetit!

[Click here to view the recipe in English](#)

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Executive Director Message- The COVID-19 pandemic certainly has affected all of us in some way. At The Arc it has caused us to think more deeply about how much we care about one another and what supporting one another means and looks like to our clients, families, staff and community stakeholders. Ongoing performance management helps us evaluate and plan to stay ahead of risks brought on by the pandemic and otherwise. For The Arc's annual performance results or to give us your feedback call (209) 955-125.

As recipients of the Cares Act Provider Relief Fund: For Providers we purchased 11 tablets, data access and other technology equipment and software to expand ability of our clients, families and staff to communicate with each other, friends, families, The Arc staff and community at large. Tablets complete with WIFI capacity are ready for our clients to use during the pandemic. Staff have done a great job accessing funds, equipment and developing Alternative services instruction keeping up personal care, homelife skills and social connections.

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Kassidy has been helping us with our new YouTube video activities series. Please click the photo of Kassidy and Kamea to be redirected to our YouTube channel to check it out!



The Arc welcomes new Board Member Patty Morais

Patty has lived around the US and in Germany, France with family in the Air Force and the Army. She settled in Stockton where she taught for Stockton Unified School District for more than 25 years. She taught junior high, middle school and adult summer school students with moderate to severe developmental disabilities. She is a long time member of the Haute Couture Society in Stockton, a group dedicated to fabric art and fashion. She has served as their President and Past President. This group shares a love of quilting, sewing, clothing and felting. Patty has a favorite color which you will be sure to recognize when you meet her.



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“Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.” – Melody Beattie. In a time of confusion and chaos, we at The Arc continue to try and bring some joy to our friends who are still at home waiting to return to program. As seen here, we are prepping activity packets and sending home some hot chocolate. That way we can sip it with our friends at home via FaceTime, Skype or Zoom. We also sent home pumpkins to add a little Fall cheer to the homes.



We are thankful for the dedicated staff who design, create and provide employment and adult life and community services.



Board President Message— The Arc San Joaquin Board of Directors has been meeting monthly by conference call since the Spring. We are acutely aware that staff is working in unusual circumstances. We monitor and respond to funding and service requirement directives which have changed frequently under the guidance of Valley Mountain Regional Center and the Department of Developmental Services related to COVID-19.

The Board and I sincerely appreciate the commitment, flexibility and creativity shown by The Arc staff in this rapidly changing and sometimes scary world. Stay safe, wash your hands and have a happy, healthy holiday season.

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The Arc receives \$500 Grant

The Arc received a \$500 grant from CB Merchant Services to purchase tablets and WIFI for persons unable to attend the day programs due to COVID-19. Tablets are used to attend mini self-help courses on The Arc’s YouTube Channel, Face Time or ZOOM with friends and staff, and to access a variety of information related to COVID-19 prevention and other topics of interest. The funds were disbursed via the CB Merchant Services Charitable Fund held at the Community Foundation of San Joaquin. Thank you, CB Merchant Services!

Farewell

One of our colleagues from Valley Mountain Regional Center passed away unexpectedly earlier this month. Wilma Murray was the Community Services Manager, Transportation/Supported Employment. Over many years Wilma assisted individuals to get to and from the day programs and work sites promoting social connections, personal independence and competitive integrated employment. Wilma was an advocate and her input was invaluable. Wilma is greatly missed. Till we meet again, Dear Wilma. From all of us at The Arc San Joaquin.

Please click the Giving Tuesday Banner to be directed to our donation page, thank you.

Together we give.

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GIVING TUESDAY

