

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE ARC OF STORY COUNTY

January 2006 through June 2007

Minutes from The Arc of Story County (The Arc) meetings provide more detail; however, the highlights of the organization's activities are listed below.

2006

February—The Arc received 98.5% of funding requested from ASSET.

March—The Active Lifestyles letter writing campaign aimed primarily at businesses netted \$4260.

May—The Tootsie Roll drive conducted in conjunction with the St. Cecilia Knights of Columbus on one Saturday at three local grocery stores resulted in donations totaling \$1139.50. A Hawaiian-themed Prom was co-sponsored by The Arc and Friendship Ark Homes.

June—The Children at Home grant was extended for FY07 for \$43,000. The annual meeting of The Arc was held. A survey was conducted and the results compiled by the Service Committee of the Strategic Plan. A performance evaluation for the Executive Director was completed.

July—Orientation was conducted by the Executive Committee for three new board members (Vandergaast, Sillman and Rinehart). Ames, Iowa hosted the first Special Olympics U.S. National Games and board members were involved in a variety of activities related to the games.

August—A board planning retreat was held in which Eric Seeman, CPA with Peterson and Houston reviewed the financial statements and audit; the strategic plan was updated; and gave approval to hire a one-quarter time Program Coordinator for The Arc.

October—Laurie Ertz, Executive Director of The Arc, submitted her resignation effective December 1.

November—The Executive Committee began the search for a new Executive Director. The Viva la Arc fundraiser was held in which \$4000 was raised and eight awards were presented.

2007

January—Jay Lettow began as Executive Director of The Arc.

February—ASSET recommended funding The Arc's request at 100%; unfortunately, Story County notified The Arc of pending cuts in the county's financial support (\$12,000 from the respite program and \$12,000 from the Active Lifestyles program). The Arc became a member of the Ames Chamber of Commerce. The Active Lifestyles solicitation netted \$4300.

March—The new Executive Director for The Arc of Iowa attended a board meeting and shared his vision and goals for the organization. The board approved a new fee structure for members of The Arc.

April—The Arc participated in the North Grand Mall fair to raise community awareness about non-profit service agencies.

May—The annual meeting of The Arc was held and one new board member was elected to serve a two year term (Gibler). The Tootsie Roll drive with the Knights of Columbus netted \$1385.

June—Phase 1 of the membership drive was mailed out. Four individuals representing The Arc attended The Arc of Iowa annual convention in Iowa City.