



Inspiring the community to recognize, embrace and include the contributions of individuals with disabilities since 1955

Dear Future Member of The Arc of Story County,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying your summer. I am writing to request your membership to our organization, The Arc of Story County. You many already know The Arc of Story County inspires the community to recognize embrace and include the contributions of individuals with disabilities. As a member of the community you take on many roles and we would like you to accept a role as a member and supporter of The Arc of Story County. **Member** is defined as (*mēm'ber*) (n) - A distinct part of a whole. We value *each* member is a distinct part of The Arc of Story County that allows us to carry out our mission:

The Arc of Story County's Mission is to strive to enrich the lives of persons with developmental disabilities as they learn, work, play and grow within the community. Through advocacy and services we will support persons with developmental disabilities and their families.

Members of The Arc of Story County make the public aware of the needs, rights and abilities of people with intellectual disabilities. Members are a unified voice for change and encouraging progressive legislation. Members support the programs which allow The Arc to live our mission. The programs are:

**Advocacy** provides ongoing assurance that the rights of persons with intellectual disabilities are considered in public policy, education and everyday life. **Children at Home** identifies needs and locates resources to assist parents in keeping their children with developmental disabilities at home. **Faith Fellowship** is a monthly opportunity for teens and young adults to share their faith in an ecumenical group. **Active LifeStyles** focuses on choices in play, skill development, community awareness, developing friendships and activities for a healthy lifestyle. **People First** provides leadership training opportunities and a structure in which self-advocates gain advocacy skills, socialize and become more involved in their community. **Best Buddies** builds friendships among people with and without disabilities.

If you support these program and would like to be a distinctive part of The Arc of Story County as a member please return the section below in the envelope provided and thank you for support The Arc of Story County.

Sincerely,

*Jay D. Lettow*

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Executive Director

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- I/We want to support The Arc through membership. \_\_\_ \$30 individuals  
\_\_\_ \$50 family and organizations
  - I/We would like to help support the work of The Arc with a gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
  - I/We would like more information about The Arc.

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\* Please place this information along with your membership and/or gift in the envelope provided and mail it to: The Arc of Story County, PO Box 5004, Ames, IA 50010.