

The Arc of Chester County Advocates Society

The Arc of Chester County established The Arc of Chester County Advocates Society to recognize individuals and couples who have made provisions in their estate plans to provide a gift to The Arc of Chester County for the benefit of their community.

These gifts take the form of bequests by naming The Arc of Chester County not only in a will or trust, but also in a charitable remainder trust, gifts of life insurance, or any other type of charitable planned gift.

The Arc of Chester County Advocates Society was named after the group of parents who formed The Arc of Chester County in 1952. These pioneer parents wanted to ensure equal rights and access to services for their children with developmental and intellectual disabilities. The Arc's founders defied conventional wisdom by advocating and working for public education and community services and inclusion.

Today, The Arc serves people with disabilities and their families throughout Chester County and the surrounding areas through a lifetime of programs and services. The Arc's programs and services empower individuals to enhance the quality of their lives by preparing individuals with the skills and support they need for inclusion in the community and self-advocacy. The Arc promotes understanding, acceptance, advocacy, and inclusion for individuals with disabilities.

Who Should join the Arc of Chester County's Advocates Society?

For people who want to build a legacy beyond their lifetime, The Arc of Chester County ensures donors that their charitable dollars are used in the way they planned. If you have made preparations in your will, trust, or other deferred gift instrument to make a gift to The Arc of Chester County, you are already eligible to be a member of The Arc of Chester County's Advocates Society.

What are the benefits of joining The Arc of Chester County's Advocates Society?

Being a member of The Arc of Chester County's Advocates Society gives you the opportunity to belong to a select group of like-minded individuals who are committed to support the needs of our communities.

Other benefits:

- Recognition annually at a special event honoring you for your gift during your lifetime.
- The guidance of our professional staff to help you with your estate and gift planning.
- A personalized giving plan, as detailed or general as you'd like, to ensure your gift to The Arc of Chester County is meaningful to you.

How does The Arc of Chester County's Advocates Society work?

- **Establish** - Donors can include a gift to The Arc of Chester County in their will or trust, establishing a bequest.
- **Notify** - Donors notify The Arc of Chester County of their plans and automatically become members of the Advocates Society.
- **Join** - Donors join the network of other Society Community members and receive special recognition.

For more information call The Development Office at 610-696-8090 Ext. 202

The mission of The Arc of Chester County is to advocate, educate and provide services to empower individuals with disabilities and their families to enhance the quality of their lives. The official registration and financial information of The Arc of Chester County may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free within Pennsylvania 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement. The Arc of Chester County is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization—contributions to which are tax deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law.