

The United Arc 2020 Annual Report















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Mission:

The United Arc supports people living with intellectual and developmental disabilities in achieving the universal goals of inclusion, choice, and independence.

Vision:

All people living with intellectual and developmental disabilities achieve the fullest expression of their lives.



Meet Some of The United Arc's essential staff...

The United Arc is an essential business that has been in full operation throughout the current public health emergency to ensure the safety and well-being of the individuals and families we serve. Our staff are all essential personnel, indispensable, never more so than now. Our sincere appreciation to each and every one of them for their commitment, dedication and perseverance during a year of unique and unprecedented challenges...



We celebrate overcoming challenges Employee of the Year

Our employee of the year exemplifies the notion of team and positivity within the organization and also within the entire community.



April Jones has been a consistent positive force for the Individual Home Support team. Starting out in reception, April laid the groundwork for building a supportive and helpful team. April always found ways to streamline tasks for staff, as well as developing creative means for individuals to obtain resources such as food, crafts, and activities.

April transitioned to a coordinator position and has created even more opportunities for the team through her active involvement with Stone Soup Café as well as other local vendors who have been receptive to promoting The United Arc mission. April is active in her community and through those networks and connections has provided the individuals with choices and opportunities through volunteering and assisting in projects for area vendors. Her work with the Stone Soup Café has led to a tremendous bridge between our organization and theirs and has led to opportunities for the individuals we serve. Wonderful opportunities that are a direct result of April's drive to make the best for all in the community.

April is someone that direct support professionals gravitate to for support and to be listened to and guided. April's nature of compassion and genuine caring translates to not only the staff, but to the individuals as well. For over half a year April split her time between the Greenfield and Athol offices. April was an integral part of the development and presence of the Individual Home Support program in the North Quabbin area. April established relationships with individuals who are now fully engaged in services, who previously refused any help.

Overall, April is the Program Coordinator who will come in on a weekend to cover medications, or will go above and beyond to ensure individuals have everything they need.



















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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF TOURNAMENT AT CRUMPIN-FOX

On Friday, August 21 at Crumpin-Fox golf course in Bernardston, MA, the Knights of Columbus, Council #133, hosted their 7th Annual Charity Golf Tournament. For the second year in a row the Knights of Columbus, Council #133 recognized The United Arc as their tournament partner.

In addition to The United Arc, the proceeds from the event will be used to fund a number of Council #133's worthy causes in Greenfield and Franklin County, including the Pan Mass Challenge, Baystate Hospital "Wheeling for Healing", Farren Hospital "Gift of Light", the Greenfield Homeless Shelter, Monthly Community Meals, High School Scholarships, honoring veterans on Memorial Day and having Wreaths Across America wreaths placed on graves at Christmas, several youth sports programs, among others.



The "UnEventFull" Year Sponsors

This year has presented unprecedented challenges, not only for The United Arc, but for everyone. Here at The United Arc we are responsible for ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the individuals and families we serve as we navigate this new world of COVID-19. As health care providers all of our staff are essential personnel and as such, our organization has continued in full operation throughout.

We have always enjoyed coming together with our growing network of volunteers, members, staff, stakeholders, community and business partners, and the individuals and families we serve to celebrate our mission of supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in achieving the universal goals of inclusion, choice and independence. We could always look forward to a range of events such as our Annual Gala & Auction, Annual Business Meeting, Open Houses showcasing Talents and Pursuits, the Annual Summer Picnic, among others.

Sadly, this was not possible this year. This was The "UnEventFull" Year.

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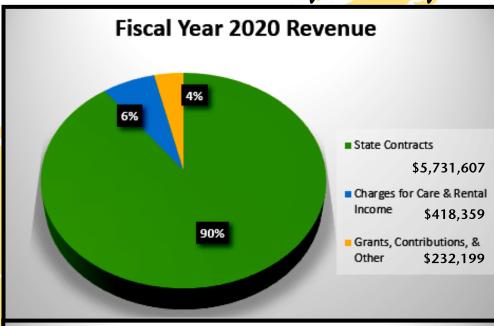
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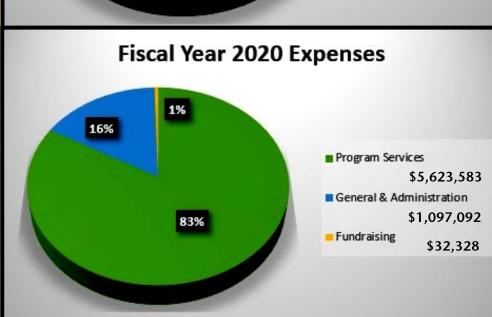
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