



The Arc[™]

*Jefferson, Clear Creek
& Gilpin Counties*



Summit of Hope

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Welcome to The Arc's 9th Annual Summit of Hope Community Awareness Luncheon! We have a lot we are celebrating today, and we're grateful you could be here with us. Thank you.

The Arc - Jefferson, Clear Creek and Gilpin Counties our purpose has always been the same: to promote inclusion, opportunity and achievement for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Thank you for being part of our community and supporting our work.



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COMMUNITY AWARENESS EVENT

Welcome: Patricia Fulton, *Emcee and Educational & Family Advocate*

Just Like You: Owen Young, Donna Gunnison, Grant Abbott, Jennifer Pietranczyk

The Arc Promise: Lori Ropa, *Executive Director*

Advocacy in Action: Traci Loeffler & Kaiden Rivera

Share  Values: Matt & Jenny Fischer

Supporting The Arc: Lesley Dahlkemper, *Jefferson County Board of Education*

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Welcome

Education and family advocate **Patricia Fulton** continues to be a show-stopper as emcee of The Arc's Summit of Hope. Patricia is also an early graduate of The Arc's *Mobilizing Families* training. She and her husband, Benton, and their two children, Kaley & Connor, live in Lakewood.



Just Like You

This piece will be read by **Owen Young** of Lakewood, **Donna Gunnison** of Wheat Ridge, **Grant Abbott** of Lakewood, and **Jennifer Pietranczyk** of Littleton. Each of these individuals have been involved with The Arc for several years.



Owen Young



Donna Gunnison



Grant Abbott



Jennifer Pietranczyk



The Arc Promise

This year marks the sixth Summit of Hope appearance for **Lori Ropa**, who continues to take The Arc to new heights in her adventures as Executive Director. Lori lives in Highlands Ranch with her husband Steve and their sons Jonathan and Tristan.



Advocacy in Action

After many tumultuous years, 51-year old **Tracy Loeffler** is enjoying life, thanks in large part to long-term support from The Arc.





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Advocacy in Action

One of the stars of The Arc's first-ever Summit of Hope luncheon, **Kaiden Rivera** is now a young man looking forward to a full life after high school.



Shared Values

Several years ago, **CiCi Fischer's** life changed in an instant. Her parents are here to share why The Arc is important to them.



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Supporting The Arc

Just like many of you, Jefferson County Board of Education Member **Lesley Dahlkemper** first learned about The Arc's programs sitting in the audience at a previous luncheon. Today she stands before you as a proud supporter of The Arc and champion for students with diverse needs.



Giving to The Arc

The Arc is excited to announce two new ways of supporting our efforts on behalf of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

EFT Donations: To have your donation withdrawn directly from your checking account, simply write EFT on your pledge form and we will follow up with you after the event.

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