

# When Mobilizing Ends: *Staying Connected With The Arc*

## EVENTS

The Arc's community events are free opportunities for you to come and connect with other families. There will always be familiar faces who can help you meet new people. This community can be a valuable resource, and I want to make sure you come to everything at least once. Watch our weekly eNewsletter for details.

### **Holiday Open House – Monday, December 10, 4 to 7 PM**

Held here at our offices, The Arc's Holiday Open House is a free open-house style holiday party for everyone in our community – families, friends and professional partners. There's tons of food, a visit from Santa, and live music. Please plan to stop by and meet some new people!

### **Achievement Challenge 5K – Saturday, May 18, 730 – 11ish AM**

As a charity partner of the Colfax Marathon, The Arc will be hosting the **Achievement Challenge** as part of the Bellco 5K on **Saturday, May 18 at City Park in Denver**. The race starts at 9, but we have to meet at the tent at 730 AM. The 3.1 mile course is fully accessible, and there is also a one-mile shortcut for anyone who would like to use it. Seasoned runners can also race for time. Although the Achievement Challenge centers around the 5K, experienced runners are welcome to support The Arc by participating in any of the [Marathon Weekend Events](#). We need each of you to join us as we race, walk, or roll our way to greater visibility, new opportunities, and more achievement for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For more information, go to [www.arcjc.org/race](http://www.arcjc.org/race). Registration discounts are available through The Arc.

### **Annual Community Picnic – July 2019, 430 to 7 at Clement Park.**

Free fun for the whole family. We have food, live music, a magic show, a balloon artist, a playground, and lots of fun activities. Watch weekly eUpdate for details. Typically the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in July.

### **Summit of Hope – October 2019, 12 to 1, Arvada Center**

The Arc's annual fundraising and outreach luncheon, free to attend, where we spend an action-packed hour teaching people about The Arc's work. If you're interested in attending, helping out, or volunteering, contact Eryn Hoerig.

## Other Stuff

- **Come to our events.** I'm hoping that you will get personal invitations from another staff member, but please consider yourself invited and make an effort to come out for these fun community events.
- **Get emails from The Arc.** Join The Arc's email list for weekly updates to stay informed on everything in our community.
- **Connect with us on Facebook.**
  - Be friends with Genni on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/sgenni> or <https://www.facebook.com/genni.williams>
    - The genni.williams profile was my original work profile. The other is my personal account. You can friend me at either or both. Even though I'm no longer at The Arc, I'm still interested in seeing that each of you plug-in to this community.
  - The Arc has it's own official page, under our previous name The Arc in Jefferson County. We changed our name in 2011 but FB policy won't allow us to change page name. Still us. <https://www.facebook.com/TheArc.Jefferson.ClearCreek.Gilpin/>
- **Stay connected with other parents:** I can't stress the importance of this enough. Come to events. Connect with the Denver Special Needs Parent Groups.
- **Use the classroom!** Those resources will be valuable to you later as you encounter new obstacles. Remember to use them!
- **Be a leader for others.** You know have a solid base of information other parents don't. You can be a resource and a leader. Mobilizing Families is just the beginning of the journey. There's so much ahead of you and The Arc is here to help!
- **Need advocacy assistance?** There's a form on our web site at <http://www.arcjc.org/gethelp/advocacy/askanadvocate.html>. Getting help is easy, and one of the advocates you've already met (Patricia, Corinne, Sally) will follow up you.