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April 2023



Would you like to learn how to express your commitment to the goals of The Arc of Fort Bend County? You could do this through a planned gift. Once you have provided for loved ones in your will, you may want to include a gift of money, stock or property to The Arc. Your gift will be a lasting tribute to your concern for the advocacy, services and programs The Arc provides, while guaranteeing our long-term future.

Did you know that annually, individuals 70.5 and older can transfer up to \$100,000 as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from their traditional IRA* to a qualified charity such as The Arc of Fort Bend County?

For more information, please contact:

Laura LaVigne,
llavigne@arcoffortbend.org
281-494-5923.



April is Autism Awareness Month

The Arc of Fort Bend County works year-round to promote and protect the rights of people with IDD to live, learn, work, and play as valued and contributing members of Fort Bend County.

Although April may be Autism awareness month, we challenge Fort Bend County to include and celebrate the abilities of people with Autism year-round.

The Arc of Fort Bend Annual Awards Dinner



Kathy Moody Memorial Scholarship Award



Scan QR Code to Register
for Golf Classic 2023!



Paul Horak

Kathy Nguyen

Eugenia Peck

Lisa Pena-Gaber

PreActive IT Services

Selesky Pest Control

Karen Ann Vardaro

Grace & Hong Kong

Dylan Alexander
Noah Alexander

Larry Sharp Service Awards

Trey Sissom, FBISD, Travis High School

Advocacy Awards

Dr. Tera Jean Torres, University of St. Thomas

Courtney Kalaher, Out Loud Dance Studio

Lauren Dowdy, Out Loud Dance Studio

Allison Vickery, Missouri City Parks and Recreation

Cristina Escamos, Missouri City Parks and Recreation

Margaret Lee, We Rock the Spectrum

Community Awareness Awards

Michael Kahlenberg, Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office

Sgt. Matthew Hricko, Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office

Judy Blake, Family to Family Network

Mary Sotelo, Texana Center

Special Recognition

Megan Neely, Adult Sibling Support Group

Kathleen De Beer, Adult Sibling Support Group

Zaima Chowdhury, Teen Sibling Support Group

Suhani Goswami, Teen Sibling Support Group

Riya Bhalesha, Teen Sibling Support Group

James Patterson Volunteer of the Year

Debbi Peterson

Outstanding Educator Awards

Torivia Hernandez, LCISD Project L.E.A.R.N.

Debra Wingard, FBISD Job Training Program, Dulles HS

Enobong Usanga, FBISD SAILS Program, Clements HS

Caraline Wheeler, FBISD SAILS Program, Baines MS

Kara Hallenberger, FBISD Program Supervisor, EIA

Victoria Montenez-Roberts, FBISD, EIA

Deborah Campbell, FBISD, EIA

Regan Dean, Campus Compliance Coordinator, FBISD, EIA

Aaron Moore, BCBA, Texana Center

Sharmila Singh, Christ Church Sugar Land

Sunila Singhal, FBISD, Clements HS

Charlene Gregus, True Knight Academy

Outstanding Employer Awards

Chris Frazier, Texas Roadhouse, Rosenberg

Shirley Collier, BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse, Sugar Land

Vickie Maresh, TX Burger, Needville

Jonathan Willingham, Kroger, Colony Lakes

Outstanding Employee Awards

Chance Geary, Texas Roadhouse, Rosenberg

Larryn Lobue, BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse, Sugar Land

Ty Williams, TX Burger, Needville

Mike Cushenberry, Kroger, Colony Lakes

Welcome to our New Members

Ayesha & Caleb Abraham

Paula Brown

Monica Campos & Carlos
Alvarez, Jr.

Blaine Chambliss-Morgan

Sohana, Tanvir and Zaima
Chowdhury

Candace & Scott Cowdery

Salma & Iman Osama Dafaalla

Debash & Dishan Dash

Jesica Garcia

Greg & Remington Gaspard

Lisa Pena-Gaber & Daniel Gaber

Charlotte Gidden & Kendrea
Gidden-Jett

Aaron Hampton

Autumn Henry

Casey Hettig & Lily Ferry

Genu & Denis James

Nicholas Mark

Shannon and Ashia Mallory
McKinney

Candido Mejia

Keiara Mooney

Izareena & Francis Orito

Prabu Parthasarathy & Lavanya
& Vedanth Prabu

Eugenia Peck, Chase, Arial &
Benjamin Lee

Bona Regas

Bryana Reynolds

Shynar & Nathan Rodriguez

Chairman's Award
(Awarded Night-Of)



Teams are filling up fast!

Register now at

<https://arcgolf23.givesmart.com>

Or call The Arc's office to reserve your team!

281/494-5920





Mark your calendars!
November 11, 2023 at the George Ranch



Thank you GFL Environmental for selecting
The Arc of Fort Bend as a recipient of proceeds
from your golf tournament fundraiser.

We are extremely grateful for your continued
support of our mission!



Parent Education & Support Group Virtual Event



Community First
Choice

Thursday, April 27, 2023
11 am - Presentation Topic
12 pm - Parent Support Group



Join Maribel Burgos, Authority Services Practice Manager at Texana Center, for a presentation about Community First Choice. CFC is a Medicaid benefit for people with developmental disabilities. The presentation will provide a program overview and highlight what consumers need to know to determine eligibility and how to access services.

Zoom Meeting # 876 5151 7569
Passcode: THEARC



FREE VIRTUAL EVENT

ALL ARE WELCOME

WWW.ARCOFFORTBEND.ORG

 **register now**



Meet The Arc Day at the Texas Capitol



Rep. Suleman Lalani with The Arc of Fort Bend County advocates, Karri Axtell and Laura LaVigne and The Arc of Texas Public Policy & Advocacy Director Ashley Ford



Rep. Stan Kitzman with The Arc of Fort Bend County advocates, Karri Axtell and Laura LaVigne.

2023 Teen/Tween Social & Parent Night Out



WHO

11 – 18 year old Fort Bend County residents with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability (IDD)

WHAT

Games, Sports, Crafts, Activities, Movie

1 – 1 – Small Group, Social Skills Practice

STAFF: BEHAVIOR TECH, TEEN & ADULT VOLUNTEERS

WHEN & WHERE

2023 Dates 6 – 9 PM

Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3, Mar 31, May 5,

Jun 2, Sep 1, Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1

CHRIST CHURCH @ Family Life Center

3300 Austin Pkwy Sugar Land, TX 77479

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: ARCOFFORTBEND.ORG

***REGISTRATION DEADLINE 7 DAYS BEFORE EVENT**



Put this on your calendar!
The next Teen/Tween Social & Parent Night Out is May 5!

REGISTER HERE



Parent Education & Support Group
Virtual Event



Thursday, May 11, 2023
11 am - Presentation Topic
12 pm - Parent Support Group

Join Kevin Barker, Director of Intellectual & Developmental Provider Services at Texana Center, for a presentation about Individual Skills and Socialization service. ISS is a service provided to people receiving the waiver programs Home and Community-Based Services (HCS) or Texas Home Living (TxHML). The presentation will provide a program overview and explain how the new program differs from the former Day Habilitation service.

Zoom Meeting # 899 7434 8365
Passcode: THEARC



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Has your child recently been diagnosed with autism?
Do you understand what autism is?
Have you wanted to improve communication with your child?
Are you looking for strategies to help with those challenging behaviors?

Join us!
Autism Academy 101
and Resource Fair

Saturday, April 29th, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



United Way
50 Waugh Drive – Houston – 77007
FREE covered parking

Presenters

Dr. Ken Montfort, PhD and Dr. Natalie Montfort, PhD
Montfort Psychological Associates

Jacqui Arias, MA, CCC-SLP
Habla Cadabra SLP

Susan M Catlett, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LBA
Catlett Consulting



Parent Panel

FREE registration available for the first **100** Family Members
by Pre-Registration only

\$40 Family Members
\$60 Professionals*

Register online until April 24th:

<https://bit.ly/F2FAutism>

*3 CEUs (no ethics) for Social Workers/Licensed Professional Counselors

For more information, please call Family to Family Network at 713-466-6304
or email info@familytofamilynetwork.org

FORT BEND ISD
SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS
TRANSITION RESOURCE
FAIR

SATURDAY
APRIL 29, 2023

10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

JAMES REESE CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER
 12300 UNIVERSITY BLVD
 SUGAR LAND, TX

A
 CLEAR
 ROAD
 AHEAD
 TO
 ADULT
 HOOD

PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE:

 THE ARC FORT BEND COUNTY
 BEST BUDDIES
 FINANCIAL SERVICES
 SOCIAL SECURITY
 TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION
 ... & OVER 65+ VENDORS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **MIDDLE SCHOOL** **HIGH SCHOOL**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: JOANA IDAKWO-AGHA
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Know YOUR IMPACT
 CREATING A COLLECTIVE



Visit The Arc of Fort Bend County
 Facebook page
 for the latest tips, resources, community events,
 helpful videos and MORE.



The Arc's Programs for Adults with IDD:

Adult Social Recreation (22+ years old)
Special Olympics (22 + years old)
Saturday Bowling (22 + years old)
TwentySomethings (20-29 years old)

If you would like to be added to the email list for all of the adult programs, a membership is required as well as registration with one of the adult programs. You can join The Arc of Fort Bend County online at www.arcoffortbend.org/membership.

RSVP's are mandatory for all events.

Who to Contact:

Contact Nancy Dobert if you would like 2023 Registration information for the **Adult-Social-Bowling** program.

Email: nndobert@arcoffortbend.org or phone [281-494-5926](tel:281-494-5926)

2023 Registration is required before you can participate in the Social-Recreation-Bowling program.

Reminder: Registration and weekly reservations are required.

If interested in joining **Special Olympics** or the **TwentySomethings** group, contact Pam Hollaway at phollaway@arcoffortbend.org or 281-494-5928.

Adult Social Recreation/Bowling

April In-person Events:

Disney On Ice

Frozen & Encanto

April 15



Arabia Shrine Circus

April 23



Adult Social Bowling

Bowlero Stafford Lanes

(Formerly AMF Stafford Lanes)

4919 South Main

Stafford, TX 77477

April 1,8,15,22 & 25

11:00 am - 1:30 pm

RSVP REQUIRED to Nancy Dobert!

nndobert@arcoffortbend.org



**Special
Olympics**



If any athlete's medical form has expired (3 years after submission date), please go to the link below and have one completed by your doctor's office. Return the medical form to Pam Hollaway at The Arc's office: 123 Brooks St., Sugar Land, TX 77478.

A Current Medical is Required to Participate in any Sport!

[Athlete Medical Form](#)

Events:

Soccer Regionals

April 22

Baytown

Track & Field Regionals

April 22

Baytown

Contact Pam Holloway at phollaway@arcoffortbend.org or 281/494-5928 for more information.

The Arc of Fort Bend County

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For more information about The Arc,
visit our website

www.arcoffortbend.org

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