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CORE VALUES

1. Awareness: greater awareness about individuals with disabilities increases understanding about the abilities of individuals with disabilities, and greater understanding increases opportunities for individuals with disabilities, so we work to achieve greater awareness to achieve greater understanding to expand opportunities.
2. Diversity: we must serve all individuals with intellectual and related developmental disabilities and their families in this county.
3. Respect: we must be understanding of and sensitive to the concerns of individuals with disabilities about their identity and how we describe them.
4. Ownership: it is important to have community members serve on our committees and board, and support our association, but our association should remain an "individuals with disabilities and their families" organization.
5. Advocacy: with limited resources, if we become primarily or solely a provider organization, our association will never do more than make only a limited impact on the quality of life of a few individuals with disabilities.
6. Cooperation: advocacy and programs that benefit individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families in many cases will also benefit individuals with other disabilities.

7. Good Stewardship: as an association, we must be fiduciaries of the talent and resources that our volunteers and community supporters entrust to us.

OUR GOALS

The Arc's goals were chosen to be directed toward Mission and Vision and build on our strength and success.

- I. The Arc shall advocate for appropriate individualized educational programs/opportunities for people with I/DD in all stages of life.
- II. The Arc shall advocate for a variety of vocational/employment options for people with I/DD.
- III. The Arc shall advocate for public and private community institutions to become more responsive to the individual needs of people with I/DD, thereby promoting quality of life for all.
- IV. The Arc shall advocate for and promote a variety of appropriate and inclusive social, cultural and fitness/wellness opportunities in the community.
- V. The Arc shall continue to invest in properties that are self-sustaining and provide facilities for our constituents.
- VI. The Arc shall provide effective leadership and fundraising efforts to accomplish our mission.

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Karri Axtell joins The Arc's staff!



The Arc of Fort Bend County is very pleased to welcome Mrs. Karri Axtell as the Director of Youth Programs.

Karri is a former special education, probate and guardianship attorney. She has a passion for educating and empowering students and parents about their educational rights. Karri looks forward to cultivating and developing programs at The Arc of Fort Bend County to provide training, advocacy, activities, and programs for the youth members and their families.

Karri shared, "I have witnessed the joy and struggle of advocating for a loved one with a disability since I was a child. Growing up, I helped care for my younger brother who was non-verbal, deaf, and diagnosed with classic Autism. My involvement with

the community of those with exceptional abilities continues today; as a parent to three children, two of whom have a disability."

Karri is also a veteran of the United States Navy and served on board three ships, from 2000 – 2004. She left naval service after four years as a Surface Warfare Officer, Lieutenant Junior Grade. She earned her Juris Doctorate from South Texas College of Law in Dec. 2012 and Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of California, Riverside, in Dec. 1999.

Karri is a member of the Rotary Club of 288 Corridor and enjoys volunteering with various community organizations. She lives in Manvel, Texas with her husband and three children and enjoys camping with family and friends, nature walks, scrapbooking and going to the movies.

Did you know?

Karri Axtell

Parent Aide Program Available through ESCAPE Family Resource Center

Escape Family Resource Center is providing a Parent Aide Program to Fort Bend Families with a child 12 years old or under. The program is designed for parents who would like intensive parental support, resource and referral information and skills development to reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect.

The program is voluntary and is based on the "Exchange Parent Aide Model" which is an evidence-based home visiting model. The Exchange Parent Aide home visitor will mentor and role model with parents for a minimum of 6 months, up to two years. They help the family develop a program goal and provide effective parenting techniques based on child development research and best practices. They also help strengthen parent's problem-solving skills and social support network.

For more information or to sign-up for the Parent Aide Program, contact Christy Serrano, Director of Program at: christys@escapefrc.org or call her at: 713-749-9832 x 228.



Did you know? (Continued)

Do you know about Case Management services through Texas Health and Human Services?

Who can get a Case Manager? Children (birth to age 20) and pregnant women who receive Medicaid and have health problems or who are at high risk.

What do Case Managers do? A case manager will visit you to find out what you need. They will find services where you live and teach you how to find and get other services. Case Managers help make sure you are getting the services you need.

What else can Case Managers do? They can help you get medical and dental services, find medical supplies or services. They can even help you work on school or education issues!

You can request a Case Manager by contacting Texas Health Steps at: 1-877-847-8377 (toll free). To learn more, visit www.dshs.state.tx.us/caseman



Website changes for CHIP and Children's Medicaid

Beginning Oct. 15, the Texas Health and Human Services ChipMedicaid.org website will be redirected to the "Your Texas Benefits How to Get Help" site. This allows families who may be eligible for CHIP and Children's Medicaid to find the information they need in one place.

"How to Get Help" includes information about CHIP and Children's Medicaid, including services offered and how people can apply for benefits. You can order community outreach materials such as posters, flyers and brochures to help educate clients at <https://hhsc.pinnaclecart.com/chip-childrens-medicaid/>.

Big Red Safety Toolkit - Tools to Prevent Wandering Incidents and Deaths



In 2012, the National Autism Association conducted a study which found that from 2009 – 2011, accidental drowning accounted for 91% of the total U.S. deaths reported in children with autism, after wandering. The study also found that 23% of total wandering-related deaths happened while a child with autism was in the care of someone other than a parent.

A Caregiver's toolkit is available from the National Autism Association Safety Initiative's AWAARE website and includes a Caregiver checklist, Family Wandering Emergency Plan, First-responder profile form, Swimming Lessons tool, Social Stories, Stop Sign Prompts, Sample IEP and General Awareness Letter, and several other beneficial tools.

The NAA has created three digital safety toolkits that can be downloaded at: <http://awaare.org>

Did you know?

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Advocate's Corner: Andrew F.

On March 22, 2017, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) delivered a unanimous decision in *Andrew F. v. Douglas County Sch. Dist.*, 117 LRP 9767 (U.S. 2017) (Andrew F.). The decision distinguished the Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) standard set in the 1982 case of *Hendrick Hudson Cent. Sch. Dist. v. Rowley*, 553 IDELR 656 (U.S. 1982) (Rowley), clarifying that there is a distinction in the standard being used when children with a disability are not “mainstreamed” or able to participate in the general education curriculum.

The Andrew F. case is about a Colorado student with autism whose parents wanted their son’s school district to reimburse them for private school after removing him from public school, because his Individual Education Program (IEP) was not appropriate. Andrew F. case clarified that a school, to meet its Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) obligation under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), “must offer an IEP reasonably calculated to enable a child to make progress appropriate in light of the child’s circumstances.”

The Andrew F. case was a welcome decision to parents and student advocates alike, as the Chief Justice, John Roberts, made clear that the IDEA demands something greater than the “more than de minimis” standard used in many circuits. The Chief Justice wrote: “When all is said and done, a student offered an educational program providing merely more than de minimis’ progress from year to year can hardly be said to have been offered an education at all.”

The SCOTUS held that to provide FAPE to a child who is not part of the mainstream education curriculum, a district must offer IEP reasonably calculated to enable a child to make progress appropriate in light of the child’s circumstances. (*Andrew F. v. Douglas County Sch. Dist.* 117 LRP 9767 (U.S. 2017)).

So what does this mean for students with individualized educational needs who are not educated under the general education curriculum? A student’s IEP is an important document that must be tailored to the student’s unique needs, and rigorous enough to “make appropriate progress in light of the child’s circumstances.” SCOTUS further stated:

“The IEP must aid to enable the child to make progress. After all, the essential function of an IEP is to set out a plan for pursuing academic and functional advancement. . . . A focus on the particular child is at the core of the IDEA. The instruction offered must be ‘specially designed’ to meet a child’s ‘unique needs’ through an ‘individualized education program’.”

What does an “appropriate education” look like? The SCOTUS acknowledges that will vary from child to child, stating “The adequacy of a given IEP turns on the unique circumstances of the child for whom it was created.” As a practical matter, this means that the academic, functional and behavioral data collected on a student will be very important to establishing whether a child is making appropriate progress or not.

To read the Andrew F. opinion in its entirety, visit the following link:
https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/16pdf/15-827_0pm1.pdf

Getting Back to School After Being Displaced By Hurricane Harvey

Karri Axtell

Hurricane Harvey has displaced families across the state of Texas, and impacted thousands of students. Under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Act, School Districts have an obligation to identify and serve those students who have been displaced from their permanent homes. This article contains some things to know about a student's educational rights here in Texas, under state and Federal Law.

Enrollment:

- The McKinney-Vento Act requires schools to immediately enroll students displaced from their permanent homes. Enrollment is defined as "attending classes and participating fully in school activities" (42 U.S.C. § 11434a(1)).
- A School District must enroll a student who has been displaced from their permanent home without delay, even if they do not have the usual documents required for enrollment (immunization records, previous school records, proof of residency, proof of legal guardianship; etc.) (42 U.S.C. §§11432(g)(1)(I), (g)(7)). The enrolling School District may request records from the previously attended School District, immunization records may be requested from the Texas Department of Health Services, etc.

School of Attendance:

- Students have a right to continue attending their "school of origin", which is the last school they attended before being displaced from their permanent home (42 U.S.C. § 11432(g) (3)(A)). (Students have a right to remain in their school of origin for the duration of their displacement (id.). If the student finds permanent housing, the student may remain at their school of origin for the remainder of the academic year (id).
- A student may also choose to attend the zoned school campus for where they are temporarily residing, whether it is in the same, or in a different, School District.

Transportation:

- If the student chooses to continue attending their school of origin, the School District must provide transportation to and from their school of origin and their temporary residence (42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(1)). (Once a student finds permanent housing, the School District must continue to provide transportation to and from the school of origin for the remainder of the academic year.)
- If the student's temporary residence is in a different School District from their school of origin, the School Districts may come to a transportation agreement, or split the cost of transportation (id).
- Transportation to the zoned school campus where the student is temporarily residing is based on comparable services to students attending that zoned school campus (id).

Getting Back to School After Being Displaced By Hurricane Harvey (Continued)

Education Rights:

- Students must be given the opportunity to meet the same academic achievement standards all students are expected to meet.
- Children with disabilities must have equal access to a Free Appropriate Public Education as would be provided to other children with disabilities (42 USC §11433(d)). Their ability to participate in special education programs cannot be hindered by homelessness or such related factors as frequent school transfers (id.).
- Excerpt from a letter to School Districts: Subject: Hurricane Harvey Enrollment Guidance; Texas Education Agency Commissioner, Mike Morath, August 31, 2017:

Reminder for Students with Disabilities:

[Local Education Agencies] LEAs are required to immediately provide a free and appropriate public education (FAPE). When students enroll without records or with incomplete records, districts must use whatever information is available to them, including parent and student interviews etc., to ensure that the students are provided with FAPE. Adjustments to individual educational programs can be made when more complete records have arrived.

- All homeless students must receive free school meals without delay and are not required to complete income verification paperwork (S. 2507 — 108th Congress: Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004).
- School Districts must assess students' needs and refer them to appropriate supports and services, including health, mental health, housing, and other community resources (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(5)).

Additional information on disaster relief efforts and assistance may be found on the **Texas Homeless Education Office** (THEO) website under the tab, Disaster Response and under tab, Local, State, and Federal Resources to Assist in Dealing with Hurricane Harvey.

To find your School District's McKinney-Vento liaison, visit: www.theotx.org/liaison-directory.

Additional information may be found on the THEO website at www.theotx.org; or by calling THEO's assistance hotline at 1-800-446-3142.

** This article does not provide legal advice. If you need legal advice, please contact an attorney directly.*

FORT BEND COUNTY PARENTING PROGRAMS Fall Schedule (September - December 2017)

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PROGRAM	DATES	DAY	TIME
Building Confident Families	10/24/17 – 12/5/17	Tuesdays	6:00PM – 8:00PM

14-hour program geared towards providing families with “parenting skills 101” for raising children between 0-18 years old. Sessions include dealing with family stress, age-appropriate expectations and discipline, appropriate communication skills, resolving family conflicts, and safety planning.

Un programa de 14 horas que provee a las familias con “destrezas de crianza básicas” para aquellos que tienen hijos entre 0-18 años. Las sesiones incluyen temas tales como manejando el estrés, comunicación, resolviendo problemas, disciplina y seguridad.

LOCATION: George Memorial Library @ 1001 Golfview Dr, Richmond, TX 77469

**FAMILIES AND DIVORCE / LA FAMILIAS Y EL DIVORCIO
CLASSES IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH / INGLÉS O ESPAÑOL**

+el padre y la madre en proceso de divorcio o divorciados no deben asistir el mismo programa+

PROGRAM	DATE	DAY	TIME
Families and Divorce	11/18/17 (<i>ESPAÑOL</i>) 12/16/17 (<i>ENGLISH</i>)	Sábado Saturday	9:30AM – 1:30PM

4-hour workshop that discusses the impact of divorce on children and beginning a co-parenting relationship with divorcing partner.

Un taller de 4 horas que enseña a los padres el impacto del divorcio sobre la familia completa, y destrezas para facilitar la transición.

****Clients must arrive on time and attend all sessions to receive a certificate of completion****

**** Los clientes deben llegar a tiempo y asistir a todas las sesiones para recibir un certificado de graduación****



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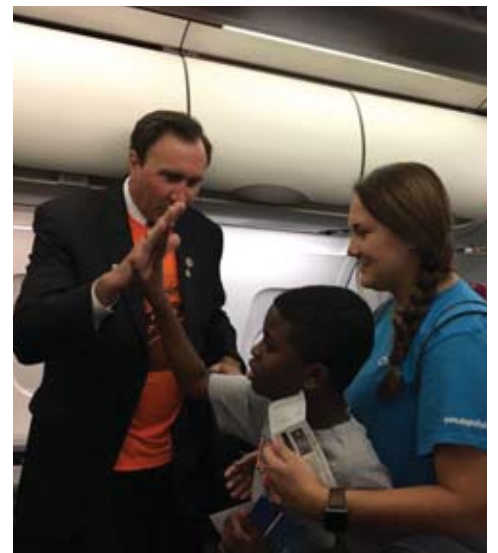


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Special Olympics Bocce News

Margo Pasko



For the fourth year, The Arc hosted the Area 22 Gulf Coast Bocce Tournament. Six Area 22 delegations, totaling 84 athletes registered for the competition which was held on September 23, at Dulles High School. The participating delegations were The Arc of Fort Bend, Alvin Express, Fort Bend Falcons, Clear Creek Challengers, Friendswood Friends Forever, Brazosport Shooting Stars and LaPorte Bulldogs.

We are so indebted to the volunteers who came to help! We could not have had a tournament without the brains and brawn of Dulles High School Air Force JROTC, led by Major Doug Hawn and Master Sergeant Patrick Hardy! They set up twelve (count 'em!) bocce courts, and the sound system. Whew! That was a lot of work! New to our family of volunteers is the volunteer crew from CITGO, led by Jennifer Murillo. We really appreciate that they showed up with 30 people who worked hard from dawn until noon.

Larry Lobue ran the tournament brackets, and Allan Harris, Sr. was the master of ceremonies. Bay Area key volunteer Ryne Baker, and Knights of Columbus members also showed up to help. Jeff Hoffman was the head referee and provided referee training and consultation. Gary Schottle was event photographer. What an amazing crew! Thank you to all the volunteers who made the games possible!

As the host delegation, we had certain “perks” for opening ceremony roles. Russell Smith read the athletes’ oath and Carrie Wantuch carried the torch for our crew.

The core of the whole bocce effort was The Arc’s bocce family. Head coach Debbie Patton led Janet Wantuch, Deborah Blunt, Bonnie Brown, Jeff Hoffman and Margo Pasko – her team of coaches. The athletes who played singles games were Courtney, Jennifer, Alexander, and Carla. Tony and Russell, Sharon and Carrie, Michael and Matthew, Allan and Rudy, Stevie and Laryn, Tyler and Ronnie, Amy and Christopher, and Tank and Gary (forming our only unified team) all played doubles. The players all brought home medals and enjoyed a beautiful day! Debbie did a fantastic job as head coach!

Once again, the consensus was that we all had so much fun, we’re going to do it again next year! Major Hawn says his group is “in” for another year, as well. So, mark your calendars for Saturday morning, September 22, 2018.

Tennis Anyone?

Would you be interested in participating in a Special Olympics Tennis Program with The Arc? Here is some information to help you decide:

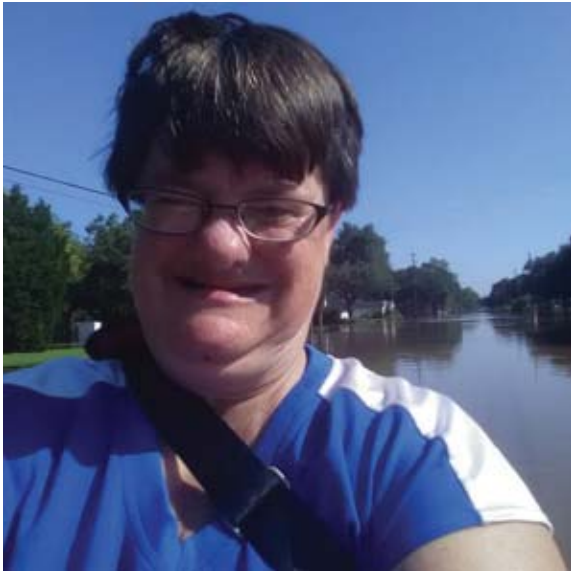
1. Location: Missouri City Parks & Recreation Tennis Courts on Cypress Point Drive (right next to the Texana Learning Center)
2. Practices: Mondays, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
3. When: Late February through first week in May, 2018
4. Instructors: City of Missouri City Tennis coaches
5. Equipment: The Arc of Fort Bend will provide tennis rackets & tennis balls

Please call or email Margo Pasko if you would like to try out for tennis. , 281/494-5928 or mapasko@arcoffortbend.org

More Special Olympics News

Margo Pasko

Hurricane Harvey and its flooding rains affected many in our Special Olympics' family across the state. In the short term, with no lasting aftereffects, the September Area 22 aquatics and softball tournaments were cancelled due to the flooded facilities. In the long term, however, there is still much work to be done. Please reach out to your fellow Special Olympics' families to see who needs help. Let us know and we will help get resources to them.



As a delegation, we are proud of Charla Hyles, one of our athletes, who is also a Red Cross volunteer. Be sure to give her a "shout out" when you see her! Check out the picture of her at work for the Red Cross with floodwater all around.

We are also proud of our athlete Michael Cushenberry, a Kroger employee. On August 28, in advance of the worst flooding from the storm, his store had eleven checkout lines operating, fifty people deep. Mike went in early to work and spent all day helping people.

As we say, The Arc family matters! Let us know if you need help.

TwentySomethings Attend DASH Soccer Game

Margo Pasko

Twenty-five members of our TwentySomethings group were all set to attend a Houston DASH women's pro soccer game at BBVA Compass Stadium on Sunday, August 27. Their plans were (can I say it?) DASHED. As we know, the city was shut down due to Hurricane Harvey. The make-up dates didn't match everyone's schedules. Therefore, the Owens family, new members of The Arc and our TwentySomethings group, attended by themselves. We hope to get them introduced to more TwentySomethings folks soon!



Social Recreation

Dance - St. Theresa's



Dance - Bay City



Movie - Star Cinema Grill



Social Recreation

Harlem Globetrotters - NRG Arena



Sugar Land Skeeters - Constellation Field



Fort Bend County Fair - Fort Bend County Fairgrounds



2017 Texas Advocates Conference

Jody White

The conference this year was in Corpus Christi on July 28th through the 30th. The group arrived at The Arc and loaded the bus. After a long bus ride, we finally arrived at the Corpus Christi Omni Hotel. We dropped our bags in our rooms and visited the hospitality suite. Then it was time for Friday fun night. The theme was Leagues Under the Sea Sunken Carnival. There was food, games, prizes, photo booths, dancing to the music and lots of other fun booths. After a fun night, we all went to our rooms to get some sleep.

Saturday morning started with an early rise and shine with breakfast and the opening session called The Hidden Treasures in All of Us with Ricky Broussard, Zeyhla Cruz, Ed Jalloway and Norine Jalloway Gill as the Keynote speakers. After the opening session there were several workshops to choose from including Clean up Your Act, Mind your Manners, I Have a Story to Tell, How to Make Your Voice Heard in Government, Supported Decision Making and many others. After the workshops, our group went up to their rooms to rest up for the big dance. We had dinner then the Awards Banquet and then dancing from eight o'clock to eleven o'clock.

Sunday morning we packed up and had breakfast. I had a Texas Advocates Board meeting and then it was time to head back to home. We would like to give a big thank you to all of our advisors and chaperones for all of their hard work.

The Arc Family Matters

Celebrations:

Ken Elliott, Special Olympics Golf Coach, and his lovely bride, Special Olympics volunteer, Joyce Elliott celebrated 50 years of marriage on October 6, 2017. Congratulations Joyce & Ken!

Marian & Milton Wright, longtime volunteers and devotees of The Arc, happily celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 24, 2017. Congratulations Marian & Milton!

Commissioner James Patterson, longtime volunteer and *Champion* of The Arc, celebrated with FBISD, family and friends the dedication of the James Patterson Elementary School on October 15, 2017, located at 18702 Beechnut St., Houston, TX 77083.

Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers:

Stevie Meyer, Special Olympic athlete, is recovering from a broken arm.

Bobby Brazell, longtime Special Olympic athlete, passed away on August 6, 2017.

Take a look at the many ways you can help The Arc of Fort Bend



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Many employers will match your charitable donation to The Arc. We encourage you to take advantage of the matching gift program to make your donation go even further. Check with your employer today.



The Arc needs You!

The Arc's annual Best in the West fundraiser is November 18, 2017 at George Ranch Arena. This is one of two fundraisers we hold each year. Funds raised pay for the programs we provide all year long- Special Olympics, Recreation, Educational Advocacy, Employment Assistance and Bowling at AMF Stafford Lanes.

We are in need of a few auction items. Below is our auction wish list:

- Vacation homes, time share weeks
- Travel vouchers, airline tickets
- Sporting events: Astros, Texans, Dynamo, Rockets, U of H, Rice, Baylor, A&M, UT, LSU
- Golf Outings
- Fine dining restaurant cards/certificates for 2 or 4
- Movie, ballet, symphony, opera, concert or theatre tickets
- Hunting or fishing trips
- Car Rentals
- Services: haircut, make-up, mani/pedicure, massages, beauty care package, house cleaning, home decorating, photography, dental, fitness, spa and gym memberships
- Jewelry, handbags, quilts, fashion accessories
- Sports Memorabilia
- Houston Livestock Show & rodeo & Bar-b-que tickets
- Hotel stays, Bed and Breakfast – Austin, San Antonio, Dallas, etc.
- Casino getaways
- Electronics, TV, Fitbit, Drone,
- Yeti items
- Car wash & detail packages, oil changes,
- Assortment of themed gift baskets
- Wine tasting, tours, overnight stays
- Items are just not limited to what is on this list

Contact The Arc at 281/494-5959 for more information.



The Arc of Fort Bend County ensures opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to maximize their quality of life within our community.

Membership Form

Date: _____

Please indicate New Member Renewing Member

Member Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) ____ - _____ Cell Phone: (____) ____ - _____

E-mail Address: _____ HCS Provider: _____

I am a:

- Family Member Person with Disability Interested Citizen Professional who works in the Disability Field

Indicate the age of person with a disability: 0-12 13-22 23-54 55+

Membership Levels:

Individual with Disability \$20.00
-reserved for those not living at home and not included in a family membership
-receives one vote at meetings of the membership

Single \$35.00
-receives one vote at meetings of the membership

Single Lifetime \$500.00
-receives one vote at meetings of the membership

Family \$50.00
*Names of all family members: _____
-includes all immediate members of the family living in the home
-includes a family member with a disability living outside of the home
-receives two votes at meetings of the membership

Corporate \$100.00
-receives one vote at meetings of the membership

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-receives one vote at meetings of the membership

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-given yearly to Head Coaches of Special Olympic Sports

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 Social Recreation Special Olympics Transportation

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November 28, 2017

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