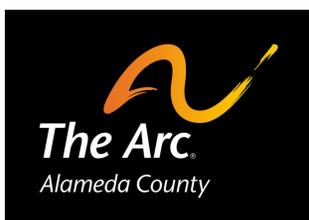


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Aaron Moore: Star of our 2016 Holiday Card

25 Years at the Operating Engineers Federal Credit Union and Still Going Strong!

Funds donated during the holidays this year go to support our efforts to find "real jobs for real pay" for our clients. Who better to deliver that message than Aaron Moore who has had a real job for a quarter of a century - proving again that our folks make terrific employees. He was featured in our holiday cards this year. Click [here](#) to make your contribution to our jobs program. Thanks in advance! And read more about Aaron in our blog post, "[Take This Job and Love It.](#)"



Sell it Ourselves - New Angle for the Recycling Program

Our First Rummage Sale was HUGE!

Our October 22nd rummage sale was a MAJOR win for people with developmental disabilities. Selling some of the clothing and small appliances that you've donated - rather than selling all of it to a company that supplies thrift stores - turned out to be a great idea. The Saturday morning "pop-up" store at our San Leandro facility generated some \$3,000 - all of which went directly into our

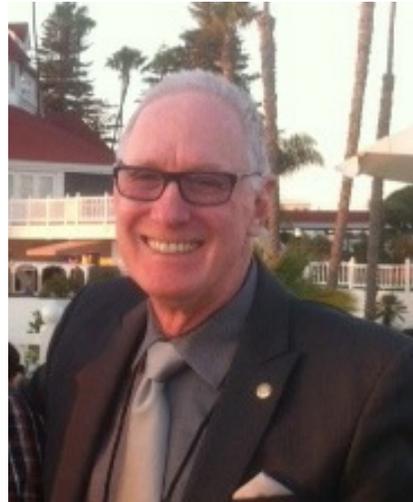


programs. Similar events are in the works. Stay tuned - you'll want to unearth your own bargains, we're sure!

Tim Steps Up

The Arc of California and RCEB both search for new Executive Directors

Tim Hornbecker, who has an extensive background in the Arc organization, has agreed to take on the job as Interim Director of The Arc of California. The move was made necessary with the resignation of Tony Anderson who is moving on to be the Executive Director of The Valley Mountain Regional Center in Stockton.



Tim Hornbecker

Hornbecker is the Director of Business Development at the Arc of Alameda County. He will split his time between San Leandro and The Arc California in Sacramento until a permanent Executive Director is named.

Meantime at the Regional Center of the East Bay, Jim Burton has announced his retirement as Executive Director after 40 years in the industry. Santi Rogers will be the Interim Director until a replacement is found.

A Great Deal on Internet Access

"Access" Plan Reduces Digital Divide



Inclusion in the community also means inclusion in the on-line community. AT&T - a long time Arc supporter - has a new, low-cost Internet offering called "Access" for as low as \$10 per month. The offer is good in households where at least one individual participates in the U.S. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Click [here](#) to get more information and sign-up if it makes sense for your individual situation.

Jennifer and Andrew Honored

State Council on Developmental Disabilities Celebrates Self-Advocates

Jennifer Dunkle and Andrew Rufo - part of our AVP Program in San Leandro - were two of several self-advocates honored at a special event at the Ed Roberts Center in Berkeley.

Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB) Executive Director, Jim Burton, thanked all for their work in getting the legislature to put back a half a billion dollars into the Dep't of Developmental Services (DDS) budget.

By the way, Jim Burton has announced his retirement from RCEB after some 40 years on the job. The search is on for his successor. We wish him well and send our thanks for a job well done.



George Turns 82

Celebrates with Raiders Cake

George Perez loves the Oakland Raiders. So for his October birthday, the staff at our Tri-Valley campus in Livermore rushed to the bakery and snapped-up a Raiders cake! We're pretty sure George's support for the team along with the cake has led the Raiders to its best season in years!



Write a Blog Post for The Arc's Website

We Want to Read Your Story

Taking a cue from [The Mighty](#) and other blog sites that feature short anecdotes from a wide variety of people on the topic of disabilities, we thought it would be fun to open The Arc's blog to our own family members. We're betting you all have lots of fascinating stories - some about dealing with government agencies might be funny. Other stories might be touching - some even sad. Read examples by clicking on "[The Mighty](#)" or at our blog at www.arcalameda.org. Want to get feedback on a story idea? Email [Richard Fitzmaurice](mailto:Richard.Fitzmaurice).



The Real Spirit of Giving

VDC Workers Help Another Nonprofit Group

Clients working at our Vocational Development Center in San Leandro wanted to help the less

fortunate this holiday season so they did what many groups do; they took up a collection.

Over the course of a week or two, some 50 of our folks reached in their pockets - sometimes more than once - to donate nickels, dimes and quarters to raise a grand total of \$80. Once the money was counted, we made a field trip down the street to the Salvation Army on Doolittle Drive in San Leandro and handed over the money to Major Beverly. That's her in the middle.



Tax Deduction

Reminder: The Arc is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit

Beat the end-of-the-year tax deadline - make your gift to The Arc of Alameda County before December 30.

Click [here](#) to donate. Or send a check to 14700 Doolittle Drive, San Leandro, CA 94577. Call it to the attention of Judy Vierra. Thanks! Every dollar helps improve the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



Knights Party-Hearty with Clients In Hayward

Santa Makes a Personal Appearance- Rudolph Stays Home

Our clients can certainly depend on the Knights of Columbus. For 40 years the Knights, whose mission is to engage in works of charity to benefit the less fortunate, has orchestrated a holiday party for our folks at the Walpert Campus. This year's celebration was bigger and better than ever with lots of great food, stockings filled with gifts, stuffed animals, music, dancing and a chance to speak with the jolly old elf himself, Mr. S. Claus.

We send a big "shout-out" to the Knights of Columbus for its long-term dedication to The Arc and the people we serve. And a special thank you to Jerry Higgins who has been organizing this annual party for all of those 40 years!



Jerry Higgins with Michelle - 40 years of caring

The Arc's Public Policy Conference

March 26, 27 and 28, 2017 - Save the Date

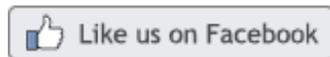
Details will be coming but saveso you won't miss The Arc California and United Cerebral Palsy's 10th annual Public Policy Conference. It will be at the Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza in Sacramento and will be loaded with great information.

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