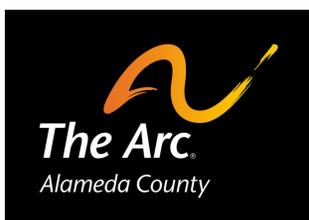


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A Night Clients Will Remember Forever

Invest in Success Dinner a Huge Success

The Arc of Alameda County took an in depth look at "success" at its [Invest in Success Awards Banquet](#) on Friday, June 30th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Union City. The conclusion: success is more than being a Silicon Valley entrepreneur with a mansion on the coast and a Ferrari in the garage.



Ron Luter, Aaron Moore, Cindi Guerzon

Instead, we settled on the definition advanced by former UCLA basketball coach John Wooden, that success is doing all you can to become all that you're capable of becoming. It's a more inclusive definition - one that can be applied to every one of our award recipients.

Arc client, Aaron Moore, who has worked at the [Operating Engineers Federal Credit Union](#) in Livermore for over 25 years is a perfect example. Aaron was honored for his longevity but also his growth as a person and for the excellent job he has done over the years. Cindi Guerzon Vice President of Lending at OEFCU explained to the audience how Aaron has become successful as a key member of the credit union's marketing team.

Thirteen clients were named "Clients of the Year," at their various programs and The Pioneers for Change program within the Office of Community Engagement at California State University - East Bay was awarded the "Organizational Support" certificate. Former NFL player and Oakland

native, [Roy Shivers](#) keynoted the evening.



Terrell Ario, (middle) San Leandro AVP Winner

[Click here](#) for a complete list of those honored and more photos!

HealthMeet Meet-Up

Arc Alameda on the Dais

Two Arc of Alameda County staffers and one client were the stars at The Arc of California's annual Public Policy Conference. Shannon Jurich, Hayn Slocum and Dana Hale did a comprehensive presentation on our HealthMeet exercise, nutrition and health assessment program conducted in connection with The Arc of the US and the Centers for Disease Control.

The information regarding the need for ongoing client health assessments was compelling and the numbers of clients who took the information seriously and started eating properly and losing weight was inspiring.



Dana Hale and Hayn Slocum.

But the best part of the presentation was Dana and Hayn encouraging some good, old-fashioned audience participation. They both demonstrated the exercises HealthMeet participants were doing and the crowd really got into it. It looked something like a revival meeting, dontcha think?



We're Glad the Drought is Over, But...

After Four Rainouts, LifeLinks Golfers Tee It Up

After years of drought, rain on golf day was a good problem to have but still, it was frustrating trying to get this year's Community Challenge Golf Day off the practice range and onto the golf course.

Each March, during National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, Arc clients enrolled in our [LifeLinks](#) programs in San Leandro and The Tri-Valley get to play a real course. We call it The Community Challenge sponsored by [Fremont Bank](#). Clients take what they've learned from their Wednesday morning practice sessions with their volunteer coaches and see how they do when lakes, streams, bunkers and uneven lies come into play.

Originally, the golf date was set for March 15th but but it rained. We ended up playing on May 17th after a couple of other rainouts. But it was all worth waiting for. The cheers from our golfers as they sent their shots sailing into the air told the story. Thanks to Fremont Bank for hanging in there with us and making the event possible.

Thanks also to [CBS 5](#) Anchor, Ken Bastida, (Middle photo, far right and above) for being our celebrity golfer. He was another reason clients were smiling.



Missed the putt by that much. CBS 5's Ken Bastida talks golf with Cookie



The Putt of 44 Feet!

Golf Shoes = Full Integration

The Arc of Alameda County fixed-up 22 of its LifeLinks golf clients with golf shoes at a ceremony at Monarch Bay Golf Course in late June.

Ron Luter, President and CEO of The Arc of Alameda County, is proud of the LifeLinks program he created, but something always bugged him.



"They are getting exercise, learning the value of golf, improving hand/eye coordination," said Luter but I finally realized one thing. They didn't look like golfers. Everyone else at the course has golf shoes, they should, too."

At the Bogey Bash Golf fundraiser in May, Luter conducted a separate mini-campaign to raise money to purchase the shoes. "Players at the Bash saw the need immediately," he said, "and were very generous."

Read more and see more shoe photos by [clicking here](#).

Obama Care Repeal and Replace - Senate Bill Off the Table

We Won the Battle but The Arc of the US says "this is not over."

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has pulled the bill that would have repealed and replaced Obama Care. Here is the statement from Peter Berns, CEO of The Arc of the United States:



Make no mistake - the Medicaid program and the home and community based supports that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) rely on to live independent lives were on the brink of destruction. As the disability community battled against this effort over the last several months, we have shown our strength, our power, and I thank each and every advocate who has stepped up in this fight.

"This is not over. We know there will be further threats in the future, which is why we remain vigilant in our advocacy efforts. Congress is already doubling down on slashing the Medicaid program - today, the House unveiled its budget resolution that includes sweeping changes to Medicaid, Social Security, and Medicare.

"This is going to be a long road...We must unite and reject cuts that will take away the dignity and independence of people with disabilities. This is the civil rights fight of our time, and we will remain vigilant to protect all that has been built to ensure the inclusion and equality of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in our society," said Peter Berns, CEO, The Arc.

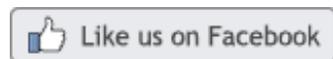
([The Arc of the United States](#) represents over 700 Arc chapters nationwide in Washington DC and is there to protect the civil rights of people with I/DD.)

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