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## Seeds of Hope: Arc Adults Embrace Lake Park Community Gardens

Microenterprise at Arc's PAVE (Progressive Adult Vocational Education) location has gone green with the establishment this spring of the horticulture program for students interested in trying their hand at small garden-focused businesses. "It's amazing the responsiveness of the students," exclaims Stephanie Venditto, job coach. One man who has autism and who hasn't spoken in so long now comes in every morning smiling and asking, "are we going to the garden today? It is so empowering to care for seeds and see them grow." PAVE students not only tend their own plants. They have become active volunteers for all the citizen growers, helping others with watering, weeding and pruning.

Arc job coaches are holding a fair in June for "locavore" businesses that feature locally grown foods in their restaurants. Students hope that their produce will be featured among the offerings at the best tables in town. Students are also planning a program in concert with the Sandy James Productions at the National Croquet Center for the fall. Dubbed "Café Arc," the program will provide catering and table serve training for Arc adults.

Students at The Arc's Progressive Adult Vocational Education program enjoy the Seeds of Hope garden so much that they have moved some of their business and marketing classes outdoors, weather permitting.

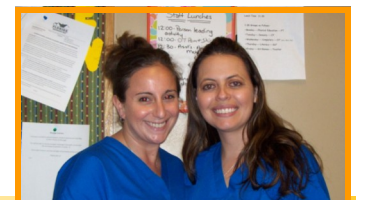


## PT Interns Learning From and Adding to Potentials School Impact

"This has been the most fulfilling, but also the most challenging internship I've had," states Lindsey Gladstone (below left), PTA candidate at South University who is completing the requirements for her degree at Potentials School. Her sentiments are echoed by Tatiana Castillo, doctoral candidate from University of St. Augustine. The two students number

among many whose interest in pediatric physical therapies lead them to Potentials School under the supervision of Physical Therapist Mary Pangelley. "This is an intensive and highly selective intern program," Pangelley states. Potentials School students' needs and conditions are complex. There is nothing you can take out of a book or off the shelf —

creativity and constant assessment are essential to make our interactive therapeutic educational program effective."



## UGLY PANTS MAKE FOR BONNIE BASH BENEFITING THE ARC MARCH 31ST

Known across the globe for their "ugly pants," golfers and other fabulous friends of The Arc brought the Nordstrom Court at The Gardens Mall to life in anticipation of The Arc Invitational with a fashion show featuring 26 of the best sports in the County. Ollie Jones, father of Potentials School student, Janae, and his



family welcomed guests with the story of their journey, with Janae's needs inspiring the creation of a new business, Janae Designs, producing specialty therapeutic equipment for children with disabilities. Chairs Margo Kolhoff and Florence Seiler created a fabulous fete in support of The Arc and the 13 programs it supports across Palm Beach County.

For information about Janae Designs, please go to: [www.JanaeDesigns.com](http://www.JanaeDesigns.com).

Chairs Florence Seiler (l), Margo Kolhoff, Michele Jacobs of Gardens Mall and Arc Executive Director Michael Papa; below center, Jim Smeenge and Fred Brown; at right, bottom, Jay Cashmere of WPTV-Channel 5



Bobby Campbell, above, CEO of BBC International, got the party started!

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE! GO TO [WWW.ARCNBC.ORG](http://WWW.ARCNBC.ORG) TO SIGN UP TO PLAY IN THE ARC INVITATIONAL – MAY 24TH AT THE BEAR'S CLUB, JUPITER – INFORMATION BELOW:**

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## It's Here! A New Look for The Arc

The Arc of Palm Beach County is proud to unveil a new national brand identity along with renewed energy and dedication to providing opportunities for people with developmental disabilities and their families. You'll be seeing our dynamic new logo appearing over the course of the next few months and along with it a comprehensive new brand identity which will serve to unite affiliated chapters across the county under the banner "Achieve With Us."

It represents our movement's determination to achieve even more in terms of participation, inclusion, acceptance and respect for people with DD in the years to come. In the logo's design, you'll see the energy and determination The Arc brings to its mission. You'll notice a bold color combination of orange and yellow chosen specifically because it is unique in the realm of nonprofit organizations, and can be exclusively associated with The Arc much like a specific shade of pink is associated with breast cancer awareness or red with The American Red Cross. This identity was developed by the national office over the course of a year including in-depth research, professional brand consultants and a dedicated team of individuals (including an advisory group of chapter professionals) inside The Arc who understands our mission and goals.

It's also an identity designed to communicate the collective power of a group of like-minded people who are embracing, determined and experienced in promoting and protecting the civil rights as well as providing the services and support needed by people with DD and their families across the arc of their lifetimes and across many diagnoses from Down syndrome to autism and many more. In fact, The Arc is the nation's largest and leading organization for people with DD and their families with a 60 year history of fighting discrimination and providing people with I/DD the opportunity to live full, satisfying and self-determined lives as valued and contributing members of their communities.



## Glee Star Lauren Potter Signs on to Appear for The Arc

### 2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION ENDS; BETTER THAN GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY RULING, BUT STILL CUTS FUNDING FOR DD SERVICES

Lauren Potter of *Glee* and her mother Robin Sinkhorn will join The Arc on June 14 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. as Arc US reveals key findings from a FINOS study to the media. This landmark study surveyed the true circumstances and needs of more than 5,000 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families and caregivers and the findings will point us in the right direction to make substantial improvements in the lives of people with I/DD through advocacy for changes in public policy and direct supports and services.

The good news... Governor Rick Scott heard the outcry when he implemented 15% across the board cuts to services for people with developmental disabilities on April 1. By April 15, he had rescinded them. The bad news... there still will be a 4% across the board cut in state funding for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) as of October 1st, and additional cuts are expected as the deficit remaining (approximately \$120 million) is addressed. These cuts follow upon eight years of steady reductions in public funding which, prior

to the coming year, amounted to 35%. In addition, iBudgets passed. While this means we won't be going into managed care, there will be adjustments to about 13,000 individuals' cost plans...downward. Deborah Linton, head of Arc Florida, further reports that "One million of waitlist dollars were lost in the session. Cost plans are frozen." Lastly, the Adults with Disabilities DOE funding was reduced another 15%. Beyond these cuts, there are major reductions afoot for public schools, including charter schools, like The Arc's Potentials.

### In Memoriam



Desca DuBois  
Mayor, Lake Park  
and Special Friend to The  
Arc of Palm Beach County

You will be missed.

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