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CALENDAR

EVENTS

The Arc Closed
Monday, May 31, 2011 for Memorial Day.

People First of CA Statewide Conference
Fri. - Sat. June 10-12
Doubletree Hotel
Sacramento, CA 95815
Info: www.peoplefirstca.org

LGBT Support Group
Tuesday, June 14 and 28
3-4:00pm
The Arc of San Francisco
1500 Howard St. (@11th),
SF, CA 94103
Info: Lulu Haggerty
lhhaggerty@thearc.org

"We Gotta Dance!"
Friday, June 17 7:00-9:00pm
The Arc of San Francisco
Admission: \$1.00
Info: Stephen Earnshaw
searnshaw@thearc.org

The Arc Family Coalition Meeting
During "We Gotta Dance!"
Friday, June 17 7:30-9:00pm
The Arc of San Francisco
Info: Jackie Kenley
jksfo@pacbell.net

Board of Directors Mtg.
Tuesday, June 28 5:30-7:00pm
The Arc of San Francisco
Info: Elisabeth Clobucker
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The Arc is accessible to persons using wheelchairs and others with disabilities. To request accommodations for a disability, contact mkirk@thearc.org. Providing 72 hours advance notice will help to ensure availability.



The Resource for People with Developmental Disabilities

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Dear Meredith,

There is strength in numbers, and together with our partners in the community, we are a force for change. Whether it's advocating in Sacramento or volunteering here at home, friends like you are making a real difference in the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Thanks to each and every one of you for your support.

Meredith

Meredith Manning
Manager, Community Relations

Arc Clients Converge on Capitol for Disability Action Day

Clients from The Arc boarded two buses in the wee hours on Wednesday to join forces with over 2,000 other activists on Disability Action Day in Sacramento. Chanting "A fair budget now!", the protesters withstood cold rain and strong winds as they assembled on the west steps of the Capitol to speak out against the deep budget cuts proposed by Governor Brown.

"These cuts to services directly affect the ability of people with disabilities to work, go to school, live independently and participate in their communities," said Tim Hornbecker, CEO, The Arc of San Francisco.

With budget negotiations entering the crucial period before the close of the fiscal year, advocates urged California leaders to stop further cuts and maintain existing tax revenues needed to fund the supports that make it possible for people with disabilities to live independently.

In addition, leadership from The Arc pressed lawmakers to pass a bill that would require insurers to cover autism treatment. [SEE MORE PHOTOS](#) We need your voices! Click here to [Find Your Legislator](#).



Jamie (r) says she hopes the protest will "wake people up" in Sacramento.

Cleaning Up with our Friends from Charles Schwab

Hoisting step ladders, brushes and assorted paint cans, 20 volunteers from Charles Schwab and Hands On Bay Area gave our building a long overdue sprucing up earlier this month.

The one day effort included exterior painting as well as repotting and pruning of building greenery.

"It's great to have our friends from Schwab and HOBA help us out. We couldn't do this without them," said Mark Kirk, Director of Operations.

All paint and potting soil was provided at no cost, and all hands did a terrific job. Thanks to everyone who took time out from their busy schedules to make us look good! [SEE MORE PHOTOS](#)

Learn more about volunteering at The Arc. Contact Jaiden Willats, Volunteer Coordinator, at jwillats@thearc.org.



Volunteers from Charles Schwab touching up paint at The Arc.

It's Time for Spring Cleaning: Call our DO Trucks Today



DONATE OPPORTUNITIES
Your reusable donations mean more opportunities for our clients.

Our "DO Trucks" pick up at your curb for free!

We especially need gently used clothing and shoes.

Other items, too. (See our list at thearc.org)

Call (415) 626-5710 today for your free curbside pickup.

Our mission is to serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by promoting self-determination, dignity and quality of life.

Our vision is to create a community where disability is a distinction without a difference.

We welcome and encourage your feedback! Send email to Meredith Manning, Marketing and Community Relations Manager, at mmanning@thearc.org.