

A monthly newsletter from The Arc of San Francisco

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## This Month

[TIPS FOR PARENTS](#) Read "Parents in Partnership" Newsletter

**Surrender your Clutter!**  
Schedule your **FREE PICKUP** Gently Used Clothes & Household Items Needed

Dear Meredith,

As the summer heats up we're making waves on all fronts, and your support is a big part of our clients' success--like Bernadita's new job (*story below*).

See how your support is making a difference, and make sure you sign the petition below for a **Google Doodle** representing people with disabilities. It's about time, don't you think?

Take action today!

Laura

Laura Repke  
Director of Development & Community Relations

## Bernadita's Hard Work Pays Off



*Bernadita likes having more responsibilities--and more hours--at her job with PG&E.*

When Bernadita Reyes started her new job at PG&E in early July, her supervising team realized she could take on more responsibilities. Since then, her hours have increased and she's got a whole new list of duties.

"It's only two days a week so far, but I'm happy here and I think I'm a good worker," says Bernadita.

Like another co-worker, also a client of The Arc, she helps process thousands of applications for energy discounts received at PG&E

every day. She enters data in the computer, scans documents, sorts mail and handles any other work she's asked to do.

Job Developer Nina Asay couldn't be more proud. "As part of The Arc's Job Club, Bernadita was always helping people and asking questions," says Nina. "We worked together on developing her resume and building her interview skills, and now it's really paid off." *Congratulations, Bernadita!*

## Quick Links

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## Support The Arc

[Donate Online](#)  
[Ways To Give](#)

Email To A Friend!

## CALENDAR

**Let's Bowl!**  
Sponsored by *Pulse of The Arc* volunteers  
Sun July 18, 2010  
1-3pm  
Yerba Buena Bowling  
750 Folsom St. (betw 3rd and 4th Sts.)  
SF, CA  
*More volunteers needed!* Contact: [Pulse of The Arc FBook](#)

**Artists from The Arc**  
Aug 5-15, 2010  
Opening Reception:  
Thu Aug 5 6-8 pm  
Moby Dick's  
4049 18th St.  
(@Hartford) SF, CA  
Info: Stacy Trager  
[strager@thearc.org](mailto:strager@thearc.org)

**Arc in the Park**  
*SF Giants vs. Reds*  
Wed Aug 25, 2010  
12:45pm  
AT&T Park  
3rd and King Sts.  
Info: Jaiden Willats  
[jwillats@thearc.org](mailto:jwillats@thearc.org)

## SAVE THE DATE

**Self-Advocacy Conf.**  
Wed Sep 22, 2010  
State of CA Bldg, SF

**Arc Angel Breakfast**  
Fri September 24, 2010  
9-9:30



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## Disability is Normal: Sign a Petition & Celebrate the ADA's 20th!



We want Google to help spread the word that Disability is Normal! So let's all join the Independent Living Resource Center-SF in a petition for a **Google Doodle** that will be seen every time someone does a search on July 26th, the 20th anniversary of the ADA. Google's response to this request has been lukewarm ("...the ADA is not the type of event promoted on our homepage..."), but if they can celebrate Jacque Cousteau's 100 birthday--

not to mention Pac-Man's 30th anniversary--with a special doodle, they can highlight this important piece of civil rights legislation, don't you think? **10,000 signatures are needed.** [Click here to sign the petition, and let's get Google to support our cause!](#)

*NOTE: Don't miss the ADA 20th Anniversary party at City Hall on July 26th at 1pm. Speakers, snacks, Superfest films, educational and cultural activities galore.*

## Walmart Foundation Awards \$50K for Transition Youth Project



The Arc of San Francisco is proud to announce a \$50,000 grant from the Walmart Foundation to support a new "School-to-Community Transition Project." The 3-year pilot program will benefit transition age youth with developmental disabilities and their families by improving supports available during transition from school-based to community-based services after high school.

The program includes assessments, parent education, classes in independent living and job preparation, and a range of socialization activities.

"We're one of several chapters of The Arc benefiting from the generosity of the Walmart Foundation," said COO Alan Fox. "Many young adults are ill-prepared for the demands of life after high school. This program provides a clear, outcomes-based path to ensure the young adults of tomorrow have a bright future ahead," he added.

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