



FRIENDS of The Arc

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advocacy self-determination quality of life inclusion independence dignity pride fulfillment productivity

This Month

[Meet our new Clients of The Month](#)

Time for Spring Cleaning!
Schedule your
FREE PICKUP
Gently Used Clothes &
Household Items
Needed

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CALENDAR

Cheers to The Arc
Guest Bartending Fundraiser
May 26, 2010 6-11pm
Fishbowl Bar & Grill
1854 Divisadero (at Bush and Pine Sts.) SF, CA
[Facebook RSVP](#)

Disability Film Festival
June 4-5, 2010
11am-5pm
Gaia Arts Center
2120 Ailston Way
Berkeley, CA
CDT: 510-845-5576
culturedisabilitytalent.org

Sanchez Art Show
with Artreach Studios
Reception: June 25, 2010
7-9pm
Show June 26-July 18
Fri, Sat, Sun 1-5pm
1220 Linda Mar Blvd.
Pacifica, CA 94044
info: Marg Olsson,
ArtReach
molsson@thearc.org

SAVE THE DATE
Arc Angel Breakfast
Fri, September 24, 2010
9-9:30



The Resource for People with Developmental Disabilities

1500 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA
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Dear Meredith,

Thanks to friends like you, we're raising the bar on the kinds of support we offer to our clients so that their lives--and the lives of all of us--are enriched and empowered. See what we've been up to below!

Sincerely,

Laura

Laura Repke
Director of Development & Community Relations

Historic Partnership Launches at Cirque de l'Arc



The Arc and the LGBT community joined forces at *Cirque de l'Arc* recently with a friend- and fund-raiser celebrating diversity, disability and pride. Our digs were transformed into a veritable 3-ring circus with fire-eaters, stilt-walkers and outstanding performances by The Arc Superstars (left) and local celebrity drag queens. [MORE PHOTOS](#)

Supervisor Bevan Dufty, Honorary Chair, challenged the packed house to reach out to gay people with disabilities who share a common history of discrimination. Said board member Dan Cousins, "Our clients should be supported whether they are gay, straight or questioning. With help from our friends at the LGBT Center, we're developing classes and support groups that will help us all be better advocates around these issues."

Photos: Thank you Tom Lux and Bill Murphy

[WATCH VIDEO](#)

Now Taking Requests: New Class Teaches Rhythm, Cooperation



"Ok, everybody--all together on three!" Danny Scherr leads a weekly music class that encourages creativity and personal expression.

"Singing is social, and we could all use a little more music." That's the message from Danny Scherr who leads a weekly music class for clients of The Arc and Toolworks. With his guitar and a list of favorites, he encourages 15-20 participants to make requests, keep rhythm and sing with full lungs. "Particularly for less verbal folks, music can be a way of connecting with others," says Scherr. Check out Danny's class every Monday at 10:30am.

Shop to Change The World, One Scarf at a Time



What if you could shop for a handmade accessory without even leaving your office? Knitter Jean Wong (left) and her Arc instructor are offering a private showing of Jean's stunning scarves and hats to our business partners who employ clients of The Arc.

"I think it would be fun to have a sale during lunchtime at a big downtown company," says Jean. "All we need is a small table--and my scarves make really nice gifts!" Affordably priced at \$10, \$15 and \$20, Jean's original designs sold out in under an hour

during a recent sale at The Arc. To schedule a sale with Jean and make a real difference in a budding entrepreneur's life, contact Meredith Manning at The Arc at mmanning@thearc.org. See you at the sale!

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