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NORTH STAR CAFÉ HOLDS RIBBON CUTTING AT NEW LOCATION

North Star Café, a division of The Arc Ontario, celebrated its grand opening at its new location at 92 S. Main Street in Canandaigua during the Fall into Canandaigua Festival on Saturday, October 29. *Please turn to page 3.*



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On the Cover: Community supporters gathered for a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 8 to celebrate the grand opening of North Star Café's new location at 92 S. Main Street in Canandaigua.

MESSAGE FROM ANN SCHEETZ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Ann Scheetz

A happy new year to you all! As we celebrate the start of 2023, we look back on yet another year of tremendous growth and achievement for our staff members and the talented individuals we support. We are thankful for the outpouring of community support we continue to receive from our generous community. Your commitment to helping us achieve our mission of fostering lifelong fulfillment for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities or other challenges is truly inspiring.

As you read on, you will learn about many exciting new developments happening at the agency. North Star Café, a division of The Arc Ontario, has relocated to a prime new location on Main Street in Downtown Canandaigua, and now offers an expanded menu and a unique dining/shopping experience that will provide even more opportunities for people of all abilities.

Bad Dog Boutique, a division of The Arc Ontario, hosted its first-ever author visit and book signing with local author, Dr. Maggie Benham, showcasing her new children's book, *Lake Dog*. We are grateful for the opportunity to show our support and celebrate her amazing accomplishments.

Please join us in congratulating Ryan Park on his recognition as the 2022 Jerry Archibald Award recipient. Ryan embodies our agency values of integrity, commitment and respect – values that Jerry Archibald, a longtime friend and supporter of the Arc Ontario, lives by each and every day. Ryan, a Behavior Technician at The Arc Ontario, was nominated by his peers and is incredibly deserving of the award. We would also like to extend our congratulations to all of this year's nominees for their hard work and dedication to those we support.

Each October, we celebrate National Disability Employment Awareness Month and the immeasurable contributions that Americans with disabilities or other challenges bring to the workforce. This year, one of our community employment partners, Quail Summit, was recognized by the Rochester Area Employment Network for their unwavering support for people with disabilities or other challenges in the workforce. They were awarded a 2022 RAEN Award for their efforts in creating a world that is inclusive for people of all abilities.

We would like to express our sincerest gratitude to the Davenport Hatch Foundation for awarding The Arc Ontario \$22,000 in grant funds to support renovations at our West Lake Road residential home. Upgrades will include a new ramp for the facility that will allow for complete accessibility for the residents who live there. We would also like to thank the FF Thompson Foundation for awarding the agency \$2,400 through the Mary Clark Thompson Community Health Grant, which supported the continuation of telehealth psychiatric services for the people we support. Additionally, we would like to send thanks to NYSARC Trust Services for awarding The Arc Ontario \$17,000 to use for recreational activities for the talented individuals we support. Your support helps us move closer to our vision of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities or other challenges becoming one with their communities.

Looking back on 2022, we are incredibly thankful for your support for our hallmark fundraisers, such as our Annual Turkey Trot and Gift Wrapping Booths at Eastview Mall, as well as our newer fundraising events including a pie sale with A Good Measure Bakery and a Meat Raffle with Bostrom Farms. As we look ahead, we feel tremendous optimism thanks to our first-rate staff and the support of our wonderful community partners.

Wishing you a happy and healthy new year,

Ann Scheetz, Executive Director

North Star Café Holds Grand Opening at New Location, Continued from cover

A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was also held on November 8 to celebrate joining the

Downtown Canandaigua community to continue offering employment opportunities for people of all abilities. North Star staff, board members and staff from The Arc

Ontario, community supporters and local news organizations joined us in celebrating the special occasion.

North Star, which had been located on Route 332 and is now operating at 92 S. Main St., originally opened on June 19, 2017. North Star Café now offers a newly expanded menu, which includes smoothies and acai bowls along with your favorite blends from Finger Lakes Coffee Roasters.

By supporting North Star Café, you are helping people with disabilities build connections one cup at a time. You are helping create a world that welcomes people of all abilities with open arms, and your purchase helps provide even more opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities or other challenges to become one with their communities. Stop by to check out our new location and jumpstart your morning with North Star Café! ✨



Aaron M. rings up his first new customers during North Star Café's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on November 8.

AGENCY HOSTS SEVERAL FESTIVE FALL FUNDRAISERS

The Arc Ontario hosted several fundraising events throughout the fall to raise money for our growing menu of programs and services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities or other challenges. We are tremendously grateful for the community support we have received and for the volunteers who helped make the events a success.

We hosted our third annual Harvest Fest fundraiser at Richard P. Outhouse Memorial Park on Saturday, October 15. A special thanks to Lake Ayr Massage & Relaxation, The Endless Mountain Derelicts, Nick

Vechioli, and our Pet Connections Volunteer teams for providing entertainment that included face painting, animal experiences, lawn games, massages and live music.

Over 400 runners and walkers joined us once again on Thanksgiving morning for our 13th Annual Canandaigua Turkey Trot at F.A. Baker Memorial Park. It was a wonderful morning, and we are incredibly thankful for those who came out to kick-off the holiday season by showing their support for The Arc Ontario.

The agency hosted several smaller fundraisers, including a Meat Raffle with Bostrom Farms for a chance to fill your freezer with assorted meat packages valued at \$500 and \$1,000. We also hosted our first Pancake Breakfast at Charlie's Restaurant in Canandaigua on Saturday, October 22 – A special thank you to

Charlie's Restaurant for partnering with us. A Pie Sale fundraiser was also held with A Good Measure bakery in Farmington, NY. Pies were sold for \$15 each and pick-up took place November 17 in time for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Arc Ontario returned to Eastview Mall on December 9 for our annual Gift Wrapping Booth fundraiser. Volunteers wrapped over 2,000 gifts for mall shoppers throughout the holiday season – all in support of The Arc Ontario.

Stay tuned for more upcoming events at The Arc Ontario. You can follow the latest happenings at the agency by monitoring our website and social media pages. Many thanks to everyone who came out to support our fundraising events. We look forward to seeing you all again soon! ✨



Volunteers from The Friend Team gave the gift of their time this holiday season and joined us at our Gift Wrapping Booth fundraiser at Eastview Mall.



Volunteers from Hobart William Smith College joined us on October 15 for a fun-filled morning at our Annual Harvest Fest fundraiser.

QUAIL SUMMIT WINS RAEN AWARD

Quail Summit, a residential living community in Canandaigua and employment partner of The Arc Ontario, was recognized during National Disability Employment Awareness Month by The Rochester Area Employment Network and awarded a RAEN Award for their continued support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities or other challenges in the workforce.

Quail Summit was nominated for the award by staff members from The Arc Ontario's Employment Services. The RAEN Award is given to local businesses that invest in their local human resources and provide opportunities for skilled workers to contribute to their communities, earn a living wage, and have meaningful careers.

Quail Summit was recognized during The Rochester Area Employment Network's annual awards ceremony held in October. Becky



Toby H., a Quail Summit employee supported by The Arc Ontario, smiles for a photo during one of his work shifts.

Boylan, Quail Summit, and Andy Watson, Supported Employment Manager at The Arc Ontario, attended the event and together accepted the prestigious award.

A special thanks to Quail Summit and all of our community employment partners for providing invaluable opportunities for the people we support to truly flourish and become one with their communities. ✨

AGENCY RECEIVES OVER \$70,000 IN GRANT AWARDS

The The Arc Ontario was awarded over \$70,000 in grant funds after receiving grants from the Davenport-Hatch Foundation, the FF Thompson Foundation, and the Trustee Management Board of NYSARC Trust Services. We are extremely grateful for these organizations' support for our mission to foster lifelong fulfillment for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities or other challenges.

The Davenport-Hatch Foundation awarded the agency \$22,000 in grant money to fund renovations at our West Lake Road residential home, which will include building a ramp that will provide complete accessibility to the home's residents. This will provide a safer, more sociable environment for the individuals we support.

The FF Thompson Foundation awarded The Arc Ontario with the Mary Clark Thompson Community Health Grant. The agency received \$2,400, which helped fund the continuance of telehealth psychiatric services for 48 individuals in our Residential Program. The Arc Ontario operates 16 residential homes throughout Ontario County where 109 individuals call home, and this grant will allow us to continue offering critical psychiatric services to the people we support.

Additionally, NYSARC Trust Services awarded The Arc Ontario \$28,000 to provide guardianship services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities or other challenges who would not otherwise have a legal guardian or advocate. The organization also awarded \$17,000 to The Arc Ontario to support new recreational opportunities that will enrich the lives of the 109 individuals living in our Residential Program. ✨

GOVERNING AND FOUNDATION BOARDS ELECT NEW LEADERSHIP

The Arc Ontario is pleased to announce the election of officers to its Governing Board and to the Friends of Ontario ARC Foundation Board. The following officers were elected at annual meetings held on September 19, 2022:

The Arc Ontario's Board of Directors works to support and guide the non-profit organization in providing services to children, teens and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities or other challenges. Elected officers include:



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Robert Doeblin
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Kathryn Wegman, Retired
Superintendent, Marion
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The Friends of Ontario ARC Foundation Board oversees the agency's signature fundraising events, the 1954 Society, annual fund campaign, major gifts, planned giving, honorariums, and memorial donations. Elected officers are as follows:



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Deborah Rought,
Vice President/
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OCTOBER IS NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH



A special thanks to our community partners for helping us provide employment opportunities for people of all abilities, including Evan C. and more than 150 other individuals supported by The Arc Ontario.

employment issues and celebrate the contributions of America's workers with disabilities or other challenges.

The Arc Ontario provides employment opportunities to more than 150 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities or other challenges across more than 50 sites throughout Ontario County and the surrounding region. These talented individuals bring unique experiences that foster innovation and contribute to a culture of inclusion.

Each October, we recognize the immeasurable contributions that Americans with disabilities bring to our workforce. National Disability Employment Awareness month is a time to educate our community about disability

We would like to express our sincerest thanks to all of our community partners for their continued support in providing employment opportunities for people of all abilities. ✨

THE 2022 JERRY ARCHIBALD AWARD WINNER

Please join us in offering congratulations to Ryan Park, Behavior Technician, for being named recipient of the 2022 Jerry Archibald Award!

The Jerry Archibald Award is named in honor of Jerry Archibald, a longtime friend and supporter of The Arc Ontario, who exemplifies the agency's values of Commitment, Integrity and Respect. The award is presented annually to a staff member of The Arc Ontario who embodies those same values while working with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities or other challenges.

We would also like to congratulate all of this year's nominees who were nominated by their peers: Cory Brink, Supervisor, Payroll/Accounts Receivable; Jamie Tutty, Program Manager; Heidi Walsh, Program Substitute; and Connie Young, Habilitation Specialist. Thank you for all that you do each and every



Jerry Archibald (right), Robert Doebelin, Board President (left), and Ann Scheetz, Executive Director (center) presented Ryan Park with the 2022 Jerry Archibald during a special award ceremony held on October 18, 2022.

day. You truly embody our agency values, and we are grateful to have you all on our team. ✨

BAD DOG BOUTIQUE HOSTS AUTHOR VISIT AND BOOK SIGNING

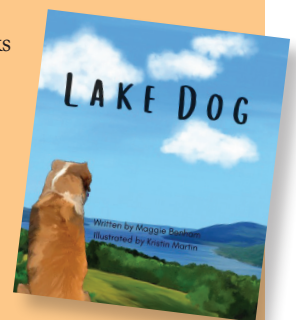


Dr. Maggie Benham and her lake dog Tipper

Bad Dog Boutique, a division of The Arc Ontario, hosted its first-ever author visit and book signing on Saturday, October 29. Local author, Dr. Maggie Benham joined us for a fun-filled morning along with her dog, Tipper, the inspiration for her newly released children's book, *Lake Dog*.

"Meet a dog who loves her lake. Tipper inspires children and adults alike to find joy in the water and to remember their deep connection to nature. Enjoy this playful story with vibrant illustrations that will surely be a favorite in every lake dog's home."

A special thanks to Dr. Maggie Benham, Tipper, and everyone who joined us for the event. We are thrilled to support a local author and celebrate her incredible achievements. We look forward to seeing you all again soon! ✨



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