



WELCOME TO FALL!

Hello everyone! We hope you are doing well, and enjoying the fall colors and the crisp chill in the air. In our last newsletter we were starting to see the end of the road for Covid, only to see an upswing caused by the Delta variant. Oftentimes it seems like we'll never be through it. And while we may not be sure when we will get back to the new normal, we are eternally grateful to our generous grantors, sponsors, donors and community who have made it possible for The Arc to continue servicing our clientele. We could not do it without you!

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Stay safe. Stay hopeful. Brighter days are ahead.

With Gratitude

To these Grantors who made it possible for us to help those with intellectual & developmental disabilities during these very challenging times.



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Growth Through Opportunity Kicked Off in September

Sheriff Miller joined us for our Meet and Greet on September 20th for the kick-off of Growth Through Opportunity.



GTO is a partnership between The Arc of Buncombe County, Buncombe County Sheriff's Office, Liberty Corner Enterprises, Inc., Universal MH/IDD/SAS services, and the Asheville, Skyland, and Leicester Fire Departments. GTO provides an opportunity for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities to learn vocational and life skills from our community first responders." **October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month.** We celebrate the work of the men and women with disabilities and reaffirm the commitment to ensure equal opportunity for all citizens.

Local Folk Singer-Songwriter Pens a Song for Our Special Children



As a solo performer accompanied by his guitar, Richard Hurley writes and sings songs inspired by events of his Western North Carolina Home. Being a product of the Folk Era of the 1960's, Richard began playing and singing songs by the Kingston Trio and other

folk groups popular then. The song, "God's Special Children" came to be after he was volunteering at the Irene Wortham Center and ran into Celia Gordon who he worked with at Square D Company who was picking up her son, Alan, for Christmas. The next morning, Christmas Eve, the inspiration came. To listen to the song, click the link below or stream through your favorite music apps. To learn more about Richard Hurley, visit his website: www.richardhurleymusic.com

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Have a Story to Share?

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"A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles."

~ Christopher Reeve

