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Empower

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Greetings!

Welcome to *Empower*, The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region's new e-newsletter! Each month, you'll learn about important updates at The Arc NCR, and about ways you can help empower people with differing abilities to live, work and play in the community.

First, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our community for rallying around the family in Aberdeen who lost their new home to a fire. They are moved into a new house, and slowly but surely re-building and recovering. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise \$625 to present to the family for items such as formula for their 15 year old daughter on a feeding tube, kitchen utensils and other necessities. Didn't get to donate? We will leave the fundraiser up for 5 more days. Visit [the fundraiser page](#) to donate today.



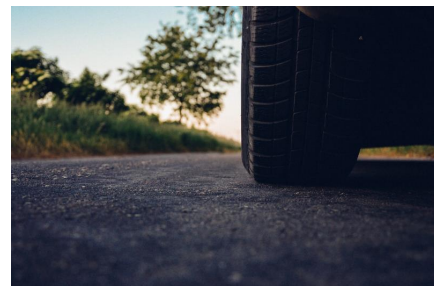
Assistive Technology Funding Available

We are excited to announce the launch of our Assistive Technology funding for individuals we support. This past March, we raised \$23,000 at our annual After d'Arc Gala to provide Assistive Tech to

people currently receiving our services. Funds are provided on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED basis. Do you know someone currently receiving services from The Arc NCR who could benefit? [Click here](#) to learn how to apply!

"Arc"some Resources

Do you or does someone you know have a differing ability that prevents you from driving? Be sure to check out [Central Maryland Regional Transit - CMRT](#) and [Uber](#) - they can help! Learn more at arcncr.org/transportation. To receive \$20 credit for your first Uber ride, use the promo code "ArcNCR" - valid until September 1, 2016.



Good news for Maryland families - residents wanting to save for disability-related expenses can use the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program even though MD's ABLE program is still in development. Ohio, Tennessee & Nebraska each have ABLE programs open and available for out of state residents. There will be an option to roll the account into MD's program once it is established. Maryland is expecting to have an ABLE program

operational by October 2017. Learn more [here](#).



Are you homeless or have experienced homelessness in the last year?

Primary Medical care is now available at Health Care for the Homeless! Get access to benefits and medical care all in one place. This is HUGE! Please [click here](#) if you need assistance or know someone who needs help.

Did you know The Arc NCR hosts monthly educational workshops? They are free for family members and members of The Arc NCR! [Click here](#) to see our schedule for the rest of the year. Want to sign up to become a member? Visit [our membership page](#).

Welcome, Lynn!

Please join us in welcoming our new Chief Financial Officer, Lynn Wilkinson! Lynn is a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Fraud Examiner, and comes to us with extensive career experience in public, private and non-profit sectors.

Lynn's exemplary leadership skills, team-player mentality, strong comprehension of financial and grant reporting, as well as her budgeting skills make her a valuable new senior leadership team member at The Arc NCR!



Lynn Wilkinson, CPA, CFE

Mark Your Calendar for Our September Events

- September 15: [Memory Garden Reception](#). Open to the public; free. RSVP requested.
- September 16: [Community Partner's Sock Hop Carnival](#). For individuals receiving services through The Arc NCR - \$5 per person; registration required.

Questions about anything you've read? Contact Andrea Lynn, Assistant Director of Marketing & Development, at alynn@arcncr.org.

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