

Let's Go to Work!

Proud recipient of the 2004 Federal Training & Technical Assistance for Providers (T-TAP) 3-Year Grant, The Arc of DC has been successful in moving individuals with disabilities into individualized positions in the community for over 30 years.

Meet Milton Askew...

Recently honored as *Team Member of the Month*, Mr. Askew is very enthusiastic about his



new job as a courtesy clerk at Whole Foods. Mr. Askew is one of the many success stories at The Arc of

DC's Transitional Employment Center. The opportunity to work in a supportive and inclusive

environment, such as Whole Foods, has allowed

Mr. Askew, like many others, to contribute to his community, learn new life skills, and gain independence.

Milton Askew loves working at Whole Foods and coworkers finds him to be helpful and pleasant with clientele (Photo by T.J. Photography).

How Can I Help?

There are many ways to support The Arc of DC:

- **Hire a person with a developmental disability.** Contact Employment Services Programs at 202-636-2994 to learn more.
- **Become a member.** Be a voice for people with developmental disabilities!
- **Donate Now! In memory ...in honor ...in celebration, there are many reasons and ways to give.**
- **Designate The Arc of DC during the following annual fundraising campaigns:**
 - United Way #8032
 - Combined Federal Campaign #35103.
- **Replacing your office equipment?** Recycle your used office electronics with The Arc of DC.
- **Use Signed, Sealed, & Delivered** for all your mailing, storage, distribution, and signage needs. For a quote or more information, please call 202-635-2521.
- **Play golf and support The Arc of DC in TSCog's annual golf tournament!** For more info please call 202-636-2956.
- **Visit our website at www.ArcDC.net to learn more.**

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The Arc of the District of Columbia, Inc.



Mission

To improve the lives of persons with developmental disabilities and their families through supports and advocacy.

What is The Arc of the District of Columbia?

The Arc of the District of Columbia, Inc. (Arc of DC) is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) membership organization serving persons with developmental disabilities and their families in the District of Columbia.

As a chapter of The Arc of the United States, The Arc of DC works with individuals and their families to provide supports, advocacy, and employment opportunities to enhance their quality of life.

History

Formerly known as the DC Association for Retarded Citizens, The Arc of DC has been in the forefront of advocacy in



Washington, DC since its founding in 1950. Founded by a group of concerned parents looking for alternatives to institutionalization, The Arc of DC played a key role in the closing of Forest Haven, the District's institution for people with mental retardation and related developmental disabilities.

With a long, distinguished record of success in serving people with developmental disabilities, The Arc of DC continues to respond to the needs of its constituents and advocates for the rights of persons with disabilities today.

Vision

We envision a society in which individuals with developmental disabilities exercise their rights and are afforded a full set of opportunities and choices that enable them to contribute and have impact in the community.

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered

Proud recipient of the USDA 2006 Javits-Wagner-O'Day Contractor of the Year Award, The Arc of DC operates a set of commercial business operations called *Signed, Sealed, and Delivered*. Our business offers customers quality goods and services at competitive prices including:

- **Mailing & Distribution**
- **Signs, Banners, Plaques, & Trophies**
- **Storage**
- **NEW! Electronic Recycling and Hard Drive Destruction**

Customers get quality goods and service while helping The Arc of DC fulfill its goal of providing employment and other important services for citizens of the District of Columbia with developmental disabilities.

Supported Employment

For more than 30 years, The Arc of DC has provided employers in the metropolitan Washington area with highly-qualified, reliable, and dedicated employees. Our professional placement staff works with employers in all phases of the employment process, from matching the employee with the job, hiring decisions, job coaching, and follow-along. Individuals are placed in a variety of positions to suit their skills and interests.



Chris Roth enjoys his work at Giant Foods (Photo by T.J. Photography).

Public Policy & Advocacy

The Arc of DC's advocacy and community supports promote public policy initiatives, family empowerment, and self actualization for District residents with developmental disabilities. By advancing new policies, programs, and laws, we help persons with disabilities obtain greater independence and help ensure they have the opportunity to live, work, and play alongside their neighbors as valued members of the Washington, DC community.



Director of Public Policy and Advocacy, T. J. Sutcliffe, and board member Joanne Jackson testify before City Council (Photo by Preston Keres, The Washington Post).