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The Arc of Montgomery County Appoints New Executive Director

Joyce Taylor Continues Notable Tenure With The 50-Year-Old Nonprofit

Rockville, Md.— Joyce Taylor has been named executive director of The Arc of Montgomery County (The Arc, MC), after serving as the organization's interim leader for several months. The 50-year-old organization is one of the oldest and largest nonprofits in Maryland supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as well as their families and employers, throughout the continuum of life. The Arc, MC offers a variety of educational, residential, vocational and support programs and resources at every stage.

With more than 31 years of experience in the developmental disabilities field, Taylor has been employed with The Arc, MC for 29 years and previously served as director of vocational and day services for 18 years prior to her appointment. Responsible for the organization's employment and day rehabilitation services, Taylor helped grow the division by 300 percent—from 98 participants in 1990 to 300 in 2008—by connecting capable workers with Montgomery County businesses to provide key services such as mailing, recycling, and lawn care.

"I have clear goals and priorities for The Arc, MC as we, like all not-for-profit organizations, face fundraising challenges and work to build on our successes," said Taylor. "My focus is to continue to see the people we support be more fully included in our society by continuing to develop strategic partnerships with government, businesses, schools, physicians and other nonprofit organizations to improve our award-winning service and advocacy, which ultimately builds and strengthens our community."

Taylor's recent initiatives include launching the "Seniors Steppin' Out" program and developing competitive, subsidiary businesses owned by The Arc, MC such as "The Arc Recycling Solutions." She also oversaw planning for the June 2009 opening of The Arc's Thrift Store in Wheaton, Md., where Taylor often volunteers in her free time.

She lives in Hyattsville, Md., with her dog and four cats.

About The Arc of Montgomery County

The Arc of Montgomery County is one of Maryland's oldest and largest nonprofit organizations serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities as well as their families and employers. Since 1958, The Arc, MC has been the leading provider of life-long, award-winning educational, residential, vocational, and support programs and resources. For more information, visit www.arcmontmd.org.

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