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**Dear Douglas,**

School is back in session, we withstood an earthquake *and* a hurricane, and The Arc Montgomery County is rolling right along! A look at our calendar presents all kinds of opportunities, and we hope you'll adopt a duck, visit our Thrift Store and attend our quarterly membership meeting. Autumn is coming...enjoy the chill in the evening air!

**Duck Race Festival--Fun for Everyone!**



**Adopt a Duck! Win \$50,000! Make a Difference!**

Join us on **Sunday, October 2, from 1-4 pm**, as 5,000 bright yellow rubber ducks take to the water at the Rio at Washingtonian Center! We'll have FREE fun activities and entertainment for the entire family, including music and prizes from 98.7 WMZQ-FM.

You'll have tons of fun, support your community's leading provider of services for residents affected by intellectual and developmental disabilities AND potentially win \$50,000 or other cash prizes!

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**Donate**

Your charitable donation will bring us another step closer to our goal!

**Join Now**

Strength in numbers creates positive change in our community.

**Volunteer**

Share your time and talent with the individuals we serve.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

This event is sponsored by Washingtonian Center, Kids After Hours and 98.7 WMZQ. Everyone is welcome and the event is open to the public.

[Click here to adopt a duck online.](#) [Click here for an informational flyer.](#)

Want to meet *The Duck* in person? [Like our Facebook page](#) to keep track of where he'll visit next!

## Membership Meeting-September 21



Join us on **September 21 at 7 pm** for our quarterly membership meeting. We'll provide an update on our strategic planning action steps and other new initiatives, plus recognize Junior Volunteers who donated hundreds of community service hours to our children and youth programs over the summer.

Membership meetings are held at 11600 Nebel Street, Rockville, MD 20852. Light refreshments will be served.

## Private Physical/Speech/Occupational Therapy



Physical, speech and occupational therapy services are now being offered to children ages 18 months to 10 years at Summit Academy in Gaithersburg. Skilled therapists, knowledgeable in guiding a wide range of children across varying abilities and needs, work closely with each family to identify ongoing goals and strategies.

Summit Academy is located at 205 South Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg. For more information, contact [Eileen Coyne](#), School Program Director, 301.984.5777 x3315.

## First Friday = 40% Off!



Check it out...the first Friday of every month means **40% OFF EVERYTHING** in The Arc Montgomery County's Thrift Store! No exclusions, just plenty of great bargains. Drop by on September 2 to see what treasures you'll find or to update your wardrobe for fall.

The store is newly redesigned to make shopping easier and parking is available in front. The Thrift Store is located at **2658 University Boulevard West, Wheaton, MD 20902.**

[Visit our website calendar for full details!](#)

**Administrative Offices Closed**  
Monday, September 5

**Volunteer Orientation**  
Friday, September 9

**Sibshops**  
Sunday, September 11

**Education Committee**  
Wednesday, September 14

**Children & Youth Services Open House**  
Friday, September 16

**Hispanic Outreach**  
Saturday, September 17

**Residential Support Group Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 20

**Quarterly Membership Meeting**  
Wednesday, September 21

**Transition Times**  
Wednesday, September 21

**Duck Race Festival**  
Sunday, October 2

**Transitioning Youth Resource Fair**  
Saturday, October 15

## Respite Services Has Relocated



Respite Services of Montgomery County has relocated to 11600 Nebel Street, Suite 150, Rockville, MD 20850. This is just across the street from their previous location, and they have a separate entrance at the rear of the building.

A collaboration between the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services and The Arc Montgomery County, Respite Services provides occasional, short-term relief to families caring for adults with functional disabilities, frail senior citizens, children with challenging behaviors and children or adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

Contact [Karen Patterson](#), 301.816.9647, for more information.

## Survey for Families Using Child Care



The Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council is conducting a survey of families' experience with child care. This survey will provide critical information about access to child care and out-of-school programs for children and youth with disabilities.

The results will guide public policy advocacy in an effort to shape practices and laws that support the inclusion of children and youth with disabilities in high-quality child care and out-of-school programs alongside their typically-developing peers.

[Click here to take the anonymous survey.](#)

## A "High Impact" Nonprofit



The Arc of the United States has been chosen a top nonprofit working for people with disabilities by [Philanthropedia, a subsidiary of GuideStar](#), a nonprofit organization working to make you aware of the highest impact nonprofits in a cause. The Arc was selected by a group of 79 experts, including foundation professionals, nonprofit senior staff, academics, and researchers.

What does it mean to be "high impact?" It means The Arc is adept at channeling your support into activities which truly have a "high impact" on people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The organization is strong, carrying out its mission and providing evidence of its achievements on behalf of the people and communities it serves.

Your membership in The Arc Montgomery County also includes membership in The Arc of the United States. [Click here to become a member or renew your membership online.](#)



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