

# Board of Directors

Connecting People of All Ages and Abilities to Build Inclusive Lives



## Nominations for FY2025 Board of Directors



**John "Andy" Dashner** is a dedicated community volunteer with over two decades of experience. Starting with volunteer work at The American Red Cross, he has been employed in both corporate and nonprofit sectors and currently works at Shady Grove Podiatry where he is responsible for office supply stocking. With awards like the Red Cross Certificate of Appreciation and the Presidential Volunteer Service Award, John's commitment to community service has been consistently recognized.

*Presidentially appointed to the board in FY24, seeking 1st elected term*



**Flavia Favali** is the founder of Haven Share, Inc. which provides young adults with a secure housing environment where they can mature and grow into adulthood. She is a former Prince George's County Public Schools teacher. Ms. Favali holds an MA in Transitional Special Education with an emphasis in Acquired Brain Injury from The George Washington University and lives in Hyattsville, MD.

*Seeking 3rd consecutive term*



**Charles Franklin** is an energy, climate, and environmental lawyer with 30 years of experience in federal advocacy, and has strong relationships within the Washington legal and policy community. He is the parent of a child with IDD and is passionate about inclusion. Mr. Franklin holds a Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center and lives in Washington, DC.

*Seeking 2nd consecutive term*



**Kamryn Holley** is a graduate of Gaithersburg High School. She works in retail and volunteers with The Arc Montgomery County. Ms. Holley is an avid advocate who has participated in County Council events related to disability. She lives in Gaithersburg, MD.

*Seeking 2nd consecutive term*



**Claire Louis** is an experienced nonprofit executive with backgrounds in grant writing, program development and financial management, currently serving as the Director of the Thome Aging Well Program with Enterprise Community Partners. She is the parent of a child with IDD and was previously involved with The Arc of Northern Virginia. Ms. Louis holds a Master of Education from Howard University lives in Rockville, MD.

*Seeking 2nd consecutive term*



**Karen Saunders** has more than two decades of experience working in leadership and business development roles in academic research institutions in the private sector. She is the parent of a child with IDD who has received support services from The Arc since 2007. Ms. Saunders holds an MA from American University, a BA from Tufts University, and has completed coursework toward a PhD at American University. She lives in Kensington, MD.

*Seeking 2nd consecutive term*



**Dana Simpler** is a retired physician with 35 years of primary care experience. She is the sibling of a person supported by The Arc. Dr. Simpler holds a Masters in Physiology from The Georgetown University and completed her Medical Degree at University of Maryland. She lives in Laurel, MD.

*Seeking 2nd consecutive term*

### Nomination and Election Process

Nominations for The Arc Montgomery County FY2025 Board of Directors were prepared from applications received through April 15, 2024 per the organization's bylaws. These applications were vetted by the Governance Committee. All nominees are seeking a 2-year term.

Current Board Members continuing to their second year of a two-year term (not part of the election): Officers: Constance Battle (President), Christina Young (Vice-President), Kim Hope (Secretary), Sarah Cato (Treasurer), Stephanie Katz (Immediate Past President) and Directors: Raymond Davidson, Flor De Amelia Hoffman, Kate O'Connell, John Olenick, Mark Rittenberg, & Jim Seaton.

Ballots will be cast and tabulated electronically on Friday, June 7, 2024. Voting is restricted to current members of The Arc Montgomery County as of April 30, 2024. Election results will be announced at the Membership Meeting on Saturday, June 8, at 10 am.