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Dear Prospective Board Member,

Thank you for your interest in serving as a member of The Arc Montgomery County’s Board of Directors. Enclosed you will find our current application. If you have questions concerning the application, please contact us at governancecommittee@arcmontmd.org.

Board members are expected to give their “time, talent and treasure.” In other words, as a leadership volunteer, you give your time to guide The Arc based on your talent—your knowledge, skills and experience. We also ask that you support our mission by making a personal financial commitment, sharing your treasure. In addition, Board members serve an important role in spreading the word about The Arc’s mission and achievements.

Board members can advocate for The Arc, connect The Arc to the broader community, provide a conduit for feedback to the organization, and support the mission and the employees. There are many ways in which Board members can learn about The Arc and help to accomplish our mission in Montgomery County!

Each individual Board member’s contributions of time, talent and treasure will differ. Some members chose to serve on committees aligned with their professional interests (e.g., an accountant who joins the finance committee). Others chose to serve on a committee that will be an opportunity for learning. The minimum time commitment for serving on The Arc Montgomery County Board is approximately two hours per week. Much of this time will be devoted to Board, committee and membership meetings.

All members of The Arc’s Board are required to be members of the organization. Membership is conferred upon receiving an application for membership accompanied by a \$50 membership donation. Beyond this, we ask that you include The Arc Montgomery County among your “top three” charitable gift recipients at a level that is personally meaningful while serving on the Board of Directors.

We look forward to learning more about you and your interest in supporting people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Katz

Stephanie Katz, President
 The Arc Montgomery County Board of Directors

Application to the Board of Directors

Contact Information

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone(s): _____

Email: _____

What is your current status? All new and returning candidates must complete an application annually.

_____ I am a current member of the Board of Directors.

_____ I am interested in joining the Board of Directors. My previous experience with The Arc Montgomery County or a similar organization includes: _____.

_____ I am a current member of a Board Committee. Specify committee: _____.

Are you a member of The Arc Montgomery County? If yes, for how long? _____

How would you describe yourself?

_____ I am a person with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

_____ I am a family member of a person with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Please state your relationship, *i.e.*, mother, brother, etc., and the age of your family member with I/DD.

_____ I am a professional in the field of developmental disabilities. Please state below your discipline, position, or other descriptive information.

_____ I have previous experience with The Arc Montgomery County or a similar organization. Please state your experience below.

_____ I am a concerned citizen and wish to contribute my time and talents. Please state below your relevant experience.

Please indicate your affiliation to and/or membership in other organizations.

Please share your professional background and expertise, such as Accounting, Attorney, Fundraising, Marketing, Medical, Financial, Self-Advocacy, etc.

Please indicate your top 5 priorities in the following list. Rate from 1-5 with 1 being most important.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Education/Special Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Intervention | <input type="checkbox"/> Health & Medical Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Services/Waiting List |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Advocacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Advocacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aging Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Advocacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment | _____ |

Briefly describe what The Arc Montgomery County's mission means to you and how you would contribute to the organization as a member of the Board of Directors.

As a Board of Directors member you are required to actively participate on at least one of the following committees. Please indicate which Committee(s) is/are of interest to you.

Finance Committee

Members assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities with respect to the financial condition of the Corporation, including but not limited to, reviewing and making recommendations on budget proposals, current financial statements, fiscal policies, audits, investments, and insurance coverages. In addition, the Finance Committee will ensure the Corporation's account systems are compliant with GAAP and GAAS.

Governance Committee

Members assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities with respect to corporate governance, including but not limited to, identifying and presenting recommended nominees for the Board and Board Committees, developing and recommending corporate governance guidelines, and overseeing the evaluation of the Board and Board Committees.

Human Rights/Quality Assurance Committee

Members assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities with respect to ensuring that policies, procedures, programs, and activities of the Corporation are consistent with the rights and dignity of people supported, including but not limited to, reviewing and making recommendations on violations, preventive or corrective actions, and program quality.

Information Technology Committee

Members assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities with respect to the overall role of technology in executing the strategic direction and goals of the Corporation, including but not limited to, major technology investment, technology strategy, operational performance, and technology trends.

_____ **Marketing & Development Committee**

Members assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities with respect to garnering financial support for the Corporation, including but not limited to, advancement of the Corporation’s programs, events and services, donor identification, solicitation and stewardship, and community engagement.

_____ **Public Policy Committee**

Members assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities with respect to local, state, and federal legislative and public policy issues which impact the strategic direction and goals of the Corporation, including but not limited to, position statements, relationship cultivation with elected/appointed officials, and constituent education and engagement. The Public Policy Committee will work in partnership with The Arc Maryland and The Arc of the United States.

Please provide contact information for two references, one personal and one professional, who are not related to you and who have known you for longer than one year.

Reference Name	Telephone	Email	How do you know this person?

Please indicate where you became aware of the opportunity to serve on our Board of Directors.

_____ The Arc Montgomery County’s Website

_____ Montgomery Serves Website

_____ Another Website (please specify _____)

_____ Print Publication (please specify _____)

_____ Electronic Publication (please specify _____)

_____ Social Media Posting (please specify _____)

_____ Other (please specify _____)

Please attach a short biography for the Governance Committee with any other information you would like to share about your experience and background, and/or attach a complete resume.

I have reviewed and agree to support the mission and core values of The Arc Montgomery County. I have reviewed the Board Member Responsibilities and agree to execute these if I am elected or appointed to the Board of Directors.

Signature _____

Date _____

Thank you very much for your interest in The Arc Montgomery County! Please mail your complete application to The Arc Montgomery County, Governance Committee, 7362 Calhoun Place, Rockville, MD 20855, or submit by fax (301.770.2352) or email (GovernanceCommittee@arcmontmd.org).

All completed Board of Directors applications are reviewed by the Governance committee. Candidates are vetted and then interviewed by the Board President and Chief Executive Officer. If invited to join the Board, candidates complete additional paperwork, including a background investigation and confidentiality agreement.

Typically, nominees for the Board of Directors are included in a slate of nominations presented to The Arc's membership in May, and then elected and installed at The Arc's annual membership meeting in June. This applies only to applications received by April 15 of the same calendar year and which have been vetted and subsequently recommended by the Governance Committee.

Additional Board members may be appointed at any time during the year by the Board President.

All Board members complete an orientation to the organization within 90 days of beginning their Board service.

The Arc Montgomery County Board Member Responsibilities

The Board of Directors of The Arc Montgomery County is responsible for overall governance of the activities and affairs of the corporation. The Board develops, reviews, and establishes policies and goals for the corporation relevant to its mission and purposes, and is charged with acting on all business and financial matters inherent to the operation of the corporation, except as may be delegated to officer or employees. Board members are ambassadors for The Arc in the community and reflect the diversity of skills, abilities, backgrounds and ethnicity in Montgomery County.

The Board will:

- Accept the Bylaws, core values, policies and position statements of The Arc Montgomery County and understand and be responsible for the overall health and well-being of the organization.
- Determine how The Arc carries out its mission by participating in the development and monitoring implementation of an effective strategic plan.
- Provide financial oversight, including approval of an annual budget, review of quarterly financial performance and review of annual independent audit.
- Ensure future strength of the Board by identifying, recruiting, orienting and developing Board members.
- Select, evaluate, set the compensation for and, if necessary, discharge the Chief Executive Officer.
- Monitor the implementation of organization policies, and review and approve new policies.
- Support the Chief Executive Officer in all appropriate decisions and actions consistent with the policies and standards of The Arc.
- Consult with the Chief Executive Officer on matters the Board as a whole is considering.

Individual Board Members will:

- Complete the Board of Directors onboarding process, to include a background investigation, submission of required forms, and a full-day Board orientation.
- Keep in good standing as a member of The Arc Montgomery County by making a \$50 membership donation at the beginning of each fiscal year.
- Prepare for Board meetings by reviewing materials in advance and being prepared to conduct business.
- Attend Board meetings (2/3 in person), annual Board retreat, and annual membership meeting.
- Actively participate on a Board committee to help guide the organization's mission.
- Attend and support the organization's special events.
- Provide financial support to The Arc at a level that is personally meaningful.
- Publicly support decisions made by the Board of Directors and position statements of The Arc.
- Identify potential conflicts of interest.
- Become familiar with The Arc's programs and operations, through orientation and interaction with employees, volunteers and people receiving support services.
- Understand and actively promote The Arc's mission and assist with membership development.
- Engage in resource development and fundraising, which may include but is not limited to, individual solicitations, sales of tickets and sponsorships for fundraising events, recruitment of sponsors and business partners, and identification and cultivation of relationships with potential members and donors.
- Participate in training with regard to all aspects of effective board leadership, including but not limited to modules on strategic planning, governance, development, and self-assessment.
- Assess Board performance annually.

Approximate Annual Time Commitment:

- Board meetings (6 x 2.5 hours)
- Board orientation (1 x 7 hours, one-time only)
- Board retreat (1 x 7 hours).
- Membership meeting (1 x 2 hours).
- Special events (3 x 3-4 hours)
- Board committee meetings (6-10 depending on committee x 1.5 hours).
- Board engagement opportunities (varies).

Important Policies:

- Period of service is **two years** (maximum 8-year commitment).
- Board members serve without pay.
- Board members who are absent without notice from two consecutive or any three regular Board meetings during a fiscal year may be removed from the Board.
- Board members who fail to meet other obligations may be removed from the Board.

Mission

The Arc Montgomery County connects people of all ages and abilities with their communities to build inclusive and fulfilling lives.

Goals

The Arc Montgomery County Board of Directors, employees and volunteers will:

- Promote a culture of quality by providing excellent support services which allow a person to live the life he or she chooses;
- Create a culture of innovation by responding to changing needs with new and creative approaches;
- Become the employer of choice where employees feel valued and appreciate and believe they are contributing in a way that changes people's lives.



Core Values

From its inception, a major strength of The Arc movement has been the parents, family members and volunteers who govern the organization. In recent years, self-advocates have also assumed important roles. Parents, family members, self-advocates, community partners and other volunteers are the driving force of The Arc. From the grassroots advocacy of The Arc come the dreams and philosophy which influence its core values, its ability to shape public policy and the mutual support which parents and self-advocates provide for one another.

These core operating values, listed in alphabetical order, guide the way in which the Board, staff and volunteers of The Arc want the community to experience it as compassionate, responsive, effective and efficient organization.

Advocacy

Together with the people we support, we are at the forefront of creating diverse, barrier-free environments for all.

Inclusion

We foster meaningful interactions and relationships between the people we support and the community.

Innovation

We embrace new ideas and changes as ongoing and necessary for full inclusion of the people we support.

Choice

We respect each person's autonomy and right to make choices in all areas of life, allowing for calculated risks as part of personal growth.

Integrity

We carry out our work with the highest standards of personal behavior, professionalism, and respect for the people we support.