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1960 March 26 - First Luncheon and Fashion Show opens for boys and young adults.

1960 August 20 - MCARC Day Center opens for boys and young adults.

1963 September 1 - Purchase of building at 1313 Lorna Drive for MCARC Day Center.

1968 September 22 - MCARC Preschool Nursery opens at Cedar Lane Unitarian Church.


1973 September 26 - Congress passes Public Law 93-112, the Rehabilitation Act requiring affirmative action obligations of contractors and subcontractors in employment of persons with disabilities.

1973 April - MCARC opens first group home on Lamberton Drive with three residents.

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2008 September - The Arc receives a three-year accreditation with the Maryland Nonprofit Standards of Excellence, building on its 1994 accreditation with CARF (Commission for the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Services)