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July 1, 2024

Dear Prospective Board Committee Member,

Thank you for your interest in joining a Board Committee at The Arc Montgomery County. Enclosed you will find our current application. If you have questions concerning the application, please contact us at governancecommittee@arcmontmd.org.

Board committee 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 committee members serve an important role in spreading the word about The Arc’s mission and achievements.

Board committee 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 staff. There are many ways in which Board committee members can learn about The Arc and help to accomplish our mission in Montgomery County!

Each individual Board committee 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 a Board committee is approximately three hours per month. Much of this time will be devoted to meetings.

All members of The Arc’s Board committees 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 a Board committee.

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

Sincerely,

Constance Battle

Constance Battle, President
The Arc Montgomery County Board of Directors

APPLICATION TO A BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITTEE

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 a Board Committee. Specify committee: _____.

____ I am interested in joining a Board 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 which Board Committees 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.

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.

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 Committee Member Responsibilities and agree to execute these if I am appointed to a Board Committee.

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 applications are reviewed by the Governance committee. Candidates are vetted and then interviewed. If invited to join a Board Committee, candidates complete additional paperwork, including a background investigation and confidentiality agreement.

Board of Directors Committee members may be appointed at any time during the year by the Board President.

All Board Committee members complete volunteer orientation within 60 days of their appointment.

The Arc Montgomery County Board Committee Member Responsibilities

Board of Directors Committees of The Arc Montgomery County act and function as extensions of the Board of Directors in such areas as planning, budgeting, policy making, etc. They relate their conclusions and recommendations to the Board of Directors for final decision and relate their work to the membership as requested.

Board Committees will:

- Accept the Bylaws, core values, policies and position statements of The Arc Montgomery County.
- Help to guide implementation of the organization's mission and support The Arc Montgomery County employees who carry out the organization's mission.
- Make recommendations with regard to policies and procedures.

Individual Board Members will:

- Complete the Board of Directors Committee onboarding process, to include a background investigation, submission of required forms, and volunteer 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 committee meetings by reviewing materials in advance and being prepared to conduct business.
- Attend and actively participate in committee meetings to help guide the organization's mission.
- Be encouraged to 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.

Approximate Time Commitment:

- Board Committee meetings (6-10 depending on committee x 1.5 hours).
- Special events (3 x 3-4 hours).

Important Policies:

- Period of service is one year.
- Board Committee members serve without pay.
- Board Committee members who fail to meet other obligations may be discharged from the committee.

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.