



*The Arc's  
Annual  
Holiday  
Dinner Dance*

*December 11, 2024  
The Venetian*

*“The best way to find yourself  
is to lose yourself  
in the service of others.”*

Gandhi

A Very Merry Christmas  
and a Blessed,  
Happy New Year to all!

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*Thank you to all of the members of our Arc Community - our Program Participants, Families, Staff, Board Members, Public Officials, Volunteers, Partners, Employers and Wonderful Supporters.*

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*We wish you a Happy Holiday Season and Peace, Health and Joy in the coming year.*

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# *Program*

## *Welcome and Introductions*

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## *Presentations*

*Robert Burros Memorial*

*Employee of the Year Award*

*Joan Seidler Memorial Award*

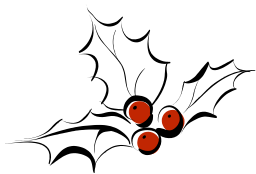
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*Music and Dancing with DJ Paul Thomas*



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*of Bergen and Passaic Counties.*



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*for families.*

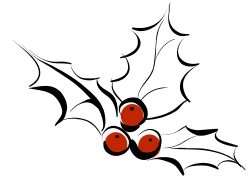
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Greetings*

To  
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The Arc

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AT THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER  
DANCE!



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Wishes Arc of Bergen & Passaic County  
Happy Holidays  
and  
All the best for 2025!

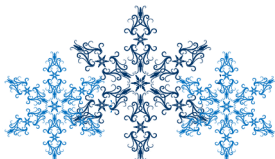
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HAPPY

HOLIDAYS

*Norma Belton*







Wishing a Holiday Season full  
of love, joy and laughter  
to our entire Arc family. . . .and  
special hugs to The Arc staff,  
who are the heart and soul of  
everything we do!!

XOXO

Alice





*Wishing Everyone  
at  
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HAPPY  
*Holidays!*

*To our great friends  
and the dedicated staff at  
The Arc*

*Jim and Jan Seath*



*Thank You to All of  
The Arc's Participants  
And Their Families for  
Sharing Your Lives With Us  
and...*

*Happy Holidays  
to all of The Arc's Staff...  
Thank you for making a  
difference every day!*

*... Kathy Walsh*





*The Arc's  
Board of Trustees*

*Wishes The  
Entire Arc Family*

*a*

*Wonderful Holiday  
Season and*

*a*

*Healthy and Happy  
New Year*



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**Shining Stars Chef Dinner - Spring 2025**

**Arc Walk-a-Thon - May 2025**

**Arc Golf, Tennis & Pickleball - September 25, 2025**

**Holiday Dinner Dance - December 2025**





*Warmest Wishes for the  
Holiday Season!*

*As the year comes to a close, we want to  
express our gratitude for The Arc's staff  
and their hard work and dedication.*

*Wishing our staff, the participants, and their  
families, holidays filled with joy, peace, and  
precious moments with loved ones.*

*With Love and Gratitude,  
Dale & Deirdre*





## Congratulations Award Winners!

### **Robert S. Burros Employee of the Year Award**

The Robert S. Burros memorial award recognizes an Arc staff member who has made a significant difference in the lives of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The award is a lasting memorial to the late Bob Burros, former president of The Arc Bergen and Passaic's Board, Executive Director of the Hudson Chapter, and a leader in the disability community. The Burros family - Bob, Lucille and Gary were long time members and supporters of The Arc.

The Arc has many, many wonderful staff all of whom are caring, dedicated and committed to excellence. This award honors the best of the best. In addition to honoring an individual staff member, this award recognizes the life changing work of all of The Arc's employees.

### **Joan Seidler Award**

The Joan Seidler award was established many years ago in memory of the late Joan Seidler, an exemplary counselor from the New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services. This award recognizes an individual served by The Arc who has demonstrated success in the employment arena. To be eligible for the award an individual needs to have demonstrated good work skills, dependability, achievement and be valued by their employer. Winners of the Seidler award are working hard and working well!



We remember our friend  
**Betty Hoehne**  
who loved The Arc, never missed a  
Holiday Dinner, supported everything  
The Arc did and always had a good time  
with her Arc friends wherever and  
whenever we were together.

Happy Holidays Betty,  
We miss you!

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