



Celebrating 50 Years at TARC & Intellectual Disabilities Awareness Month

Director's Corner—Mary Lynn Bisland



FIFTY YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG!

Thank you Terrebonne for 50 years of support to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities! From the beginning, in 1962, when a handful of parents incorporated the loosely organized association into the Terrebonne Association for Retarded Children, to today's outstanding organization, Terrebonne ARC, Terrebonne citizens have embraced the needs of these families and individuals with care and giving. Nowhere in America are there people with the hearts of "Terrebonneians". This community was the First in the nation to tax itself to support the population served by TARC and to have continued that giving since 1976. With great leadership throughout the years, from parish elected officials, TARC board of directors and executive directors; Lions Clubs, Knights of Columbus, Mardi Gras krewes, Civitans, Rotary, Kiwanis, oilfield related companies, local banking institutions, fishing tournaments, local churches and ministers, and so many other businesses and individuals, who have contributed to the success of this very needed institution, I say **THANK YOU!!!**

TARC is one of the leading agencies in the state of Louisiana and the nation that provides for the needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Other agencies come from near and far to see the many diverse opportunities that have been created to meet the "special needs" of those we serve. It is always a delight to help other agencies see what is possible to achieve, and to encourage diversity in jobs and employment possibilities.

TARC families, clients, staff and others have won many national and state awards for the outstanding services rendered to this community. TARC continues to advance the mission of people served by providing the opportunity to "Secure for all people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities the opportunity to enjoy a meaningful life."

ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU TERREBONNE!

TARC Gets Rid of the "R" Word



On March 21st, TARC will celebrate 50 years of incorporation in Terrebonne Parish and a new corporate name that will begin our next 50 years for future generations that will come to TARC. In January, the TARC Board of Directors removed the former corporate name from Terrebonne Association for Retarded Citizens to Terrebonne ARC. We will continue to be known as TARC and all of our agency and department marketing will stay the same. However, on all of our accounts, policies, paychecks, and other legal documents, we will be known as Terrebonne ARC. We join The Arc US with its new rebranding, which means that the chapter corporate names no longer have any acronyms. The Arc or ARC now stands for an non-profit that is for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. TARC is excited about our new name a new era for our individuals.

TARC is now hiring the following:

Residential Floater
PCA
DSW
HG Market Helper
Food Tech

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TARC Debuts Bead Donation Truck



The Redmond Family

TARC's Buy-U Beads business is growing! This year, TARC debuted its Mardi Gras Bead Donation Truck after the parade of Krewe of Titans on February 12th and Krewe of Terreanians on February 19th. The ARC of LA Family of the Year, The Redmonds—Marvin, Donna, Vicky, and Becky, volunteered to collect donated beads during the Krewe of Titans parade. Through the generous support of the public, TARC was able to get a full truckload to bring back to TARC. The beads will be used to create jobs in the Buy-U Beads business by sorting, packaging, and reselling the beads. If you or someone you know would like to donate your Mardi Gras beads or form a bead drive in your area, please contact Buy-U Beads at 985-876-4465. We thank you for your donation.

TARC's 50th Anniversary Celebration Event



50 Years and still going strong...

Please join us in celebrating

TARC's 50th Anniversary Event

Wednesday March 21, 2012 | Noon–2 pm

TARC's New Corporate Name Signing | Noon

TARC Music Hall, No. 1 McCord Road, Houma, LA

TARC Tours, TARC Archives, and Refreshments

Membership Drive

Every March, TARC hosts its annual Membership Drive for Intellectual Disabilities Awareness Month. You may have received your membership form in the mail. Your membership dues help create jobs and opportunities in our 17 businesses, residential services, transportation, and a variety of other services. Your membership also includes a subscription to TARC Inspirations Quarterly Newsletter so you can keep up with the latest news at TARC and one of the leading agencies in the nation. Your membership is important to us. Call or contact TARC to join or renew your membership today!

Upcoming Events

- ◆ **March 21st**—TARC's 50th Anniversary Celebration Event
- ◆ **April 6th & 9th**—Closed. Easter Holidays.
- ◆ **April 21st**—LGT Zephyrs Game
- ◆ **May 5th**—TARC's Garden and Market Festival

TARC Mardi Gras Celebration 2012

King Myles Dupre and Queen Tanya Theriot



Prince Cole Hebert and Princess Halle Louviere



Krewe of Hercules at TARC



Chelsie Windwehen shows her catch from Hercules



Houma Grown Workers are ready for the riders



"Swamp People" R.J. and Jay Paul Molinere



Hercules Riders at TARC

MLK JR Celebration

On January 13, TARC held our annual MLK March and Celebration. TARC workers and staff enjoyed commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday with posters displaying his life during the march and a reception in the TARC Cafeteria. Thanks to SEC Teachers, Glenda James and Angela Robinson, for inspirational speeches and beautiful prayers. Everyone enjoyed celebrating with cake and refreshments afterwards.



TARC clients and staff participate in the annual MLK March



Neteka Stewart and Helen Brown from Options Plus enjoy the festivities with their unit's poster.