

Inspirations

Summer 2014



Director's Corner- Mary Lynn Bisland



Greetings to All TARC Supporters!

TARC is an ever changing, evolving, GIANT, in the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Community. When the Rules are changed by outside forces, "TARC HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO CHANGE", what, when, and why services are to be delivered to clients and families. Coming soon, will be that of MANAGED CARE. This will affect TARC's ability to receive payment for services provided to the individuals served. This "NEW" change will become more of a "Medical Model" and is still in the plan-

ning stages. The State of Louisiana's Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities intent is to save money in order to serve more people. This sounds good, but I personally have my doubts. So far, every meeting that I have attended has not proven any positive results will be the outcome of this movement. More information will be forthcoming on this issue.

The Arc's National Convention will be held in New Orleans September 30 - October 2, 2014. If you are interested in this event, please contact Patricia at Ext. 303.

TARC is very interested in opening a thrift store boutique in North Terrebonne, near Thibodaux. If you know of any property or a building for sale or lease, please contact me at Ext. 380.

TARC Enterprises (business ventures), are all doing extremely well. Clients report that they are happy with TARC and their jobs. Many are earning minimum wage and love to come to work. Ten of TARC's 17 enterprises work out in the community and are busy providing meaningful products and services.

Thanks Terrebonne!

Mary Lynn

TARC Annual Report Now Online!

This year, TARC's 2013 Annual Report will not be distributed to our membership to save on costs of paper and production. However, please review it online, as well as our donor listing, at www.terrebonnearc.org/about-us/annualreports. In this year's report, you will find our financial statement and business information. It reviews the highlights of 2013 and all of the ways TARC "creates opportunities" for all of our individuals.

TARC is now hiring
the following:

CDL Bus Driver

CLS

PCA- Personal
Care Attendant

www.terrebonnearc.org/careers

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Let's Get Together Club

Zephyrs Game



Summer BBQ & Bingo



TARC Garden and Market Festival

On May 3, TARC held the 4th Annual TARC Garden and Market Festival. TARC collaborated with the La-Terre Master Gardeners and LSU AgCenter to provide a variety of educational opportunities, guest speakers, and garden related vendors. TARC embraced this new opportunity once again and enjoyed having the community visit TARC. Entertainment was provided by Frank Ball, Jon R. Smith & Jack Bunn.

TARC showcased their food, gourmet candy products, bakery products, worm tea fertilizer, salsa and pepper jelly. New TARC products were also revealed at the event that include Maison d'Art's creative birdhouses and slumped bottle windchimes.

While TARC appreciates all of the community support we have received for this event over the past 5 years, we will no longer host this event. Again, thank you for your continued support.



TARC Tidbits



TARC staff and volunteers participated at the TFAE 5K Run for Excellence by serving TARC's famous chicken and sausage gumbo.



2013-2014 TARC Client Representative Don Price, received a Certificate of Appreciation for an outstanding job. Congratulations Don!



Dot Chaisson (middle), who has answered the TARC phones for many years, retired this year. Pictured with her are Patricia Chauvin and April Giles who worked closely with Ms. Dot.



Members from the Woodmen of the World presented TARC with a new American flag. Thank you for the support WOW!

Art of Respect



During the week of April 7-11, several local stakeholders sponsored “The Art of Respect”, a part of the national campaign to “Spread the Word to End the Word” with the goal of creating and supporting a strong culture of friendship and respect for Louisiana Citizens and showing leadership to create positive social change in our communities. Stakeholders involved in this process included the South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority – Developmental Disabilities Division and Terrebonne ARC and other agencies in our region.

The focus of “The Art of Respect” hopes to end the use of the word “retardation” when describing or referring to persons with a developmental disability. We hope to encourage our communities to respect and recognize the value of all persons regardless of their abilities whether they are physical, emotional or developmental.

The agencies hosted “Art of Respect” in which guests created individual pieces of art that represent respect, acceptance and inclusion. Following the event, a local community artist assessed all art work, selected pieces for individual display and created a large composite piece of art that travels to our local agencies.

The Terrebonne Parish event was held on April 10th at the Dumas Auditorium in collaboration with the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government. We appreciate all the support we received for this event.



Options Plus is entering into a new endeavor with Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana (Houma Chapter). We will be assisting this organization to collect items for Christmas Care Packages for our brave soldiers overseas. If you would like to donate items, you can bring them to any of TARC's locations: Grand Designs, Cedar Chest West, Cedar Chest East, TARC Restaurant, and TARC Main Office. You can also bring any donated items to any of the six (6) South Louisiana Bank locations in Houma. The deadline for donating items for the Christmas Packages will be November 7, 2014. For a complete list, visit www.terrebonnearc.org for more information.

Upcoming Events

- ♦ **September 1st**— Labor Day
TARC Closed
- ♦ **September 13th**—Art After Dark
- ♦ **October 24th**— Harvest Dance
Woodmen of the World
- ♦ **November 24th-28th**—
Thanksgiving
TARC Closed



Buy-U Beads Drive



TARC's Mardi Gras bead business, **Buy-U Beads**, is in need of donated Mardi Gras beads to help provide jobs and work for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Buy-U Beads business began 5 years ago and has grown from 2 clients and 6 individuals to 4 staff and over 20 clients. The workers are experts at their jobs, but need more beads to meet the demand for riders of krewes and needed jobs.



TARC is asking area organizations, churches, and schools to organize bead drives to help create work and jobs for the Buy-U Beads business. We have marketing materials for you to use to help aid in this cause.

For more information, please call Gilbert Jones for help with your donation, setting up your bead drive, and ordering beads at 985-876-4465.

Now Taking Donations