

## Executive Director Updates

### Meet Matt Morgan, our new Executive Director



In the last issue of *The Link*, we announced that Joanna Pierson, our longtime Executive Director, was transitioning to the position of Senior Vice President, and that Matt Morgan was promoted to the Executive Director position as of October 10, 2017. (See our website to download a copy of the newsletter if you missed it.) Over the past three months, Joanna has continued to serve The Arc by planning several events to be held at our Market Street building in January (see page 2 for details) and presenting on how to support people we serve who have Alzheimer's disease at a training for Job and Residential Coaches in December.

In this issue of *The Link*, let us introduce you to Matt Morgan, our new Executive Director! Many of you already know Matt, as he has served as Associate Executive Director at our agency for the past four years. Matt is a Maryland native, and graduated from Towson University with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology in 2003. He then continued his education at Notre Dame of Maryland University, earning a Master of Arts in Nonprofit Management in 2007. Matt started his career as a Service Coordinator with The Arc of Frederick County's Service Coordination division in 2004. After The Arc spun off the Service Coordination division at the end of 2005, we kept in contact with Matt at meetings and trainings. We were delighted that he was able to return to our agency in 2011 as Special Projects Director, and he was promoted to Associate Executive Director in 2013.

Matt has been instrumental in representing The Arc of Frederick County at meetings, seminars, and forums around the state. He has led discussions with the Developmental Disabilities Administration, the Office of Health Care Quality, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, advocating for services for people with developmental disabilities and their families. In addition, Matt has served as co-chair of the Community Services Division of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and has presented at conferences around the country.

In the coming years, Matt hopes to continue the agency's growth, particularly in our Supported Employment and Day Program services. "I am excited to continue to build on The Arc's strong foundation as we serve people in new and different ways," he says.

In his free time, Matt enjoys traveling, biking, cooking, and spending time at the beach with his wife and family. We are thrilled that Matt has accepted this new position and we look forward to his leadership as we continue to provide quality, innovative services. He adds, "I have always been proud to be a part of such an amazing organization and I am particularly grateful for The Arc's dedicated and caring staff."

We hope you will join us at our Annual Awards Ceremony on March 7<sup>th</sup> where we will hold a reception for Matt and Joanna. Details will be posted on our website.



**SAVE THE DATE**

Please save the date for our **Annual Awards Ceremony** being held on **Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** at **The Arc at Market Street**.

### ***FY 2017 Annual Report Available***

The Arc of Frederick County's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2017 (which ended June 30, 2017) is now available. The report may be viewed and downloaded from our website:

<http://arcfc.org/about/annual-reports.html>.

If you would prefer to receive a copy in the mail, contact Kendra Sampson at 301-663-0909 x 116.

## **The Arc at Market Street Updates**

**Great Things are Happening this January...**

### **Jigsaw Puzzle Saturday**

**A FREE EVENT**

**with food available for purchase**  
(Beer & Wine will be sold after 6 p.m.)

**Saturday, January 20th**  
**10 am - 9 pm**

**We hope to see you at our January Events at The Arc at Market Street!**

### **Cabin Fever Buster**

**Friday, January 26th**

**7:00-10:00pm**

**Must be 21 and Above**

**Beer and Wine Sold**

**Admission \$10.00 (includes 1 food item)**

**Hot Dog, Nachos, Caribbean Jerk Chicken, and more**

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