

## The Link

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# David Glick 1960~2014

Many people with developmental disabilities and their families may not know the name "David Glick." Nonetheless, his legacy and that of his family are sure to have made an impact on the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities all around the Frederick community. At the time when David was born, it was typical practice for children with developmental disabilities to be institutionalized. David's family would not do this. They fought for a better life for David. Since that time David and his family have continually developed ideas, programs, and agencies to progressively move forward towards creating enviable lives for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

David's courage to do what had not been done has opened doors for those who would come after him. David passed away in June. He was in his own home, surrounded by the people that he loved. David spent his life enjoying friends and family, working hard, practicing his faith and having fun. In many ways the last season of David's life was set in motion at the beginning of his life when his parents refused to have anything but the best for their child. David's siblings, staff, and friends carried that torch of determination clear through to the end. We honor David's life and hope to see many others follow in his path towards the life they truly desire.



# **Celebrating 35 Years**



We would like to congratulate Joanna Pierson on her 35 years of service as the Executive Director of The Arc of Frederick County. The Arc was extremely fortunate to find a leader who had one clear vision that has sustained the agency for the past 35 years. That one vision is that people with developmental disabilities should be meaningfully included in all aspects of their communities. And that community members play a significant role in supporting people with developmental disabilities and their families with feeling welcomed and truly part of their communities.

One of the greatest accomplishments of the agency and Joanna is that no matter how many people The Arc of Frederick County served, every single person was treated in a unique and dignified way that allowed them to be their own true self.

Joanna's vision has allowed each person served to obtain a life that was important to them as an individual. The importance of one was never lost with Joanna.

What an accomplishment it is for a leader to have one vision that is so powerful that it trickles down to each individual person that the agency serves in a way that is meaningful and empowering to them. No matter if The Arc was large or small; serving a handful of people or serving a state full of people; serving people in big cities or serving people in rural areas, Joanna's vision of the importance of one has always been clear.

As we celebrate Joanna's 35 years of making a difference in people's lives in Frederick, we also want to celebrate her accomplishment of living out a promise she made to her sister, a promise that has an impact on people in Frederick, a promise that has an impact on people in Maryland, a promise that has an impact on people throughout the country with Joanna's leadership positions in organizations such as AAIDD, and a promise that has an impact throughout the entire world as she has reached out to train and share knowledge with countries such as, Russia, India, and Israel.

**Congratulations Joanna!** 

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The Arc of Frederick County has a new logo! We are proud to join the national brand identity which will serve to unite The Arc chapters across the country under the banner "Achieve With Us." You will see the new logo in our publications and website.

While our logo is changing, our services, staff, values, and vision remain the same. The Arc of Frederick County was founded by parents in 1958 because community programs for children and adults with disabilities did not exist. The Arc of Frederick County currently supports over 600 people each year.

### Do you need help with work around the house?

Some people we support have expressed an interest in finding a job involving household tasks and yard work. This could mean:

• Mulching • Planting • Raking • Cleaning • Washing First Floor Windows

Please let us know if you're interested and we will connect you.

Contact Shauna Clay at 301-663-0909 ext 140 or sclay@arcfc.org

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#### **Calendar of Events**

Group meetings take place at The Arc unless otherwise noted. FMI 301.663.0909

Executive Committee Aug 11 @ 5:30 PM

Human Rights Committee Meeting

July 14 @ 6 PM Autism Society Frederick Chapter

Next Meeting September 15 Support Group for People with a Traumatic Brain Injury

Aug 7 & Sept 4 @ 6:30 PM
Parents Day Out

July 19 & Aug 16 @ 10 AM Parent Support Group

July 9 & Aug 13 @ 11:30 AM Hispanic Family Support

Group July 12 & Aug 16 @ 2 PM

Healthy Relationships Support Group July 8 & August 12 @ 6:30 PM

Sibshop No Meeting in July September 13 @ 10 AM At Trinity U/M Church, Frederick

Working Together July 16 Picnic at Dublin Roasters 4-6 PM Next Meeting At Taney Village Apartments August 20 @ 3 PM

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