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Letter from our President

Dear Friends of The Arc,

Welcome to our 2026 One Step Forward Celebration! One Step Forward is a special night as we honor the accomplishments, triumphs, and victories of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We also recognize the supportive families, educators, and businesses that nurture and encourage them.

The Arc is a shining light. Our caring staff and partners share a passion for advocacy on behalf of those who are frequently overlooked and underappreciated. They have a collective commitment to the ideal that everyone should have the opportunity to be valued and respected members of the community. In simplest terms, The Arc changes lives. The Arc continues to assess, adapt, and evolve the services and programs it offers to stay current with the expectations of the disability community in the Lehigh Valley. The Arc has exciting plans and great vision with an unwavering mission to champion lives of inclusion. But as committed as The Arc staff is, they can't do it alone.

That's where you come in. By your attendance and support of One Step Forward, you make it possible for The Arc to make a difference. On behalf of The Arc's Board of Directors, thank you. We are deeply grateful for your support of The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties and for believing in our mission.

With appreciation,



George Lewis
Board President, The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties

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Schedule of Events

6:00 PM	Dinner
6:20 PM	Opening Remarks & Thank You to Sponsors
6:25 PM	Recognitions
6:30 PM	Inclusion Spotlight Speaker
6:40 PM	One Step Forward Awards Presentation
7:10 PM	Live Arts at The Arc Auction
7:35 PM	50/50 Drawing & Closing
7:40 PM	Event Concludes

2026 One Step Forward Committee

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Your support makes all the difference for local children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and autism. Kindly consider how you can make an impact tonight.

Wine and Spirit Wall · Silent Auction · 50/50 Raffle
*Live Art at The Arc Auction · Words of Encouragement Postcard**

*Your words have power! Help us encourage the individuals served by The Arc by writing a postcard tonight.

The silent auction and 50/50 raffle close tonight at 7:00 PM!

Winners, at the conclusion of the program, please check out at the table in the lobby.
Thank you for your support!

A very special *Thank you!* to our Arc families, board members, friends and local businesses who donated items to this year's wine and spirit wall and silent auction.

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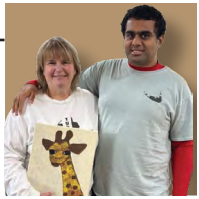
2026 Awards and Honorees

We are privileged to know, honor, and celebrate our 2026 One Step Forward Award Recipients!



Business Recognition Award
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Community Impact Award
Carmen and Juan Dipini

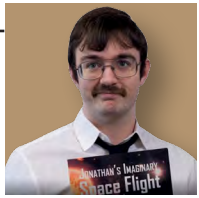
Dedicated Family Award
Dorie Horst





Allen D. Deibler
Advocacy Award
Nikki Huggan

One Step Forward Award
Jonathan Liggio



Live Art at The Arc Auction

Art featured tonight was created by individuals who are served by The Arc, which was recently created in The Arc's new day program art therapy classes. Each piece celebrates their personal spirit and abilities – a product of their own self-expression. Three art pieces were generously donated by a great friend of The Arc, Ajai Ananthan–a wonderful local artist with autism and the founder of *Special Arts & Cards*.



#1 "Summer Days at the Beach" by **Ajai**, latex on canvas



#2 "Inspire" by **Ashton**, abstract painting



#3 "Yellow Sunflower Blossoms" by **Ajai**, 3D latex on canvas



#4 "Believe" by **Issa**, spray paint drip art painting



#5 "Achieve" by **Sarah**, abstract painting



#6 "It's a Jungle Out There" by **Ajai**, abstract painting



#7 "Love, Diversity and Kindness" by **Tracy**, abstract painting



#8 "The Heart of The Arc" by **The Arc Day Services Group**. framed latex on canvas



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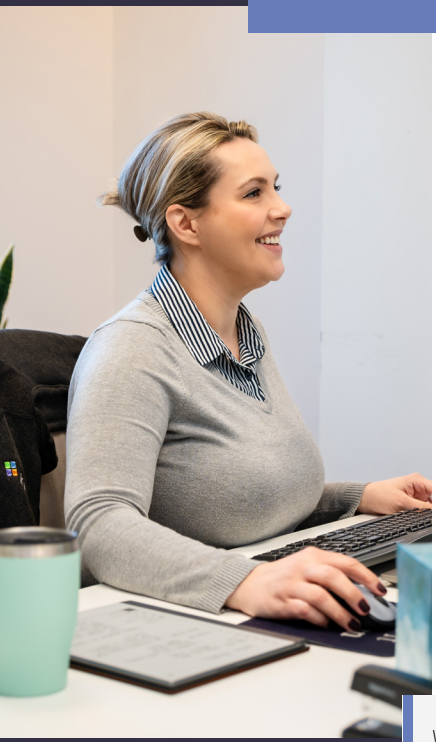
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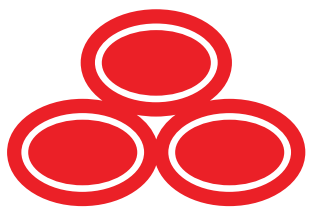
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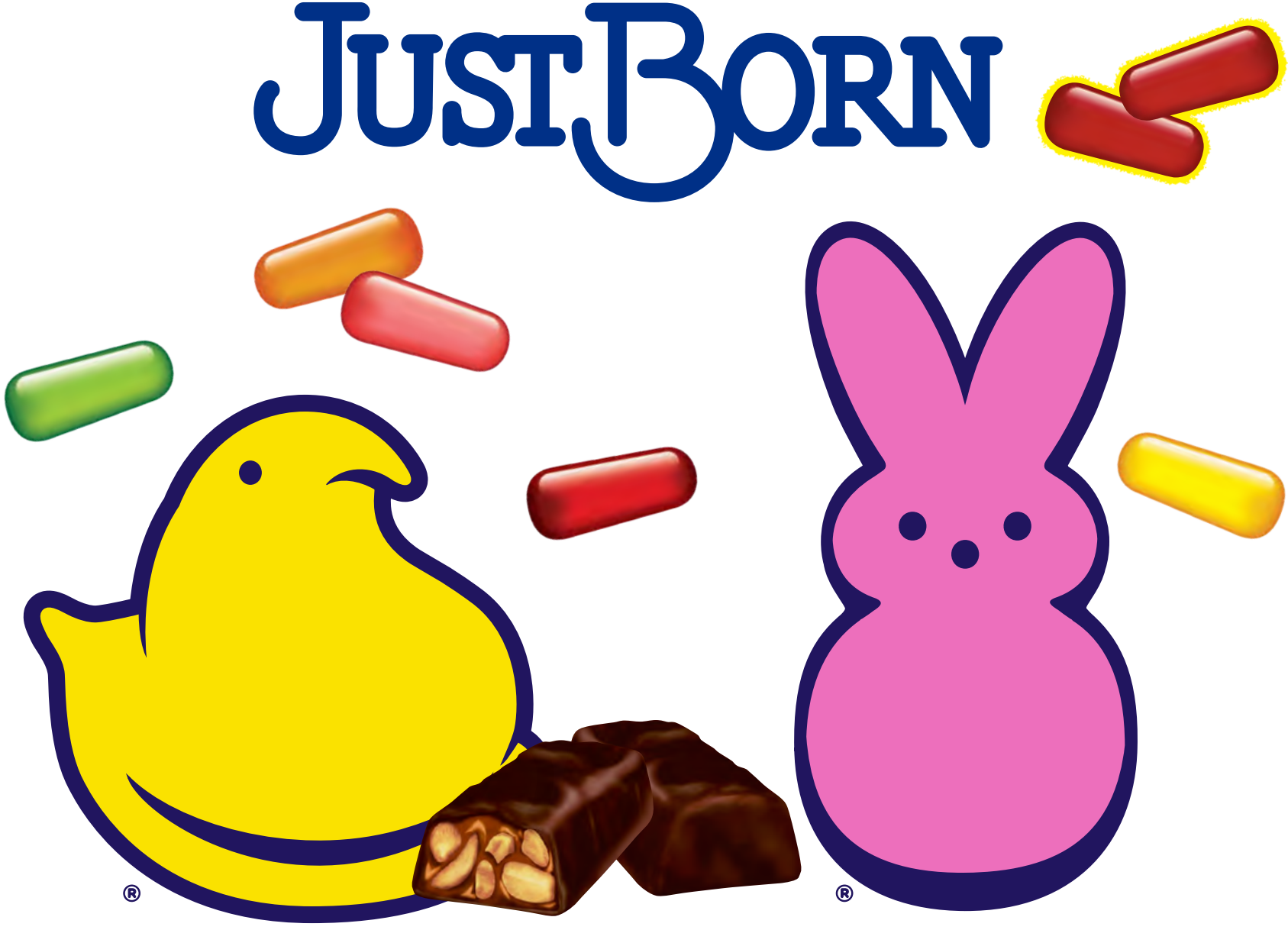

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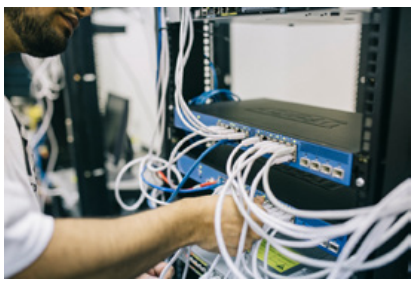
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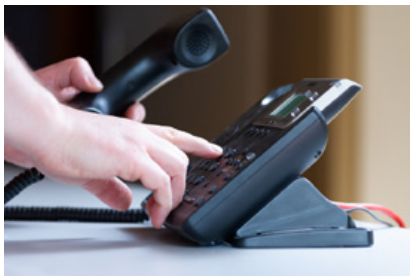
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