



## **The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties Ambassador Program**

As an Ambassador for The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties, you can help us by sharing your story to help advocate for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and raise awareness about disabilities and the importance of inclusion and acceptance here in the Lehigh Valley.

Ambassadors will serve as representatives with The Arc to help us spread word of our mission, programs, and the work we do to build a more inclusive and accessible community. The Program will encourage members to learn about their rights, get involved in advocacy events, and tell their story, to all who will listen, about the issues impacting people with IDD and their everyday lives.

Individuals with IDD ages 18+ and family members are welcome to join The Arc Ambassador Program. The Arc's team will facilitate Quarterly Ambassador Program participant meetings to review upcoming opportunities for Ambassadors, share updates, talk about Ambassador Leadership Opportunities, etc.

*\*PLEASE NOTE- Participation in The Arc Ambassador Program is unpaid and voluntary. Your participation will not impact any current or future services you receive from The Arc.\**

As an Ambassador for The Arc, you will help to advocate for interests of people with IDD by either:

- ❖ Sharing your story about using our programs and services,
- ❖ Helping us at fundraisers and events for The Arc,
- ❖ Helping us by representing The Arc at local events, in our community, or,
- ❖ Sharing your story to help raise awareness about disabilities, inclusion, and acceptance.

Ambassador Program participation expectations:

- ❖ All participants in The Arc Ambassador Program must attend the Ambassador Program onboarding.
- ❖ All participants must attend two (2) out of four (4) Ambassador meetings per year.

Are you ready to join our Ambassador Program? To learn more about The Arc Ambassador Program and how you can become involved, please contact: Chris Kaklamanis at 610-849-8076, ext. 346 or [ckaklamanis@arcoflehighborough.org](mailto:ckaklamanis@arcoflehighborough.org).