



August 11, 2022

Dear Family Members and Friends of The Arc of Howard County,

The Arc of Howard County is celebrating "Staff Appreciation Week." During this time of the year, we love to recognize the dedication and accomplishments of all our staff. Over 300 staff members provide essential services to the people we support and we want to thank them for their dedication and to express our appreciation for the critically important work they do every day, particularly during COVID-19.

Each year, we celebrate The Arc staff in conjunction with Maryland Direct Support Professional (DSP) Recognition Week. This year's celebration will be held September 11th-16th with a sports theme as DSPs are all our most valuable players! Due to continuing COVID concerns, we are unfortunately unable to have an in-person celebration together, but we will be recognizing our staff's dedication with gifts and an outdoor tailgate event.

We are asking families and friends of the people supported by The Arc of Howard County to consider making a gift in support of the celebration as an expression of your thanks. Gifts can be monetary or a gift card contribution; any amount is greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions or would like more info about Staff Appreciation, please contact Barbara Moyer, Director of Marketing, Communications and Events at bmoyer@archoward.org. To contribute on line, please go to our donation page on our website www.archoward.org. Mail or drop off gift cards, etc. to: The Arc of Howard County, 11735 Homewood Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042. Attention: Naomi Lyvers.

Thank you for anything you can do to help us celebrate our greatest resource: **our staff!**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Katie Collins-Ihrke'.

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