

THE CONNECTOR

NEWSLETTER

November/December 2025



NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

We're celebrating NDEAM by shining a spotlight on our amazing members who are making a difference at work and the local businesses that believe in inclusive hiring.

Head over to our Facebook page to meet some incredible employees and the workplaces that give everyone the chance to succeed.

Let's celebrate the power of meaningful work and community together



Dallas (left)
Tammie (below)

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US AT THE UNK HOMECOMING PARADE

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with and joined our float in the UNK Homecoming Parade! Your energy, creativity, and smiles made the day unforgettable.

We're proud to celebrate inclusion, community, and disability awareness together — and we couldn't have done it without each of you.

Here's to continuing to make our community one where everyone belongs



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NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

Why Inclusive Jobs Matter

Every October, we celebrate National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). This month reminds us how important it is for people with disabilities to have the chance to work and be part of their communities.

Having a job is about more than earning money. Work gives people pride, purpose, and independence. It helps everyone feel like they belong. When people with disabilities can find good jobs that fit their skills and goals, our whole community becomes stronger, more creative, and more welcoming.

“Everyone deserves the chance to choose work they enjoy,” said Jordan Squiers, The Arc of Buffalo County’s Board President. ***“When businesses hire people with disabilities, they gain new ideas, loyal workers, and a better understanding of their customers and community.”***

Even though things have improved over the years, many people with disabilities still face challenges finding or keeping jobs. Some of these barriers include unfair attitudes, lack of access, or workplaces that aren’t designed for everyone. This month is a reminder to keep breaking down those barriers.

Employers can make a big difference by making sure workplaces are accessible, hiring fairly, and giving everyone a chance to succeed. When people with disabilities are included at work, they can earn a living, support their families, and take part in the community just like anyone else.

Let’s use National Disability Employment Awareness Month to celebrate what people with disabilities bring to the workforce and to build a future where everyone can work, grow, and be valued for who they are.

The Arc of Buffalo County Board of Directors

Jordan Squiers

Grace Thomsen

Chelsea Jensen

Angela Klaus

Janet Anderson

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Penny Warford

Juli-Ann, Self Advocate

Christine Fisher

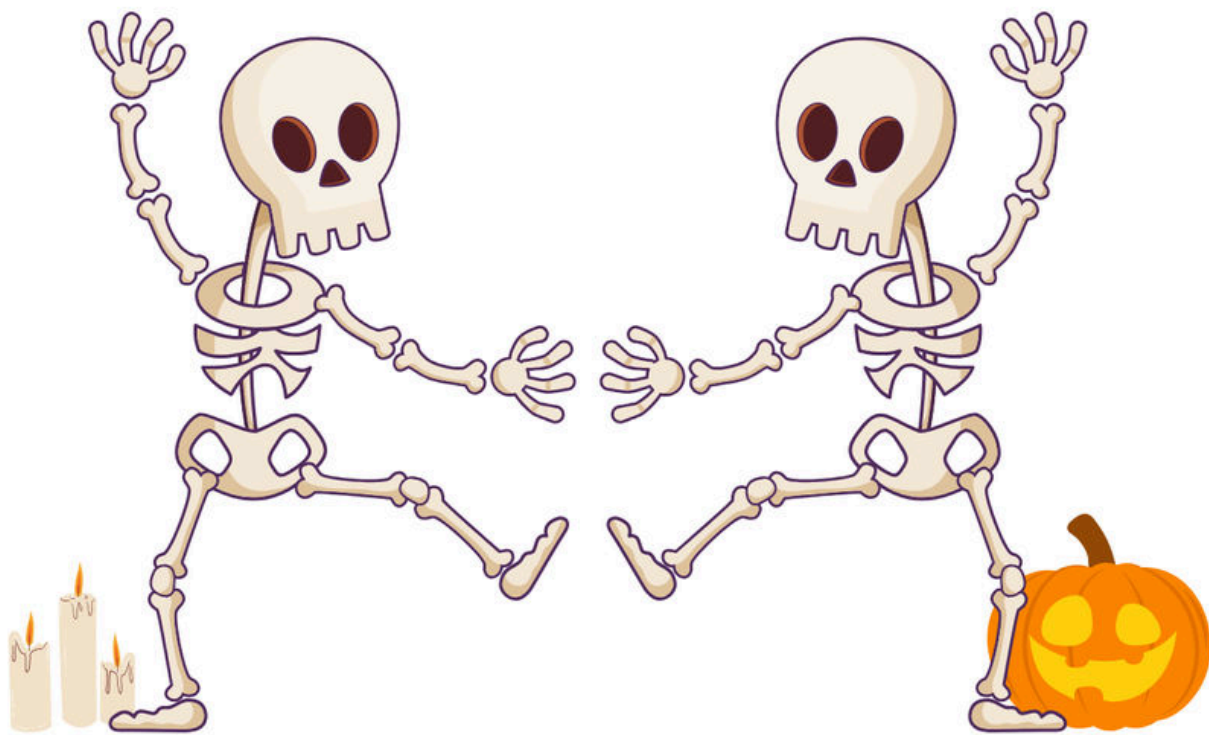
Hunter, Self Advocate

Jordyn Ihle Robinson



HALLOWEEN DANCE PARTY

A SPOOKY CELEBRATION FILLED
WITH MUSIC, COSTUMES, AND FUN!



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OCTOBER



6:00 PM
7:30 PM

\$5 PER
PERSON

HARMON PARK ACTIVITY CENTER
3100 5TH AVENUE
KEARNEY, NEBRASKA



UPCOMING EVENTS

We have a lot of great upcoming events. We'd love to see you. If you have questions or suggestions, give us a call at 308-237-4343 or email ArcofBuffaloCounty@gmail.com



Goodwill Trunk or Treat

October 28, 12 pm - 2 pm
at Goodwill of Greater Nebraska
3906 4th Avenue - Kearney

NOVEMBER

Girls & Guys Night Out - Mixer

Thursday - November 13

5:45 pm - Perkins

You are responsible for providing your own transportation and paying for your food and drinks.

Craft Class-Turkey Wreath

Monday, November 17

4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

at the Arc Office

Cost: \$15; Limited to 10 people

Winter Step Challenge

November thru March

Cost: FREE

We want to encourage you to get active over the Winter with a step challenge. To sign up: Email or call the office. Prizes awarded monthly.

Membership Matters

Members provide a louder and stronger cohort of voices heard by local and state legislators and national policy makers that impact the lives of people with disabilities.

December

Christmas Dance

Monday, December 1

6pm to 8 pm - Eagles Club

More details to come.

Girls & Guys Night Out - Mixer

Tuesday, December 9

5:45 pm - Fanatics

You are responsible for providing your own transportation and paying for your food and drinks.

Santa's Workshop

Saturday, December 20

Come make a gift(s) for your loved ones.

1 pm to 3 pm

at the First Presbyterian Church

Cost: More details to come

2026 Membership Campaign

Single Membership - \$25

Family Membership - \$50

THE ARC OF BUFFALO COUNTY

2025 HONEY SUNDAY FUNDRAISER



PURE LOCAL NEBRASKA HONEY

- \$7 PER 12 OZ. BOTTLE
- 1 CASE OF 24 FOR \$160

FIND US AT THESE LOCATIONS ON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 2025



KITTS COFFEE
GOOD EVANS



ALL PROCEEDS FROM HONEY SUNDAY ARE USED LOCALLY
IN BUFFALO COUNTY TO ENSURE ACTIVITIES AND
SUPPORTS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES WILL CONTINUE.

ORDER FORM

OF BOTTLES _____ TOTAL COST _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____



TO ORDER BY PHONE
CALL THE ARC OFFICE
AT 308-237-4343



TO ORDER BY MAIL:
SEND FORM WITH CHECK TO THE
ARC OF BUFFALO COUNTY
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TO PLACE ORDER BY EMAIL:
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Give Where You Live – 2025

- *Early giving starts on November 6*
- *One day event is on December 4*

You can make a meaningful difference right here at home during the Give Where You Live campaign! Every donation to The Arc of Buffalo County helps create opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to learn, grow, and connect with their community.



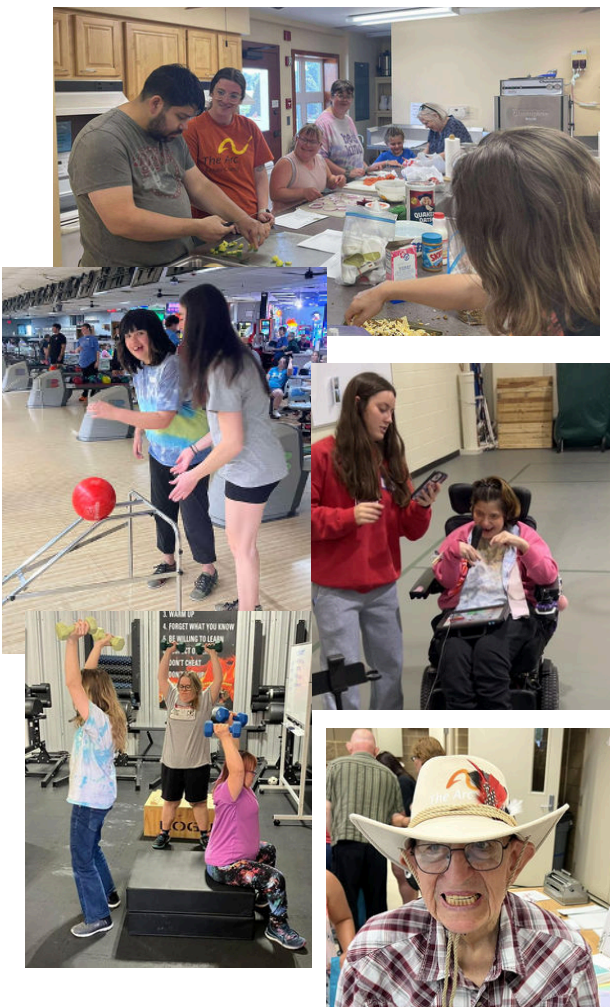
Your generosity fuels programs that teach essential life skills like cooking, online safety, and relationship building — skills that empower independence and confidence.

It also helps us host the fun and inclusive events that make The Arc so special, including our annual Buddy Bowling series, Dances, and the beloved Arc Prom, where lifelong friendships and joyful memories are made.

No gift is too small to make an impact. Whether it's \$5, \$25, or \$100, every contribution adds up to more classes, more smiles, and more moments of belonging for the people we serve.

When you give to The Arc of Buffalo County, you're not just donating — you're investing in inclusion and helping build a community where everyone has the chance to thrive.

Join us on Give Where You Live Day and help continue our mission of supporting individuals with disabilities and their families throughout Buffalo County.



**Scan the QR
Code to
visit donation
page**

Donate at: <https://www.givewhereyoulive.net/organization/ArcofBuffalo>

Thank you for helping make Buffalo County a place where everyone belongs!



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The Arc relies on fundraising and donations to make our events and programs possible. Ways to Donate: Cash, Check, or Card. Scan the QR Code to donate at our Website.



EVENTS REGISTRATION FORM

Participant Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Parent or Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Wheelchair Walker Crutches

Other _____

Events:

- ☐ Craft Class
☐ Winter Step Challenge
☐ Santa's Workshop

Additional limitations and/or information that will benefit the staff helping you or your person:

Does the participant have any food/drug allergies? If yes, please list:

Card Payments can be accepted over the phone. Please make checks payable to:

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