

Building for Change




The Arc®
Pikes Peak Region

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What We Do:

To promote and protect the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively support their full inclusion and participation in the communities of the Pikes Peak Region throughout their lifetimes.



Jonathan L. Walker
Board President



Wilfred Romero
Executive Director

Organized in 1955 by parents of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, The Arc Pikes Peak Region boasts a 60 year history of meeting the needs of our community while creating a positive future for its citizens.

The Arc Pikes Peak Region also stands out in its successful local and statewide advocacy efforts to address the broad range of needs of our vulnerable individuals and their families. The Arc PPR’s experienced staff, dedicated volunteers and supportive community partners strategically concentrate their efforts to create the deepest impact, directly challenging structural barriers that limit:

- Quality Education
- Access to Healthcare
- Economic Security
- Equal Representation

Our goal is to be the premier intellectual and developmental disability human rights organization for participants, donors, volunteers, and the greater Pikes Peak Region. We invite you to join us in investing in the future of a community where all individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities are embraced and respected.

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Financials

	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>3-Year Total</u>
Program Expenses				
Guardianship	\$ 558,709	\$ 605,057	\$ 631,500	\$ 1,795,266
Advocacy	\$ 492,196	\$ 535,884	\$ 557,319	\$ 1,585,399
Representative Payee	\$ 25,574	\$ 26,574	\$ 27,574	\$ 79,722
Education	\$ 147,838	\$ 149,576	\$ 151,493	\$ 448,907
Social Opportunities	\$ 43,503	\$ 59,508	\$ 58,632	\$ 161,643
Program Total	\$ 1,267,820	\$ 1,376,599	\$ 1,426,518	\$ 4,070,937
Capital Investments				
Building Renovation & Construction	\$ 426,775	\$ 550,000	\$ 525,000	\$ 1,501,775
Furnishings & Equipment	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 200,000
Campaign Expenses	\$ 75,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 245,000
Capital Total	\$ 576,775	\$ 710,000	\$ 660,000	\$ 1,946,755
Total Campaign	\$ 1,844,595	\$ 2,086,599	\$ 2,086,518	\$ 6,017,712
Source of Support				
Arc Thrift Stores	\$ 1,150,075	\$ 1,190,328	\$ 1,231,989	\$ 3,572,392
Membership	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 21,000
Foundation Grants	\$ 10,000			\$ 10,000
Special Events	\$ 50,000	\$ 51,500	\$ 53,045	\$ 154,545
Individual Gifts	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 90,000
Trust/Investment Distribution	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 180,000
Pikes Peak United Way & Designations	\$ 18,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 43,000
Support Total	\$ 1,325,075	\$ 1,350,828	\$ 1,395,034	\$ 4,070,937
Gift Opportunities	\$ 519,520	\$ 735,771	\$ 691,484	\$ 1,946,775

Commemorative Naming Opportunities:

<u>Skills Center Building</u>	\$250,000	<u>Main Office Building</u>	\$250,000
Skills Training Room	\$150,000	Conference Center	\$150,000
Library	\$ 50,000	Guardianship Offices	\$ 10,000/each
Multi-Purpose Room	\$ 25,000	Advocacy Offices	\$ 10,000/each
Outreach Office	\$ 25,000	Executive Office	\$ 10,000
Computer Room	\$ 25,000	Outdoor Meeting Space	\$ 10,000
Garden/Landscaping	\$ 25,000		



3-Year Goal \$2,500,000



✓ Achieved	\$ 638,753
<i>(funds acquired as of 8/31/2017)</i>	
⇒ Year 1 (2016)	\$ 519,520
⇒ Year 2 (2017)	\$ 735,771
⇒ Year 3 (2018)	\$ 691,484
Total \$2,500,000	

Building for Change – An Inclusive Campus

The Arc Pikes Peak Region’s “Building for Change” Campaign will raise funds to construct a new center for our community. Colorado Springs lacks an inclusive environment where people of all abilities can come together to learn, socialize and interact. The project will increase capacity for The Arc Pikes Peak Region (The Arc PPR) to advocate for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).

Independent living and employment skills are important to people of all abilities and especially those individuals with developmental disabilities who are transitioning from high school to adulthood. The Arc PPR’s Inclusive Campus will have the space for community organizations to provide classes to help individuals improve their lives. We envision a class schedule that will include demonstrations and hands-on-training for safe and healthy cooking and nutrition, personal budgeting, resume writing, job coaching, proactive personal health and other life skill workshops. The Inclusive Campus will be open to family groups, support groups and other leaders offering beneficial opportunities for the entire community of people with differing abilities.

Building for Change – An Inclusive Campus is a capital campaign to reconstruct The Arc PPR’s current facilities at 10 and 12 North Meade Avenue. The campus will be renovated to include updated and expanded office space for The Arc, group meeting space, classrooms, a library, a computer room and a working kitchen with home appliances. The Inclusive Campus will serve as a community hub that is open, accessible and available for use by partner organizations and businesses.

Individuals with I/DD need more opportunities to learn the skills to live independently and become a part of a community. The Inclusive Campus will be open to community providers to help educate this population to increase their self-confidence and their life and employment capabilities. Social interactions will decrease exclusion and loneliness. Health and nutrition classes will improve the lives of every one involved.

The Inclusive Campus will bring together people of differing abilities and help end the isolation and segregation of people with I/DD. We expect more people with I/DD to have job opportunities and reduced need for government supports as they are better integrated into our community.

Why The Arc Pikes Peak Region?

The Arc PPR is part of one of the largest civil rights organizations for individuals with I/DD in the world. Our mission is to promote and protect the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively support their full inclusion and participation in the communities of the Pikes Peak region throughout their lifetimes. We envision a community where all individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities are embraced and respected.

IN THE UNITED STATES, ONLY

**40%
OF STUDENTS**

**WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES WILL GRADUATE WITH A
HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA**

*40% of high school students leaving
their transition program fail to live
successfully in the community and end
up in jail or placed in an inappropriate
day program.*

*The number of people with an intellectual disability living in their
own home, either rented or owned by themselves, doubled from
1998 to 2011 (Larson et al., 2013).*

*Only 54% of individuals with disabilities have access to the
internet.*

*In all 50 states, the poverty rate is higher among families with
members with a disability, than among families without.*

***1 million adults with I/DD are living with caregivers who are
over the age of 65.***

*The subjective feeling of loneliness
increases risk of death by 26%, according
to the new study in the journal
Perspectives on Psychological Science.*

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT

9%

**OF HOMELESS ADULTS HAVE
AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY,
COMPARED TO 1-3% IN THE
GENERAL POPULATION**

Pioneering Programs for Change

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT & SKILLS TRAINING

The flagship program of our new building will be personal development. This includes real world training, employment and job skills training, as well as other groundbreaking programs to help individuals live independent lives. This will include programs including healthy eating and cooking, personal budgeting, independent living skills, sewing, gardening and employment classes. This program will also involve community collaborations with other agencies and organizations.



ADVOCACY

Our advocacy program works to safeguard the rights of individuals, facilitating their choices, and promoting both independence and inclusion in the community. Our educational advocacy specialists work to de-mystify the Special Education process by helping navigate education programs for children with disabilities. Our judicial advocacy program works to ensure individuals have equal access to and how to navigate the judicial system.



GUARDIANSHIP

The Arc PPR is legal guardian for 75 individuals. Nationally certified guardianship staff members are named as agents to provide services, starting with an evaluation of the individual's needs. For people who are not capable of making informed decisions, the Guardianship Program offers both protection and enhancement of individual rights.



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

We provide workshops, speakers, educational materials, and a lending library on a wide range of issues that concern people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. These educational programs are presented to professionals, law enforcement, local agencies and government, teachers, parents, and healthcare providers.



Conference Room:

This room will be used for internal meetings and groups, workshops, and trainings. This space will be open to other local organizations and groups for meetings.

Personal Development & Skills Training Room:

This room will hold a full teaching kitchen with sinks, stoves, ovens and a refrigerator, washer and dryer. This room will host classes including healthy cooking and eating, personal home care, budgeting and other life skills.

Computer Lab:

This lab will have several computers with the purpose of teaching basic computer skills, employment search, internet safety classes and online personal finance

"Only 20.1% of people with disabilities are employed." -Bureau of Labor Statistics

Library:

The library will be a clearing house of information on disability; it will host the educational advocacy resources, National Center on Criminal Justice and Disability research, disability resources, and films.

Multipurpose Room:

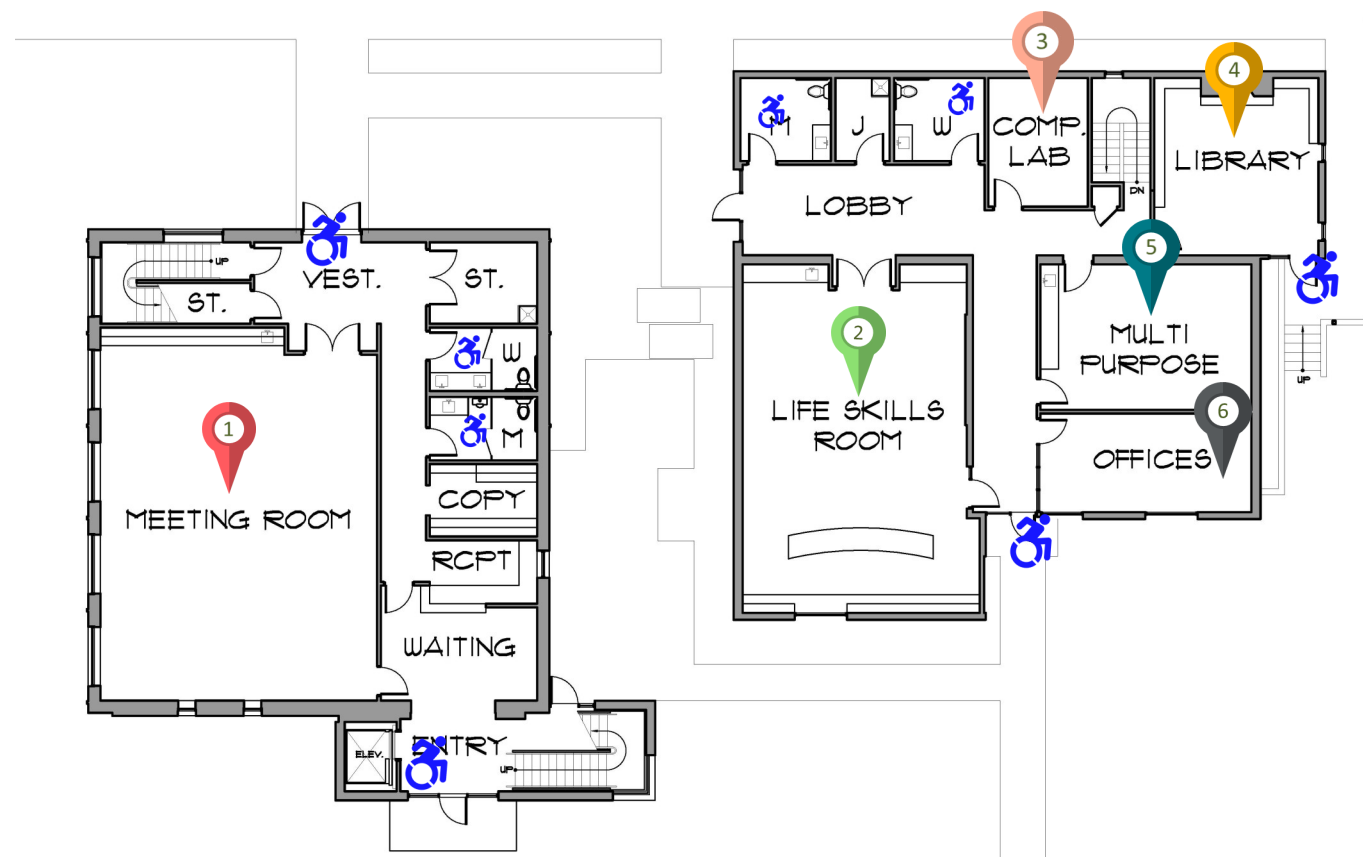
This room will be used for a variety of programs. The wellness program will be based in this room with space for healthy relationship and lifestyle classes . This room will also be used for outreach and summer programs.

Office Space:

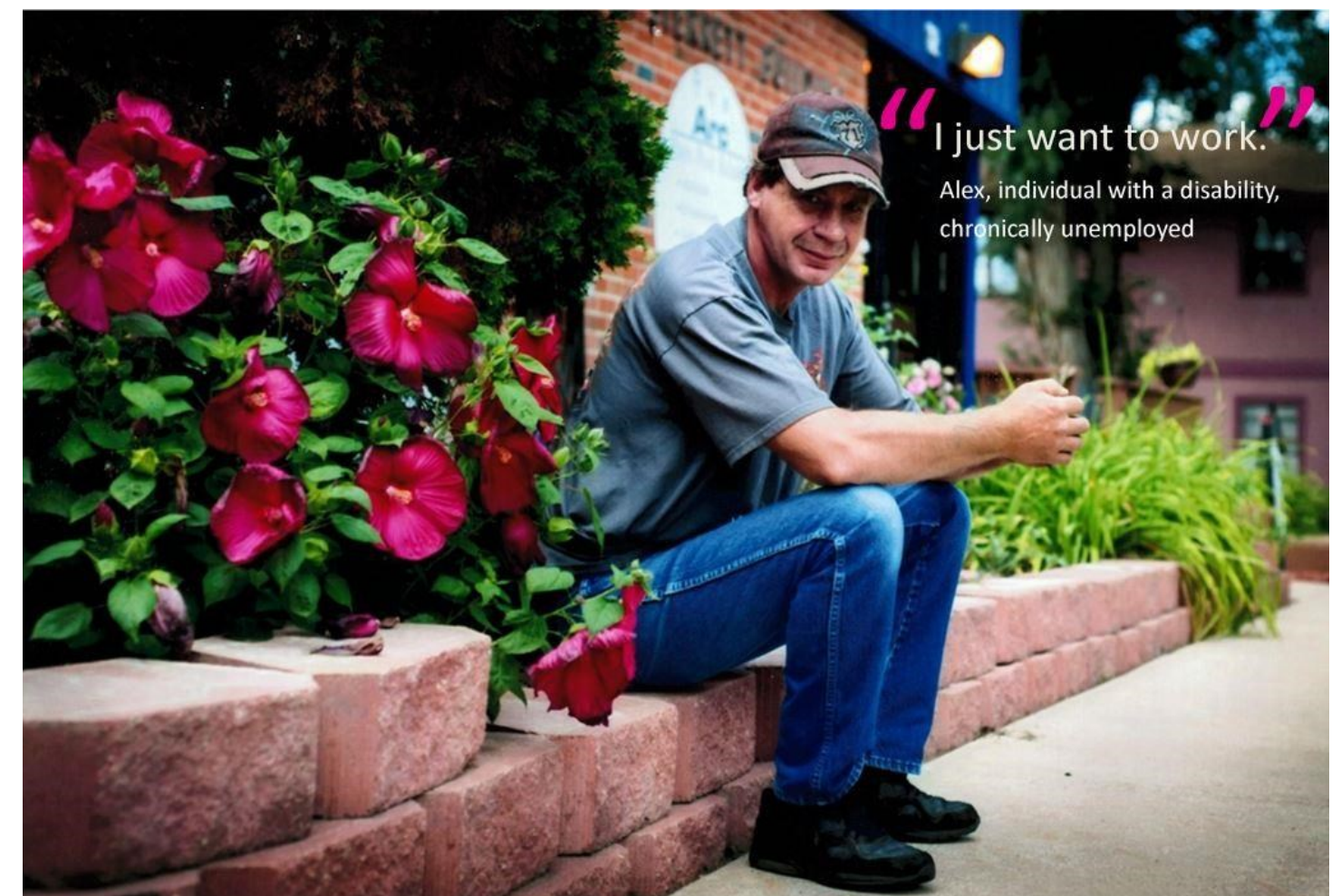
The Arc PPR is limited by office space. The renovations will create more office and meetings space for staff and board members. This will allow for The Arc PPR to continue to grow as an organization.

"In the US, since 1983, over 60 people with I/DD have been executed based on false confessions." -Perske's List

The percentage of working-age people with disabilities in the labor force is about one-third that of persons with no disability.



Accessible— Our current building is not fully accessible. The renovations will allow for an accessible entrance on each building. Accessible restrooms in each building and an elevator to allow all individuals to reach the second floor office space.





I have a disability, yes that's true,
but all that really means is
I may have to take a slightly
different path than you.

“I had to do it all on my own, I didn't know where to go for help. Thinking about Lexi's future is one of the scariest things.”

- Linda, Golden parent of a daughter with a disability



The Arc PPR Building Project will provide:

- Future Planning Seminars
- One-on-One Guardianship Consults
- Independent Living Training
- A Library with Resources on Local Agencies, Future Planning, Education and Guardianship



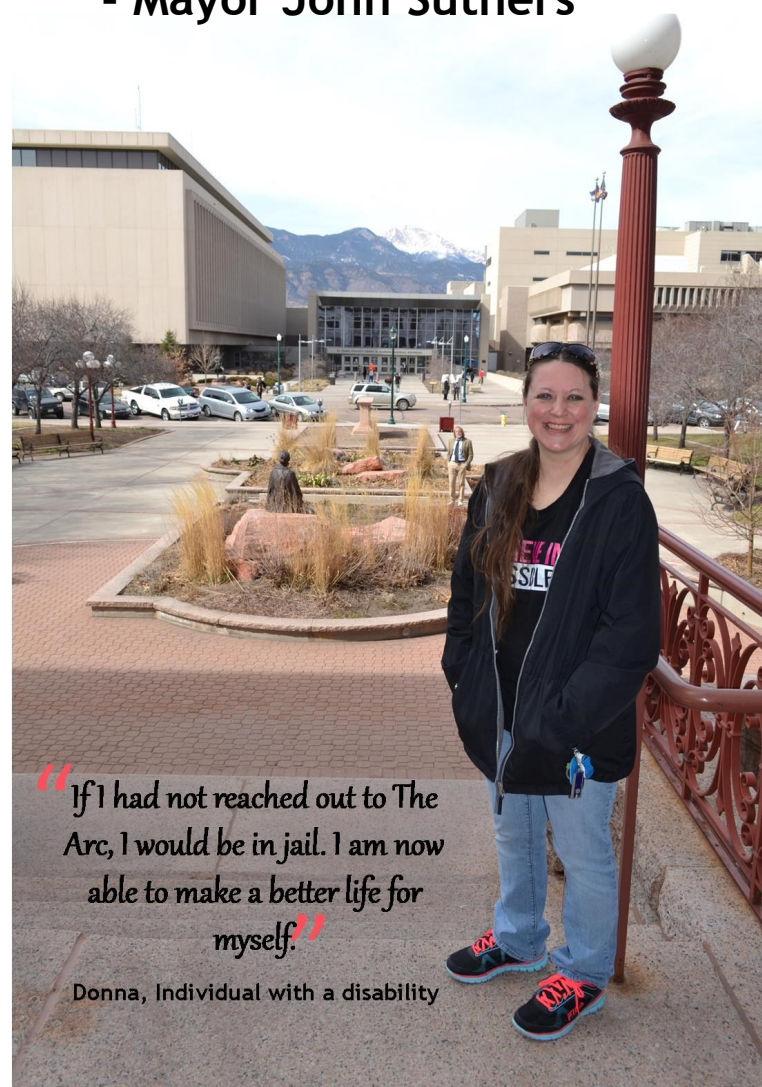
"The implications are clear. We need to encourage children with disabilities to stay in school. We as a community need to help mobilize support for continued education. This includes developing mentors, talking to employers and continued support for personal

development after high school. We must encourage and support families in finding practical solutions for locating and utilizing community resources as well as planning for the future. The Arc Pikes Peak Region's "Building for Change" is just that! Join me in supporting the efforts of The Arc Pikes Peak Region."

- Mayor John Suthers

Benefits to the Community:

- Increase community supports after High School
- Reduce caregiver stress
- Enhance opportunities for future planning
- Increase employment opportunities
- Offer fully accessible services
- Increase access to educational material concerning disability
- Increase training opportunities for self-advocates, parents, caregivers, professionals, and interested community members



"If I had not reached out to The Arc, I would be in jail. I am now able to make a better life for myself."

Donna, Individual with a disability

Community Legacy: The Arc Pikes Peak Region's Story



The first arc Thrift Store opened in Denver.



The Arc Guardianship program established.



The Arc PPR's self-advocacy group formed.



With strong advocating from The Arc PPR, Joe Arridy, a man wrongly accused of a crime he did not commit received a posthumous pardon.



A group of parents of people with I/DD created the organization now known as The Arc PPR.



The Arc purchased their current building at 12 N. Meade.



The Arc hosted its first social event, The Halloween Dance.



"People First" signed into law by Colorado Governor Bill Ritter. This bill was developed by The Colorado chapters of The Arc.

The Arc PPR was selected to be a part of The National Center on Criminal Justice and Disability.



1968

1955

1981

1992

1993

2004

2010

2011

2014

Today

BUILDING FOR CHANGE...

A community where all individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities are embraced and respected.

The Arc Pikes Peak Region serves over 2,000 individuals. We envision a community and world in which all people are valued and have the opportunity to achieve the highest possible level of self-sufficiency, independence, and inclusion possible.

Since occupying our current facilities in 1981, our organization has grown and expanded to meet the needs of our community. To continue meeting these needs, the two buildings in which The Arc PPR operates require significant physical renovations. Built in the 1960s, and with no major systems improvements, upgrades are in dire need. The primary beneficiaries of this campaign are the people we serve.

To help accomplish our vision for the future, this major renovation of our building will enable us to significantly expand the scope of services we provide. To help meet future demands and to assist individuals to achieve their full potential, we believe that now is the time to further expand our base of public and individual donor support, while inviting our community to join us in our efforts.

The Arc PPR partners on a regular basis with community agencies that offer enrichment to the intellectual and developmental disability community. Special Kids Special Families, Peak Parent, The Resource Exchange, Community Outreach, Foundation for Successful Living (FSL), Stellar Care and Cheyenne Village are just some of the community agencies that would benefit from the new building on The Arc PPR campus.



“The Arc is the heart of the I/DD community in Colorado Springs”

-Sarah Cummings, Stellar Care



“The doctors said I wouldn’t be able to walk or talk or do anything, and I am able to do all that– and I’m very happy. The Arc PPR has helped me with advocating for myself in good ways.”

-Zach K., individual with a disability



“I have been, and will continue to support The Arc Pikes Peak Region because they are an important community organization.”

-Rob Wrubel, Cascade Investment Group