Each year, The Arc hosts its annual Achievers Banquet, where individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities are honored for their accomplishments. This year, we honored 26 Achievers from 21 local agencies!

Achiever Awards are given to people who have accomplished a goal during the year, such as getting a job in the community, learning a new task or improving a basic skill. Returing to host this event favorite, held at Morgan's Wonderland, were local businessman and philanthropist Gordon Hartman and former WOAI news correspondent Jozannah Quintanilla.

“I will come back and host Achievers as long as The Arc will have me. It's one of my favorite events,” said Hartman.

The Arc has been hosting the Achiever's Banquet for over 30 years. This year’s nominees spanned in age from 22 months to 59 years and were celebrated for various achievement such as living independently to inspiring others to achieve their own accomplishments.

The Arc itself honored four recipients this year, which included West Avenue's Aundrealise Riddick, 5, in the child care program and Tyler Chinn, 25, in the LEAP program.

From the Pam Stephens Center, awards were also given to Jonah Silva, 15 and Joshua Hayes, 27. To see more photos from the 2015 Achievers Banquet, check out our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/thearcofsa.

For more information on the Achievers Banquet, contact Jeana Vidaurri (jvidaurri@arc-sa.org)
The Arc of San Antonio celebrated another successful annual Achievers Banquet on October 7th. Special thanks to all of the participating agencies, Gordon Hartman, Jozannah Quintaniaalla, sponsors Whataburger and Frost Bank, and all of the volunteers for making this event so successful.

Participating Agencies included:

- Kinetic Kids, Inc.
- TEAMability
- Brighton Center
- Calidad
- CAMP Complete
- Life Care Eva’s Heros
- Down Syndrome Assoc. of South Texas
- Autism Treatment Center
- Mission Road Development Center
- The Academy at Morgan’s Wonderland
- R &K Specialized Homes
- Texas Foundation of Hope
- Regency Community Services
- Lighthouse
- Educare Angel
- Care Unicorn
- Centers Helping Hands
- Premieant, Inc.

Thank you!
It's so gratifying to work in an organization where all are focused on "raising the bar!"

-Steve Enders
Summary of Audited Financial Statements
year ending June 30, 2015.

The Arc of San Antonio

Revenue Sources 2014-15

- Program Income: $1,409,550
- Grants/Contributions: $689,430
- Prior Yr Grants Resld.: $253,336
- State Contracts: $802,931
- Special Events: $258,120
- United Way: $194,963
- Other: $19,184

Total Revenue: $3,627,514

Expenditures 2014-15

- Personnel Exp: $2,657,304
- Contract Svcs: $51,239
- Supplies: $109,363
- Occupancy: $243,846
- Equip. Rent/Maint: $99,288
- Local Travel: $34,934
- Insurance: $31,854
- Other: $68,098
- Depreciation: $186,289

Total Expenditures: $3,482,215
On Friday, September 25th, a group of nine volunteers from Harland Clarke came out to the Pam Stephens Center to help with an on-going gardening project that tasked them with building garden boxes. Curriculum Associate Director Bernadine Kelly says, "The garden boxes are being used as an outdoor sensory experience for our participants using the soil, the plants, the watering and sunshine, which all provide sensory stimulation. We teach them about healthier eating because we show them that they can prepare and eat the food they have grown. In addition, we are also teaching them to share and serve others as we prepare dishes with the food grown."

On Saturday, September 26th, over 30 volunteers from the Bethel Covenant Assembly of God helped filled these newly constructed garden boxes with soil. They also began work on laying wheel chair accessible stone paths between each box in order to give access to all participants.

So far, Kelly and participants have grown tomatoes (cherry, salad and beefsteak size), yellow squash, zucchini squash, green bell pepper, okra, parsley, rosemary, thyme, basil, chives, cabbage, broccoli, and cauliflower. They have also grown purple bluebonnets, zinnias, marigolds, alyssum, coreopsis and other flowers.

To celebrate Halloween, financial planning firm Alliance Bernstein came to both West Avenue and the Pam Stephens center for some pumpkin decorating fun! 60 pumpkins were donated by the firm including decorating supplies, along with snacks, drinks, and over 50 volunteers. Valerie Livingston-Gregg, coordinator of this volunteer experience said, "Volunteering at The Arc was unique to so many of us who haven't worked very much with those who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. It was such a wonderful and amazing opportunity to learn something new. We had a wonderful time!"
Pie for a Purpose

The Weisinger Law Firm hosted its 3rd Annual Pie for a Purpose benefiting The Arc on November 17th at their lawfirm in Selma. Individuals were invited to a pie social complete with warm drinks provided by Starbucks Selma, and the spirit of giving!

Olivia Weisinger, event host, said, "We appreciate the service The Arc provides to the community because the special needs population is close to our hearts. All we can say is that we are happy to be a small part of what you do."

In total, the evening’s social brought in over $1000 in monetary, gift card, and classroom supplies donations that will be used to benefit the day habilitation program.

Kendra Scott Gives Back

Join us on Monday December 7th at the Kendra Scott Studio for drinks, appetizers, and shopping!

For more information on this event, please call Jeana Vidaurri at 210-490-4300 ext 104 or email jvidaurri@arc-sa.org

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An educational series of workshops designed to help parents and caregivers prepare for the future. All presentations will be held at The Arc of San Antonio, 6530 Wurzbach, SATX 78240

**Life After High School**
*January 9th, 2016*

An overview of guardianship, alternatives to guardian ships, and Special Needs Trusts (SNT’s). Special Needs Trusts allow an individual to retain vital resources without losing essential benefits.

**Recreation Resource Fair**
*February 27th, 2016*

Featuring 30+ organizations offering summer programs, camps, respite care, support groups, and much more!

**Social Security Overview**
*April 23rd, 2016*

Attendees will learn the differences between SSI and SSDI. Additional topics include: work incentives, fair share, and Disabled Adult Child (DAC).

**Useful Strategies for the Home**
*May 21st, 2016*

At some point or other, all individuals ignore or forget instructions. No one, at any age, is compliant 100% of the time. Compliance can have both major and minor impacts. Non-compliance occurs for a variety of reasons and can be managed using a variety of tactics. The purpose of this training is to show parents how to build compliance in the home with their child with Autism Spectrum Disorder. This training will show how noncompliance can be avoided, it will also explain how to respond to compliance when it occurs. Regardless of the individual’s strengths and areas of need, all levels of compliance can be improved to make home life, activities, and relationships stronger and more satisfactory.

**Health Topics Series**

**Behavior Management**
*February 6th, 2016*

Individuals often display restricted interests, repetitive behaviors, aggression, tantrums, anxiety, and other unusual behaviors. It can be difficult for caregivers to manage these types of behaviors, particularly when it is unclear why they are happening. This training is intended to (1) present several common reasons for unusual or challenging behaviors, (2) explain why it’s important to understand why the behavior is happening, and (3) describe how caregivers can identify the reason for the individuals behavior. Understanding the reason behind the individuals unusual or challenging behavior is the first step to effective management.

RSVP Required!!

Planning for the Future Workshops:
Contact Liz Perez
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For the Health Topics Series
Contact Marissa Herrera, RN
210-490-4300 ext 138 or mherrera@arc-sa.org

Childcare is not offered by The Arc during these sessions. However, respite is available on site through Respite Care of San Antonio with registration and reservation. For more information, contact Respite Care of San Antonio at 210-737-1212.
Why Support The Arc of San Antonio?

The Arc of San Antonio depends on community support to provide quality programs to families caring for children and adults with special needs.

How does your money change lives?

Our programs provide after-school and summer programs for children, 5-22, at a highly subsidized rate. Our Life-Enrichment Program for Children allows parents to continue working by offering extended hours. It is the only program in San Antonio that focuses solely on the individual needs of the child with I/DD.

The Life Enrichment Program for Adults provides multiple opportunities to work on life skills, volunteer in the community and participate in activities with a meaningful purpose. Through our innovative and creative programs, individuals of all levels can participate in our daily activities. The cost is subsidized through donations and each individual pays on a sliding scale based on level of need and economic hardship.

How Can You Support The Arc of San Antonio?

- **Cash Gifts:** Support The Arc with cash, check or credit card. It is the quickest way to see immediate results of your donations at work.

- **Events: Come Play with Us!** The Arc of San Antonio receives a portion of proceeds when we partner with local businesses. Check out our website to see all of our upcoming events.

- **Planned Giving:** Create a living legacy by including The Arc of San Antonio in your estate planning. Estate gifts ensure the longevity of The Arc and our services.

For more information on how you can help The Arc of San Antonio, contact Andie McClendon, Development Coordinator, (210) 490-4300 ext 127 or amcclendon@arc-sa.org.
SAVE The DATE
MAY 7, 2016

What
Roses & Races—A Derby Party
Benefiting The Arc of San Antonio

Presented By
The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation

Honoring
Methodist Healthcare Ministries will receive the Hartman Humanitarian Award

Featuring
Classic Kentucky Derby attire, great food, mint juleps with a Texas twist, a best hat contest, entertainment, live and silent auction and race day gaming.

When
Saturday, May 7,
2016 5:30–9:30PM

Where
Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort
9800 Hyatt Resort Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78251

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