



HAPPY
Thanksgiving



So Much To Be Thankful For

This Thanksgiving, we are spreading gratitude at The Arc, Ocean County Chapter. For the individuals we support and our families who bring us such joy and compassion, for our co-workers who dedicate their professional lives to making the lives of others better, for our donors, sponsors, and grantors who contribute to our mission through giving, and to our volunteers who gift their time so we may bring innovative programs and services to people with disabilities in our community. We wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and Holiday Season surrounded by family, love, and laughter.



Giving Tuesday

On this International Day of Giving, please be sure to follow #ArcOcean on social media [@thearcoceancounty](#) on Facebook and [@thearcocean](#) on Instagram and like, share, and donate to our Giving Tuesday fundraiser on December 3rd. With your support, we will raise \$1,000 in one day to improve community inclusion!



Winter Wonderland Art Gallery

The Arc is returning to The Strand Theater in Lakewood on Thursday, December 5th for our Winter Wonderland Art Gallery featuring beautiful paintings designed by participants of our ATCs. This year, we also had some help from the Toms River Artist Community thanks to a grant from the Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission. [See you there!](#)



A Lesson in ABA

The Arc's BCBA is working closely with the staff and participants of The Arc to integrate ABA practices that encourage positive behaviors, promote happiness, and reduce challenges by using antecedent-based



Recreation

Join Saturday Rec for some holiday fun! On December 7th we'll be enjoying the festive A Christmas Carol Play, Christmas in Asbury Park + Silverball Museum, and Jenkinson's Aquarium and then on December 14th we're popping over to see The Nutcracker Play and the Christmas Market in Manahawkin. Sign up at the [online order form](#). Spots are limited.



Advocacy in Action

Individuals from the Arc Employment Center Power-In-Numbers self-advocacy group went to the State House along with ACCSES NJ to meet with legislators to discuss the future of 14(c.) extended employment, higher wages for DSPs and more awareness of the state set-aside program which provides work for employees with disabilities.



Out & About with #ArcOcean

The Arc was invited to participate in the OceanFirst Bank's Holiday Pop-Up Shop. Tuckerton sold dog treats, Community Connections sold baked goods, and we had our Arc holiday greeting cards on sale with paintings designed by participants of the ATCs. The Foundation also presented The Arc with a generous grant for our Smart Home Technology!

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