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Step Up for The Arc Walk & 5K Raises \$80,000 for Individuals with Disabilities in Ocean County

Lakewood, NJ (May 18, 2024) – The Arc, Ocean County Chapter hosted their 22nd Annual Step Up for The Arc Walk and Inaugural 5K Race on Saturday, May 18th at the Jersey Shore BlueClaws with 600 registered participants raising over \$80,000 to benefit programs and support services for people with disabilities.

Step Up for The Arc is an inclusive community event to raise awareness and acceptance for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities with 100% of the proceeds supporting The Arc of Ocean County’s residential, vocational, and family support services.

“This is our most successful Step Up for The Arc event,” said Laura Williams, Executive Director. “We have more community sponsors, walk teams, runners, and volunteers than ever before. We couldn’t be more grateful for the support of Ocean County!”

The Arc teams are raising funds for wish list items special to their programs. The Silverton Superstars are planning a trip to Disney World for the group home and Journeys and Discovery Friends want new Chromebooks for their day program.

The Arc, Ocean County Chapter supports 1,000 individuals with disabilities and their families with housing, job training, employment supports, transition services, transportation, support coordination, clinical supports and services, and recreation.

To donate to the 2024 Step Up for The Arc Walk and 5K please visit www.arcocean.org and follow us on social media @thearcoceancounty to see how your dollars make a difference.



Top Residential Team Silverton Superstars leads the 22nd Annual Step Up for The Arc Walk for the Ocean County Chapter on May 18th at the Jersey Shore BlueClaws.

About The Arc, Ocean County Chapter

The Arc, Ocean County Chapter, Inc. was established in 1955 with the mission to advocate, provide opportunities and supports necessary for all individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to be accepted and valued as citizens of the communities in which they choose to live, learn, work and play. Today, the chapter serves more than 1,000 individuals through residential services, vocational services, recreation services, family support, and clinical support services.

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Step Up for The Arc website: <https://www.arcocean.org/get-involved/events/walk.html>