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**THE WILLIAM M. BEDELL**  
**ACHIEVEMENT AND RESOURCE CENTER**  
**NEWSLETTER**

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*Mission Statement*

*To provide the highest quality of services and programs to children and adults who have a developmental disability that reside in Madison County, Illinois.*

**Thank you** to the following individuals or organizations who have made recent contributions to the ARC.

Show Me Golf Tournament (Ron & Mary Jo Cote), County Furniture & Appliance, Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Niepert, Edwardsville Knights of Columbus Council #1143, Jeff and Dorothy Ebbeler, John & Elizabeth Ammann, Godfrey Knights of Columbus, Eveready Matching Gifts, Betty Dukes, Mr. & Mrs. Dale Keller, Bertels Greenhouse, Robert Savio, Crest Toothpaste, and Mary Seitzinger.

We extend our **sympathy** to the families of the individuals listed below. The ARC received gifts from various individuals as memorials for:

**Lynn Loos** lived in one of our group homes for several years.

**Mackenzie Barton** was a student in the School program.

**Gloria Hazelwood** was a friend of ARC. Her son Jeff participated in many of ARC's programs.

**Roberta Dunnagan**, a friend of ARC for many years.

**Carol Roach** was an employee of ARC for several years. She also served on our Board of Directors since 1989.

**Happy Birthday** to Robert J. Walters, who celebrated his birthday on July 1. Bob has been associated with the ARC for many years. He has been on our Board of Directors for 25 years. He recently celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Special Olympics:** Two athletes advanced to the State Special Olympics on June 11, 12 and 13 at Illinois State University. Congratulations **Claude and Raymond!** At the State Olympics, Claude placed third in the Standing Long Jump, and Raymond placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Tennis Ball Throw, and third in the Standing Long Jump. Way to go Claude and Ray!

Special Olympics bowling will be in August at the St. Clair Bowl.

The ARC is continuing in our **Recycling** efforts and your help is appreciated. At this time, we are recycling:

Aluminum can tab tops

6-pack plastic rings

Old cell phones (no accessories or chargers)

Used printer cartridges

Old clean clothing (bagged, we will place in our yellow bin)

Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, notebook paper, office paper (no cardboard or phone books)

No caps (soda, juice or milk)

T shirts (for Haiti or Newborns in Need)

Other opportunities to help our School program:

Boxtops for Education: Each boxtop is worth 10 cents for our school.

e-Scrip program at Schnucks. Designate William M. BeDell Arc account 500015423 when you make purchases at Schnucks.

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*Serving individuals with a developmental disability since 1957.*

*The ARC is a not for profit organization as stated under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code.  
Donations are tax deductible according to IRS Standards*

[www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) – a search engine that generates money for our School through searches or online shopping. Register our school as “The Arc – William M BeDell (Wood River, IL)”

**Mike and Cindy Lefferson** were honored in May 2010 as recipients of the Riverbend Head Start and Family Service’s 2010 Circle of Care Award. Cindy has been employed by the ARC since 1976. She has been a teacher and a PAS agent during her employment at ARC. Mike is President of Lefferson and Associates, LLC, in the Alton area. We are proud of Cindy and the work she contributes to the success of ARC. The award is given to individuals who make contributions towards community building. Congratulations Mike and Cindy.

The ARC received a **three year accreditation from CARF**, the Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission. Two surveyors were here for two days in March. We received notice that we received a three year accreditation, which is valid through November 2012. The Developmental Training program and the Residential programs were surveyed and received the accreditation. Thank you to stakeholders, Board members, and parents/guardians who participated in interviews during the survey.

### **Summer activities at ARC**

**School:** Summertime brings a few extras – swimming on Fridays is a highlight for many. Each Friday, several classes travel to the Bethalto Community Pool. The other classrooms enjoy wading pools and water play on our playground. Many students had the opportunity to attend one or more of the Wood River Summer Library Programs held at the Wood River Roundhouse. The children’s librarian, Kate Kite, and the personnel at the Roundhouse have gone out of their way to make attending these programs a positive experience for our students. Several children went fishing at Gordon Moore Park. “Nitro Joe” came to our facility and put on his science show for our students. He held their attention with his fast paced and humorous performance.

We have also produced cabbage, green beans, peas, peppers, tomatoes and gorgeous flowers in our raised beds. (Our Maintenance employees built these raised beds to accommodate children in wheelchairs.)

**Residential and Family Support Unit:** The summer season is full of fun activities for individuals in our group homes and who live in the community who are served by the FSU. Individuals from both programs attended a Gateway Grizzlies baseball game where they enjoyed the “virtual pitching machine” and ballpark cuisine. We also received tickets to each of the Monday night shows at the MUNY this summer. Although the first two shows were missed due to unfavorable weather, this has already become a very popular outing. Seven of our group home residents went to Camp New Hope for a week in June. They enjoyed fishing, swimming, hiking and crafts. A couple individuals from FSU are planning to take a train to Springfield for the State Fair again this year. The end of July brings the Madison County Fair with free rides, lunch and music graciously sponsored by the Highland Knights of Columbus. Requests for future activities include a Cardinals Baseball game and a trip to the top of the Arch. Some of our senior residents enjoyed the MENDS Annual Consumer Day at Senior Services Plus. MENDS, the Metro East Network on Seniors with Disabilities, is a cooperative effort on the part of several agencies, including ARC, Beverly Farm, Challenges and Office of State Guardianship.

**Developmental Training:** The microphone and stage lights set up for a day of wonderment for staff and clients alike. Day Training’s Semi-Annual Talent Show was held at the DT site on June 18. The stage curtain was made up in a dazzling alternating pattern of black and white. Mike Lewis provided the music and karaoke equipment for the show. The talent started off with a bang of auditory delight when Jack played piano accompaniment for the first two singers. Some other highlights from the show included Mike’s scintillating interpretive dance of “I’m Too Sexy.” Another honorable mention would be Pam, who uttered with musical modulations of the voice similar to that of a titmouse. She sang Patsy Cline’s “Crazy.” Penny gave a shout out dedication to her beau

before belting out Kenny Roger's "Lady." John displayed a melodious sound not much unlike George Straight singing "All My Exes" with his guitar prop in hand. He also proclaimed enthusiasm for his "hun" when faced with the microphone. John showed off his talents again by helping staff Shamir with the Tina and Ike

Turner version of "Rollin" with back up dancing talent of staff, Tracie. Some other employee talents included Phyllis, Diane and Vicki. Sincere thanks to all that helped put the show together – it was greatly appreciated.

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## 2010-2011 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's time to renew your membership in **THE WILLIAM M. BEDELL ARC**. Your membership in the ARC supports the programs of the ARC and assures you will receive your newsletter, which is published four times a year. Our newsletter is also posted on our website: [www.BeDellARC.org](http://www.BeDellARC.org)

If you would like to become a member of the ARC, or if you would like to renew your membership, please fill out the form below and include your check made payable to the ARC for \$15. Return the form and your check to:

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**Thank you for your support.**