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We are very appreciative of the generosity of these individuals, which helps us fulfill our mission:

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

**Thank you for remembering the ARC.**

**Our sincere sympathy to.....**

Our sincerest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of

individuals noted below who recently passed away:

**Barbara Simonin**, who was an employee of the ARC for over 30 years. Barbara passed away the end of October.

**Christian (Seda) Viola**, who was a student in our School Program.

**Bobby Fennewald**, who was a student in the School Program for several years. Most recently, he attended the Adult Developmental Training Program.

**Robert Winters**, who attended the Adult Developmental Training Program.

## **NEW OFFICERS ELECTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Effective 1/1/08, the following people were elected as officers of our Board of Directors:

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## **PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS.....**

The Perfect Attendance Award takes both good attendance, and a little luck, to be collected by some of our best employees. This award is an added benefit available to employees, which began about a year ago during the month of March 2007. Every month a long list of dedicated employees that are eligible for this award is posted. The following employees have enjoyed the award with an added cash bonus:

March 2007	Tracey Staggs (CILA)
April 2007	Elizabeth Johnson (School)
May 2007	Tracie Ingram (DT)
June 2007	Felecia Ivanuck (School)
July 2007	Donna Bailey (Family Support)
August 2007	Terri Schulte (DT)
September 2007	Tina Snipes (CILA)
October 2007	Shauna Walker (CILA)
November 2007	Tina Ewing (DT)
December 2007	Michael Vandiver (School)

Good luck to our dedicated employees at ARC in 2008!

## **RETIREMENT:**

Joan Keenan, the Fiscal Manager at the ARC for almost 24 years retired 12/31/07. A dinner in her honor was held at Moonlight Restaurant on 12/18/07. Best wishes to Joan as she enters this new phase of her life.

## **STAFF CHANGES:**

There are many new faces at ARC :

**Nita Whitten** is the new Fiscal Manager. (Nita replaced Joan Keenan on 1/7/08.)

**Barbara Montgomery** is our new Receptionist. It is Barbara's pleasant voice you will probably hear when you call the ARC. (Barbara replaced Barbara Simonin on 1/2/08).

**Andrea Welsh** worked in the Family Support Unit for approximately one year, and was recently moved to the position of MSW in the School Program. Andrea takes on the job duties of Mary Ann Baumgarden (who retired in June 2007). When Andrea Welsh transferred to the School Program, **Daad Hariri** was hired as a Case Manager in the Family Support Unit. Daad was a practicum social work student while attending SIUE. After graduating, she came to work for the ARC.

We welcome all these new faces and are looking forward to working with all of them. We are sure they will enhance the services provided by the ARC.

## **NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL PROGRAM.....**

December was a fun and active month in the School Program. We worked on earning our Earth flag renewal banner by making ornaments for the ARC Christmas tree in Rock Springs Park, in Alton. Each student inserted colorful shiny garland into an empty water bottle. Some added pine cones or other seasonal accents. Then we attached them to the tree with pipe cleaners, with surprisingly attractive results. Early in January we returned to collect the

ornaments. Many students helped empty the bottles so that we could recycle them as well as the garlands.

Once again, Variety, the Children's Charity of St. Louis, donated a van full of goodies to our students: one nice gift per student, a new wagon, school supplies, personal grooming items, candy and Christmas party funds. Because Variety was unable to visit us this year, we picked everything up at the Toy Trolley in Forest Park. Then our wonderful Santa (Michael Tchoukaleff) sat in the cafeteria as each class came at a special time to visit. He gave each student their special gift and we captured some wonderful smiles (and just a few tears) with our school camera. We sent some of those pictures in our thank you notes to Variety!

## **RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM OPENS NEW HOME....**

The ARC Residential CILA Program has relocated one of our small group homes to a brand new home on Park Lane in Wood River. The home has three women residents, who each have their own room, and a live-in supervisor with her own room bath and closet. The home is fully accessible, and even has an attached garage and a deck in the back. The open floor plan is roomy, but also comfortable and cozy.

The ARC Residential Program also has six other group homes. We serve a total of 23 men and women with developmental disabilities, some of whom we have served more than 25 years.

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