The annual meeting of Ollie Webb Center, Inc. was held on November 13, 2017. The evening’s highlight was the annual awards ceremony. You’ll find pictures from the meeting on pages 14 and 15 of this newsletter.

**Awards were bestowed to:**

**The Arc of Omaha at the Ollie Webb Center**
- Just Friends Mentor of the Year 2017: Sydney Kobs
- Best Buddies College Buddy of the Year 2017: Connor Wunsch
- Next Chapter Book Club Facilitator of the Year 2017: Michael Herzog
- STARS Basketball Coach of the Year 2017: Mick Krupski
- Program Volunteers of the Year 2017: UNO Women's Basketball

**Career Solutions, Inc. at the Ollie Webb Center**
- Employer of the Year 2017: A Hill of Beans Coffee Roasters
- Agency Artist of the Year 2017: Brian Mueting
- Community Artist of the Year 2017: Joshua Mullady

**Ollie Webb Center, Inc. Community Partnership Award**
- Community Leaders of the Year 2017: Tiffiny Clifton • Do Space

**Ollie Webb Center, Inc.**
- Project II Member of the Year 2017: Corice Lee

**Board Member Recognition:**
- Loren Steenson • Chris Hedican

**5 Years of Service:**
- Judy Bednarz • Denise Gehringer • Rob Trebilcock

**10 Years of Service:**
- Isaac Luk

**15 Years of Service:**
- Nan Byers
2018 Arc of Omaha Membership Drive!

“Time and money spent in helping people to do more for themselves is far better than mere giving.” ~ Henry Ford

You are doing more than mere giving when you become a member of The Arc of Omaha. You are supporting efforts to help individuals with developmental disabilities and their families lead lives of greater independence, productivity, integration, inclusion and self-determination. By joining now, your membership will be valid for the calendar year 2018. Membership options are outlined below.

The privileges of membership in The Arc of Omaha include:

- Use of the Ollie Webb Center, Inc. pass to the Henry Doorly Zoo, discounts to many activities and events for individuals of all ages sponsored by The Arc of Omaha, support from The Arc of Nebraska and The Arc of the United States, including representation at local, state and national policy forums and publications sharing important information on a variety of topics, and the satisfaction of supporting a local agency that informs the public of the needs, rights and abilities of individuals with developmental disabilities.

The Arc of Omaha 2018 Membership Form

Your membership will be valid from January 1 through December 31, 2018

Thank you for your past support! Please consider once again being a part of our team!

Name(s) ___________________________________________________________________________
(As you wish it to appear when we publicly recognize our members.)
Address ____________________________________________________________________________
City/State________________________________________________ ______ Zip _________________
Phone _________________________ E-mail * ______ ______________________________________

*May we send our monthly newsletter to your email address: ____Yes     ____No

Each Single Membership is entitled to one (1) vote. Each family membership is entitled to two (2) votes.

Please circle:
- Single $25
- Family $40
- Contributing $75
- Sustaining $100
- Corporate $150

☐ I would like to sponsor an additional single membership for a person who is unable to pay, for an additional $25

Total amount enclosed:  $______________  Your contribution is tax deductible.

Please make your check payable to Ollie Webb Center, Inc. Mail this form and your check to:
Ollie Webb Center, Inc., 1941 South 42nd Street, Suite 122, Omaha, NE 68105

Zoo Pass Available to 2018 Arc Members!

The Arc of Omaha has a free Family Zoo Pass available for use by its 2018 members. It allows two adults and four children to visit the Henry Doorly Zoo. Please note the following rules for its use:

1. The pass can be used anytime the zoo is open.
2. Families may use the pass as often as they like, as long as it is available.
3. Families using the pass must sign it out, giving their name, address, phone number, date of use and date returned. If a family misuses the pass, it is possible that the pass may not be available for them to use again.
4. When families arrive at the zoo, they must present the pass and check in at the Visitors Center.

Call 402.346.5220 to reserve the Family Zoo Pass.
SIBSHOPS
(Ages 6 -13)
by Amanda Clark, Program Coordinator
aclark@olliewebbinc.org

Sibshops will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at UNO’s Community Engagement Center.

The dates are: December 12, 2017
January 16 • February 20 • March 20 • April 17 • May 15, 2018

All ages (6-13) will meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (includes snack).
Participants split in age groups (6-8 and 9-13)

9 sessions $90 • 5 sessions $50
1 session $12.50
Non-Members cost: 9 sessions $125
5 sessions $60 • 1 session $15

We will not be offering dinner, but will have snacks. The payment structure will still allow a significant discounted price for signing up early for all 9 sessions, which we highly encourage. Please plan to come to our sharing session for parents (in the newsletter) and please share if you have friends who might be interested in the program.

Secondly, we can’t wait for you to meet our new facilitator, Isabella, who is studying psychology at Creighton University, has a lot of experience working with children and people with disabilities, and she has a younger brother who has Autism. And of course, we are also thrilled to have Jamie co-facilitating again this year. He has been a steady-fast group leader who keeps the kids engaged in discussion and fun.

Lastly, please also let us know if you have a child who has “aged out” of Sibshops (14 or older). We may be interested in utilizing them as supportive mentors/volunteers during the program.

For RSVP’s and more information email aclark@olliewebbinc.org or call 402.346.5220 ext. 31.
FALL 2017 STARS BASKETBALL AWARDS
SMOOTH & STEADY TRANSITIONS

This educational event will provide information addressing support and services after high school and beyond.

If you have a student in Middle School, High School or a Transition Program, this event is for you! The recommended age to begin the process is age 16. This event will provide information addressing what to plan for, when to start the process and disability services and supports available after the school years are done.

Since planning for the future of a student with disabilities can arouse fear of the unknown, a parent may tend to delay addressing these issues, and instead focus only on the present. It is our belief, however, that working through these fears and thinking about the child’s best future interest will ensure a meaningful outcome. ~National Association of Special Education Teachers

The key to a manageable transition is getting informed and planning early!

Each attendee will leave with a checklist to help navigate the transition process. Self Determination Workbook to assist individuals with disabilities along their path to adulthood will also be available.

Date: Thursday, January 25, 2018
Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Location: UNO Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center
6001 Dodge Street
Reserved Parking available for the first 40 RSVPs.
RSVP at: https://smooth-and-steady.eventbrite.com

Interpretation services available by request. Requests MUST be received by January 14.

Presenter: Laurie Ackermann, Executive Director of Ollie Webb Center, Inc.

Laurie, a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, has worked in the field of developmental disabilities for over 30 years. “We are advocates, we are mentors, we are neighbors, we are friends, we are fellow co-workers.” Those are all roles Laurie feels are deeply important ones that Ollie Webb Center, Inc. fulfills for families. Her life journey has been tightly interwoven with the organization—two of her siblings benefited from the programs offered and her parents were among the first “Pilot Parents.” So it seemed destined that an organization that has meant so much to her family would be where she would land. She has served as the Executive Director since 2003, when she led the merger of The Arc of Omaha and Career Solutions, Inc. into what Ollie Webb Center, Inc. is today.
Next Chapter Book Club

• Book Clubs meets once a week for an hour as a small group at a local coffee shop to read and discuss a book.
• All reading levels can participate!
• Members enjoy social connections and the delight of expanding their literacy.
• For more information email dgehringer@olliewebbinc.org

The Force is with the NCBC!

14 Clubs Meeting in the Omaha Metro Area!
Friendship & literacy in a community setting!
The Ultimate Life Program is the place to be for fun and friends!

The Ultimate Life Program is a fee-based recreation program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities 18 years and older. This program offers opportunities for adults to participate in small, planned group activities or one-on-one outings of their choice in the community. Trained companions accompany participants. Transportation to and from the activities is part of the program.

APPLY NOW! Registration fee $30.

For an application, contact: dgehringer@olliewebbinc.org

Ultimate Life Friends Know How to Have a Good Time!
Ms. Freiderich recently joined the Supported Employment Services team of Ollie Webb Center, Inc. in the role of Job Development Specialist assisting individuals to achieve their goal of community-based competitive employment. Ms. Freiderich comes to us with 10+ years of residential and employment experience supporting individuals with disabilities and their families in both Omaha and Lincoln. Ms. Freiderich graduated from Metropolitan Community College with an Associates degree in General Studies majoring in Psychology and Sociology as well as an Associates degree in Liberal Arts. “The reason I love this field so much is because the people I support are genuine, personable, and kind.” Ms. Freiderich shares that her goal while working in Supported Employment is to enhance the quality of life of the people we support.”
How does e-Buddies work?

• Interested participants please make a phone or email appointment to register with our OWCI group: aclark@olliewebbinc.org or 402.346.5220 ext. 31
• e-Buddies is always free for people with IDD and volunteers under the age of 18.
• Minimum age to participate is 10 years old. There is no maximum age.
• Individuals from other countries can participate - they simply need to be able to exchange emails in English.
• Matches are made based on similar ages, common interests and distant geographic locations (we do NOT match people who live in the same state/province)
• Participants exchange emails through our double-blind email system
  • No exchange of personal email addresses
  • Log of all emails exchanged

Benefits of e-Buddies

• Develop a new friendship
• Participating in e-Buddies fits easily into your schedule. Simply send a least one email each week
• Develop a friendship with someone who lives in a different area (e-Buddies does not match people who live in the same state/province)
• Avoid the pressure/anxiety of in-person social interactions
• Develop and improve written communications skills

e-Buddies is SAFE

e-Buddies is dedicated to ensuring the safety and privacy of all our participants with and without IDD. All applicants are screened and must agree to the terms of the e-Buddies Code of Conduct before they can participate. Once matched, all communication is conducted through our double-blind email system. This system allows users to communicate without sharing their personal email address. It also filters out personally identifiable information and content that could be considered inappropriate.

e-Buddies is EDUCATIONAL

e-Buddies helps motivate participants to learn and can help to develop skills in the following areas:
• Computer skills
• Communication skills
• Reading and writing skills
• Social skills

e-Buddies is FUN

e-Buddies connects peers in one-to-one friendships based on similar ages, common interests and different geographic locations (we do NOT match people who live in the same state/province.) Participants can discuss whatever interests them - sports, movies, school, family, anything!
Community Teen Lunch and Film Club

Spend the afternoon socializing, eating lunch and watching a movie with friends.

Please email aclark@olliewebbinc.org the week of the film to find out an exact time for arrivals and which film we will be seeing.

Includes hot dog, popcorn, beverage and admission for participant only

Saturday, December 2

Start time between 12:15 - 12:30 p.m.
Westwood 8 theater
2809 S 125th Ave # 297 Omaha, NE 68144

Pick-up typically between 2:00 - 2:15 p.m.
Lunch is included.

Cost: $15/Arc member • $20/non-member

RSVP to Amanda Clark aclark@olliewebbinc.org
THIS IS A PRE-PAYMENT EVENT ONLY!

Congratulations to mentoring match Evan Vaslow and Will Safranek!

Congratulations to mentoring match Elise Arnold and Jacquie Smith!
Community Shop and Learn

Shop and Learn is an evening class with an emphasis on healthy eating and meal planning in a community setting. As a group, we will discuss meal planning, shop for ingredients and prep a simple meal.

**Monday, December 4 (RSVP must by 11/30)**

6:00 to 7:30 p.m.  
_at Whole Foods Supermarket in Regency_  
(please meet us in the café/eating entrance – we will use the “meeting room” next to it)

Cost: $15/Arc member & $20/non-member

Please note:
Class size is limited to 8 people. Before sending in your check/registration, contact Amanda at 346-5220, Ext. 31 or aclark@olliewebbinc.org to see if space is still available.

**RESERVATION FORM – Just Friends**

Name:_____________________________________________________ Phone #: (_____)________________
Address:___________________________________________________ Zip: ___________________________
Date of Birth:______________________________ Allergies:   _____________________________________
Emergency Contact ________________________  Emergency Phone:  _____________________________

I allow the use of images for public relations purposes and release and discharge Ollie Webb Center, Inc. and its employees and volunteers from any liability as a result of my participation and/or my child's participation in the Adult Services Program  *Signature: _______________________________*

**PLEASE CIRCLE THE EVENT(S) THAT CORRESPONDS WITH PAYMENT**

**Teen Lunch and Film Club** (December 2) ............................................................... $15 Arc members/$20 non-members

**Community Shop and Learn** ( December 4) .......................................................... $15 Arc members/$20 non-members

Total Enclosed: $____________  Please make checks payable to: Ollie Webb Center, Inc.  
Return to: Ollie Webb Center, Inc., Just Friends, 1941 South 42nd Street, Suite 122, Omaha, NE 68105
Community Lunch and Film Club for Adults

Spend the afternoon socializing, eating lunch and watching a movie with friends.

Please email aclark@olliewebbinc.org the week of the film to find out an exact time for arrivals and which film we will be seeing.

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Saturday, December 16
Start time between 12:15 - 12:30 p.m.
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Lunch is included.

Cost: $15/Arc member • $20/non-member
RSVP to Amanda Clark aclark@olliewebbinc.org
THIS IS A PRE-PAYMENT EVENT ONLY!

Community Shop and Learn

Shop and Learn is an evening class with an emphasis on healthy eating and meal planning in a community setting. As a group, we will discuss meal planning, shop for ingredients and prep a simple meal.

Tuesday, December 5 (RSVP must by 12/1)
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
at Whole Foods Supermarket in Regency
(please meet us in the café/eating entrance – we will use the “meeting room” next to it)
Cost: $15/Arc member & $20/non-member

Please note:
Class size is limited to 8 people.
Before sending in your check/registration, contact Amanda at 346-5220, Ext. 31 or aclark@olliewebbinc.org to see if space is still available.
Community Fitness Club in November and December at Simply Ballroom.

Thanks, Cassie Lacy for instructing!

RESERVATION FORM – Adult Services

Name:_____________________________________________________ Phone #: (_____)________________

Address:____________________________________________________ Zip: __________________________

Date of Birth:______________________________ *Allergies: _____________________________________

Emergency Contact ________________________  Emergency Phone:  _____________________________

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PLEASE CIRCLE THE EVENT(S) THAT CORRESPONDS WITH PAYMENT

Community Shop and Learn December 5) ............................................................. $15 Arc members/$20 non-members

Adult Lunch and Film Club (December 16) ........................................................... $15 Arc members/$20 non-members

Total Enclosed: $ ____________ Please make checks payable to: Ollie Webb Center, Inc.

Return to: Ollie Webb Center, Inc., Adult Services, 1941 South 42nd Street, Suite 122, Omaha, NE 68105
OLLIE’S PHOTO GALLERY

Annual Meeting
The Arc of Omaha & Career Solutions, Inc.
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