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Mission Statement
To enrich the lives of individuals with development disabilities and their families through support, programs and advocacy.

The Arc of Omaha is a member agency of the United Way of the Midlands and a Chapter of The Arc of Nebraska and the U.S.

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The Arc of Nebraska’s 46th Annual Senatorial Dinner
Sponsored by OMNI Behavioral Health

Thursday, February 9, 2017
Cornhusker Hotel • 333 South 13th Street, Lincoln, NE

1:00-3:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting
4:00-6:00 p.m. Legislative Briefing
5:00 p.m. Registration
6:00 p.m. Social Hour
7:00 p.m. Dinner

Guest Speaker – Anastasia Somoza,
Self-Advocate & Political Activist

State Senators will be present to meet with and share personal stories along with your hopes for people with developmental disabilities and their families. We wish to express our appreciation to the Senators for their past and continuing support.

Please call your Senator and encourage him/her to attend. You may call The Arc of Nebraska for the name and phone number of your Senator. The Arc of Nebraska’s website also has a Legislative link where you may find your Senator’s contact information.
"Time and money spent in helping people to do more for themselves is far better than mere giving." ~ Henry Ford

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Your membership will be valid from January 1 through December 31, 2017
Thank you for your past support! Please consider once again being a part of our team!

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(As you wish it to appear when we publicly recognize our members.)
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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

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2017 Arc of Omaha Membership Drive!

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 2017. 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.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

Eli Piilonen

In keeping with The Art of Imagination’s ongoing goal of bringing traditional and unique forms of visual art to the students of our program, we are happy to announce that beginning in January 2017 The Art of Imagination will offer a video game development course. In this class, students will take their first steps toward learning the concepts of gaming and game design. Game creation skills to be addressed in the class will include coding, programming, video graphics, and software and hardware essentials.

Leading the course will be local game designer and developer Eli Piilonen. Originally from Virginia, Eli came to Omaha via Seattle. In an article in the Seattle Whispers magazine from 2012 he explained, “I dropped out of art school to pursue a career in game design.” Recently Artistic Director Jim Hoggatt asked Eli a few questions about his life and career.

“I started wanting to make a video game shortly after the first time I played one, but I don’t remember the specifics of it because I was very young,” Piilonen answered Hoggatt. “I do remember wanting to make a side-view game based on Disney’s ‘Aladdin.’ I actually can still kind of remember what the game looked like in my head, even though I never even started to develop it. I told my dad about the concept in the car, and I was very careful to explain that the sword would only be used as a tool for puzzles - not as a weapon to stab people with. I don’t know why I thought he would care because I had already been watching him play a first-person-shooter game called ‘Marathon.’”

Some of the designers of whom Eli feels influenced his work the most include: “Jonathan Blow (‘Braid’, ‘The Witness’) - Incredible knowledge about mechanics/systems; has a deep respect for the player's ability to figure things out on their own. Urges the world to think more and learn more; Edmund McMillen (‘Gish’, ‘Super Meat Boy’) - His game ‘Gish’ really opened my eyes to the appeal of a tiny (two person) team. Eventually, I had the good fortune to work with Edmund, and he turned out to be delightful. We made a free Flash game called ‘Spewer.’ It’s kind of cute, and it’s also kind of gross; Fumito Ueda (‘Shadow of the Colossus’) - His team’s work struck me (and many others) as pieces of traditional art, like an oil painting or a symphony, which is something that I hadn’t encountered in a video game up until that point; and Hideo Kojima (‘Metal Gear Solid’) - An endearingly weird guy. Notable for making big-budget games that display ‘auteur theory.’ This is a term usually used in film, and it describes the way that you can feel the director’s presence and personality throughout a movie. Most AAA games are designed by committees, which produces dependable-but-unoriginal content. Kojima shows that it doesn’t always have to work this way!”

Video Game Development will be offered in the upcoming Winter 2017 semester as part of Ollie Webb Center Inc.’s Continuing Education offerings. Prerequisites for enrolling in the class will include having passed The Art of Imagination’s Drawing Level 1, Life Drawing, or DrawSpace courses as well as strong reading, writing and computer skills.
SIBSHOPS
(Ages 6 -13)
by Amanda Clark, Program Coordinator
aclark@olliewebbinc.org

SIBSHOPS
A SPECIAL & UNIQUE PROGRAM JUST FOR BROTHERS & SISTERS WHO HAVE A SIBLING WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

- Sibshops is an award-winning, nationally affiliated program for the brothers and sisters of individuals with developmental disabilities.
- Sibshops are lively celebrations which convey a sense of joy, wonder, and play!
- The program is uniquely designed to provide high-energy activities for the siblings of children with developmental disabilities. Sibshops is a place where siblings may obtain peer support and education within a recreational context; while having fun, sibs connect with each other about similar experiences. Lunch is served.

Cost:
If you are an Ollie Webb Center, Inc. Member the cost is:
9-13 year-olds - 8 sessions $100
6-8 year-olds - 4 sessions $50
Non-Members cost:
9-13 year-olds - 8 sessions $125
6-8 year-olds - 4 sessions $60
Individual sessions may be purchased at $12.50 each for members and $15 each for non-members.
Contributions to the Sibshops Scholarship fund are welcomed and will help a sibling who cannot afford to attend the opportunity to participate in Sibshops.

JANUARY SIBSHOPS
“Ringing in the New Year”
January 14, 2017 •9:00 a.m. to noon.
Lunch is included.
St. Timothy’s Lutheran Church
510 North 93rd Street

All ages (6-13) will meet on the 2nd Saturday each month.
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
St. Timothy’s Lutheran Church
510 North 93rd Street

RSVP’s should be received no later than the Monday before the event.

This program is funded in part by a grant from the United Way of the Midlands.
Please contact aclark@olliewebbinc.org to find out more about the program.
FAMILY SERVICES
(Tweens with Special Needs - ages 10 - 13 years old)
by Denise Gehringer, Program Coordinator
dgehringer@olliewebbinc.org

**DANCE PARTY**
Zumba-like Dance Party will help tweens develop a healthy lifestyle and incorporate fitness as a natural part of their week by making fitness fun.

Thursday, January 5 • 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**Foodie Fix**
Foodie Fix is a fun way to learn and reinforce basic skills in the kitchen, while spending time with friends. We cook, then eat together!

Thursday, January 12 • 6:00 - 7:45 p.m.

**NEW! Make it! Take it!**
Explore your creative side with a variety of crafts and art experiences. Make your craft with your tween peers and take it home with you at the end of the class!

Thursday, January 19 • 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**Snack & Chat**
Snack & Chat follows a Social Skills curriculum that offers the Tweens a practical way to develop social skills used for a lifetime! We’ll also have a healthy snack!

Thursday, January 26 • 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**Cost:**
- Dance Party: $5/Arc member & $10/non-member
- Foodie Fix: $15/Arc member & $20/non-member
- Make it! Take it!: $10/Arc member & $15/non-member
- Snack & Chat: $5/Arc member & $10/non-member

Please note: Class size is limited to 10 people.
Registration info will be sent upon confirmation of space availability.
Contact dgehringer@olliewebbinc.org to inquire if space is available.
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 26, 2017
Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Location: UNO Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center
          6001 Dodge Street
          Reserved Parking available for the first 40 RSVPs.

Reservations required: RSVP at: https://prism-smoothtransitions.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.

The PRISM Project is sponsored by the Arc of Omaha at Ollie Webb Center, Inc., with assistance from the United Way of the Midlands and the Nebraska Department of Education.
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

14 Clubs Meeting in the Omaha Metro Area!

Friendship & literacy in a community setting!
Friendship & literacy in a community setting!

5 Clubs Meeting in Omaha Metro Area High Schools!
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
Teen Food and Friends
Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Location: OWCI
Being able to cook is such an important life skill, join us for a fun filled evening of socialization while practicing our skills of cutting, spreading, measuring, and many other cooking skills! Meal is provided!

Guy’s Nights
January 9 (RSVP by 1/5)
February 6 (RSVP by 2/3)

Girl’s Nights
January 23 (RSVP by 1/19)
February 20 (RSVP by 2/17)

Cost: $15 for Arc members
$20 for non-members
RSVP to Amanda Clark at: aclark@olliewebbinc.org

Teen Lunch and Film Club
Spend the afternoon socializing, eating lunch and watching a movie with friends. (Movie suggestions are welcome.)

Saturday, January 14 (RSVP by 1/10)
Saturday, February 11 (RSVP by 2/7)
12:30 - 3:00 p.m.
OWCI
Cost: $15/Arc member • $20/non-member
RSVP to: aclark@olliewebbinc.org

February Sweetheart Dance at Gross High School
Dancing with live Deejay and Refreshments
Sunday, February 12, 2017
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Gross High School
7700 South 43rd Street,
Bellevue, Nebraska

Cost $10 for ARC members and $15 for non-members.
Send RSVP to Amanda Clark by February 9 at:
aclark@olliewebbinc.org
Dynamic! Social Skills Classes
(For teens/young adults only)
Learning about socially-acceptable behaviors should be

All Classes are at OWCI 5:30-7:30 p.m. – Light Refreshments Provided

**February 3** – Healthy Lifestyle Choices and Good Manners – Discussion/activities will focus on nutrition, table manners, hygiene and being with people in places where we eat and work out.

**February 17** – First Impressions and the Art of Conversation – Discussion/activities will focus on greetings, small talk and keeping up with conversations in school, spare time and on “the job.”

$10 Arc members/$15 non-member per class—this is not a “class series”

RSVP by January 29 to aclark@olliewebbinc.org or call 402.346.5220 ext. 31

Look for the Mentoring Appreciation and Recruitment Event Flyer on Page 14

CONGRATULATIONS

to our newest mentee/mentor matches
Elizabeth Berry and Regan Sommerer!

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 child’s participation in the Just Friends Program *Signature: ________________________________

PLEASE CIRCLE THE EVENT(S) THAT CORRESPONDS WITH PAYMENT

**Food & Friends at OWCI** .......................................................... $15 Arc members/ $20 non-members

Guy’s Nights (January 9) • (February 6) • Girl’s Nights (January 23) • (February 20)

**Teen Lunch and Film Club** (January 14) • (February 11) ........................................ $15 Arc members/ $20 non-members

**Mentor Appreciation & Recruitment at Spielbound!** (January 21) ................. No cost, but RSVP is required

**February Sweetheart Dance at Gross High School** (February 12) ............... $10 Arc members/ $15 non-members

**Dynamic! Social Skills for Teens** (February 3 & 17) ....................... **Cost per class:** $10 Arc members/ $15 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
Adult Food and Friends
5:30-7:30 p.m. at OWCI

Adult Food and Friends is a fun way to reinforce basic skills in the kitchen, while spending time with new and old friends. We cook then eat together!
Cost: $15/Arc member - $20/non member

Please note:
Class size is limited to 7 people.
Before sending in your check/registration, contact Amanda at 402.346.5220 ext. 31 or aclark@olliewebbinc.org to see if space is still available.

Ages 19-30:
 January 10 - RSVP by 1/6 • February 7 - RSVP by 2/3

Ages 31 & up:
 January 24 - RSVP by 1/20 • February 21 - RSVP by 2/17

Adult Lunch and Film Club

Lunch and Film Club is an afternoon of socializing over lunch and watching the latest blockbuster DVD on the large projector screen at the Ollie Webb Center. (Film and lunch suggestions are always welcome.)

12:30-3:00 p.m. at OWCI
Cost: $15/Arc member - $20/non member

Please note:
Class size is limited to 12 people.
Before sending in your check/registration, contact Amanda at 402.346.5220 ext. 31 or aclark@olliewebbinc.org to see if space is available.

January 28: Send RSVP form by 1/23.
February 18 - Ladies only: RSVP by 2/15
February 25 - Gentlemen only: RSVP by 2/23

February Sweetheart Dance
Dancing with live Deejay and Refreshments

Sunday, February 12, 2017
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Gross High School
7700 South 43rd Street • Bellevue, Nebraska
Cost $10 for ARC members and $15 for non-members.
Send RSVP to Amanda Clark by February 9 at: aclark@olliewebbinc.org

Adult Services Large Group Events cosponsored by the City of Omaha Parks and Recreation - Therapeutic Recreation
ADULT SERVICES
(Ages 19 and Older)
by Amanda Clark, Program Coordinator
aclark@olliewebbinc.org

SPLISH SPLASH - IT’S A WINTER BASH!
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 • 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.
THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER,
333 S. 132ND ST., OMAHA, NE 68154

Looking for a fun night out after the Holidays are over? Join us for a Sunday evening pool party at the Jewish Community Center on January 29, 2017. You are welcome to arrive at 5:45 p.m. to change. Swimming is from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. with a pizza dinner at 7:00 p.m. We will be finished at 7:30 p.m. $5 should be pre-paid to Ollie Webb Center, Inc. (see Reservation Form)

RESERVATION FORM – Adult Services
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 child’s participation in the Adult Services Program *Signature: _____________________________

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Adult Food & Friends .................................................................$15 Arc members/ $20 non-members
Ages 19-30 (January 10) • (February 7) • Ages 31 & up (January 24) • (February 21)

Spilsh Splash – It’s a Winter Bash! (January 29) ..................................................$5 - Please prepay using this RSVP form

February Sweetheart Dance at Gross High School (February 12) …..$10 Arc members/ $15 non-members

Adult Lunch and Film Club ............................................................$15 Arc members/ $20 non-members
(Everyone - January 28) • Ladies Only - February 18 • Guys Only - February 25

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
Thank you, Friends Mentoring Event!

January 21 • 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Spielbound • 3229 Harney Street • Omaha

You are invited to a spellbinding mentor appreciation and recruitment event at Spielbound!
We want to celebrate Mentoring Month! All Mentors, Mentees and those who have been waiting for a Mentor in the Just Friends Program are invited to come and bring a friend who might be interested in our program, too. It’s the “Thank you, Friends” event, which is sponsored by a grant from Midlands Mentoring Partnership—“Mentor Omaha Now.” Enjoy snacks with friends and learn more about mentoring, being mentored and increasing awareness about our great mentoring program.

Please RSVP with Amanda Clark at 402.346.5220 ext. 31 or aclark@olliewebbcenterinc.org by January 19 - There is no cost but an RSVP is required. Parents or caregivers may only stay if one-on-one assistance is necessary.

Please visit our website for more details: www.olliewebbinc.org and mentoromahanow.org

New Year’s Word Search

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