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To enrich the lives of individuals with developmental 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.
Put Your Honey to Use

Honey Wheat Bread in Crock-Pot

This is a very flavorsome bread that’s baked in a slow cooker! It uses a special bread and cake baking dish that comes with some brands of slow cookers.

Ingredients:
• 3 cups whole wheat flour, divided
• ¾ to 1 cup all-purpose flour, divided
• 2 cups warm reconstituted dry milk (fresh milk may be used if scalded)
• ¼ cup honey
• 2 Tablespoons vegetable oil
• 1 package active dry yeast
• ¾ teaspoon salt

Instructions:
Combine half of flours, warm (not hot) milk, honey, oil, yeast and salt. With electric mixer, beat well about 2 minutes. Add remaining flours; mix well. Place dough in well-greased bread pan and cover. Let stand 5 minutes. Place pan in 3 ½ quart or 5 quart crock-pot. Cover and bake on high 2 to 3 hours or until bread is done. Remove pan from crock-pot and uncover. Let stand 5 minutes. Unmold and serve warm with honey butter.

The Buzz on Honeybees - Part 1

A beekeeper maintains and monitors the hives. The beekeeper needs to maintain healthy bees, prepare colonies for production of honey, inspect colonies for any sign of disease and replace the queen bee when necessary.

Beekeepers also need to follow food safety guidelines when harvesting and processing the honey.

Springtime is when the beekeeper must get the bees ready for the coming honey-producing months, whether it’s working with existing colonies, or with new bees that will be going into empty hives. It is during this period that the beekeeper will medicate the bees in order to ensure that they are free of parasites and that the queen is healthy and capable of producing eggs.

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2015 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 2015. 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.
Free Event for Children, Teens & Young Adults with Special Needs and their Families

This event is for individuals of any age who have a developmental or intellectual disability and their families. It is hard to predict how any individual with an intellectual disability will behave in an emergency situation. Because of this, Fire and Safety Day is an excellent opportunity to meet face to face with emergency personnel, explore and learn about firetrucks, firefighter gear, ambulances, seat belt safety, first aid, poison control, 911, and more that could one day keep us safe in an emergency situation.

Bring the whole family out for an afternoon jam-packed full of activities designed to provide your family with fire safety education as well as summer fun. See the rescue helicopter land and watch the firefighters put out a live fire! The fire training facility is a state of the art facility with room to accommodate everyone. Bring swimsuits and sunscreen for the kids so they can enjoy playing in large water sprinklers at the end of the day.

To register go to: http://fireandsafetyday.eventbrite.com
Day on the Water

with Ollie Webb Center, Inc., and the Missouri River Valley Paddlers
Platte River State Park

Sunday, August 16, 2015, 12:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Join Ollie Webb Center, Inc. and the Missouri River Valley Paddlers for some fun at Platte River State Park. On this afternoon, those with developmental disabilities of any age and their immediate family members will be given an opportunity to participate in kayaking, and canoeing.

Cost is free for the event, but there will be a $5 fee per vehicle to enter the park.

You are welcome to bring your own picnic lunch if you wish as we are not providing lunch for this activity. Adult supervision is also required so you may not send your child, teen or adult alone to this event. Once you are registered you will receive additional information to your e-mail address. Don’t forget to BRING SUNSCREEN!

Each participant will receive a certificate of completion and an honorary membership to the MRVP.

Reservations for this event are required. A limited number of spots are available, so make your reservation ASAP!

To register go to:
http://owci-day-on-the-water.eventbrite.com
SIBSHOPS
(Ages 6 - 13)
by Amanda Clark, Program Coordinator
aclark@olliewebbinc.org

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.

Sibshops are held the 2nd Saturday of the month from September through April.

*Please contact aclark@olliewebbinc.org to find out more about the program.*

**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.

This program is funded in part by a grant from the United Way of the Midlands.

PROJECT II SELF-ADVOCACY

by Aimee Addison
Aaddison@olliewebbinc.org

Project II…is the local self-advocacy group in Omaha. Adult members come together monthly to learn and teach skills associated with self-advocacy—decision making, problem solving, speaking up, etc. We would like to have you participate with us by joining our group at a regular meeting or a special event. RSVP’s are required for all meetings and events, by e-mailing Aimee Addison [Advisor for Project II] at Aaddison@olliewebbinc.org. Dates and times are subject to change without notice.

**August 14:** Summer Dance 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at PVA, 7612 Maple Street. Cost is $10. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. RSVP to Aimee Addison by August 10.

**September 18:** Meeting

**October 16 -18** (3 day trip) People First of Nebraska Convention in Kearney. Contact Aimee Addison for more information.

**November 20:** Meeting

Look for new program dates in the August edition of the Gazette.
Cooking Fun!

All Tween Scene events will take a short summer break for the month of July. All of our Tweens can plan to be back on the scene in August!
Ollie Webb Center, Inc. PRISM (Parent Resource Information and Support Meeting) Project was honored to work collaboratively with many community organizations to bring to our families **Focus on Nutrition!**

Thanks to: Special Olympics Nebraska for their partnership, Lions Club International for funding, specialists Suzanne Milnes, PhD from the Munroe-Meyer Institute Pediatric Feeding Disorder Clinic, Chef Corey Hall MMBQ and Dietician Whitney Larsen, RD, LMNT from the Plattsmouth Hy-Vee!

Special Thanks to Mavis Hall, Chairperson of the Nebraska Lions Foundation for sharing all about the work they do in Nebraska.

*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.*
Next Chapter Book Club

The Sunshine Readers finish White Fang and move on to Around the World in 80 Days

- 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.
- New clubs forming in the Bellevue, Papillion and West Omaha areas. Interested volunteers and new members contact dgehringer@olliewebbinc.org.

12 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
Teen Food and Friends

Dates: July 6, 2015 (RSVP by July 3)
August 3, 2015 (RSVP by July 30)

Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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!

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

Teen Lunch and Film Club

Spending the afternoon socializing, eating lunch and watching the latest Spongebob Movie (other movie suggestions are welcome).

Saturday, August 1, 2015
12:30 - 3:00 p.m.
OWCI

Cost: $15/Arc member & $20/non-member
RSVP to: aclark@olliewebbinc.org by July 27.

Teen Game Night

Game Night is an evening of socializing, board games, group activities and eating pizza – just for teens!

Tuesday, July 21, 2015
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
OWCI

Cost: $10/Arc member & $15/non-member
RSVP form to Amanda by July 17.

July Dynamic! Social Skills Classes (for teens and adults)

These were so popular, we thought we’d do them again!

Tuesdays, July 14, 28, 2015
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at OWCI

July 14 – Crushes, Friendships and Dating Do’s and Don’ts – Discussion/activities will focus on basic definitions of crushes, friendships and dating-relationships.

July 28 – 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.”

Price: $15 Arc members/$20 non-member per class - this is not a “class series”
RSVP by July 10 to: aclark@olliewebbinc.org or call 402-346-5220 ext. 31
Light Refreshments Provided

Mentors and Mentees

E-mail aclark@olliewebbinc.org if you would like to attend Funplex for free as a pair on July 27! Midlands Mentoring Partnership is giving us free passes for the day!
For Adult Services and Just Friends Participants

July Annual “The Ability Experience” Luau for Teens and Adults

36 cyclists heading across the country on a “Journey of Hope” are stopping in town to party with us while they also raise money to help our programs.

Pizza and Dancing to Live Music at Mockingbird Community Center.

Thursday, July 9, 2015
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Mockingbird Community Center
Cost: $15 for participants and $5 for staff/parents who eat.
RSVP to: aclark@olliewebbinc.org by July 6.

RESERVATION FORM – Just Friends

Name:_____________________________________________________ Phone #: (_____)_______________
Address:___________________________________________________ Zip: _________________________
Date of Birth:______________________
Emergency Contact ________________________                  Emergency Phone : _______________________

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August Teen Food & Friends (August 3)........................................... $15 Arc member/ $20 non-member

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

Congratulations to our newest mentee/mentor matches!
Congratulations to new matches, David Staben and Trevor Hirchert!
Adult Food and Friends
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!

5:30-7:30 p.m. at OWCI
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.

July 7: Send RSVP form to Amanda by July 3.
August 4: Send RSVP form to Amanda by July 30.

Fitness and Friends
Fitness and Friends is an afternoon of socializing, stretching, dancing and light strength training at the Ollie Webb Center. We will also talk about nutrition and enjoy a light snack together.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at OWCI
Cost: $5/Arc member & $10/non-member

Please note:
Class size is limited to 12 people.
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July 18: Send RSVP form to Amanda by July 15.
August 8: Send RSVP form to Amanda by August 4.

Lunch and Movie
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

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July 25: Send RSVP form to Amanda by July 23.
August 29: Send RSVP form to Amanda by August 25.

Best Buddies
The dates for matching and other events will be in the September newsletter.

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**ADULT SERVICES**  
(Ages 19 and Older)  
by Amanda Clark  
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Light Refreshments Provided

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**RESERVATION FORM – Adult Services**

Name:_____________________________________________________ Phone #: (_____)________________

Address:____________________________________________________   Zip: __________________________

Date of Birth:______________________________

Emergency Contact ________________________       Emergency Phone :  _____________________________

Will Staff be accompanying to event?  (Indicate which event) _______________________________________

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- **Adult Lunch and Movie (July 25) (August 29)** .......................................................$15 Arc member/$20 non-member
- **July Pool Party at the JCC (July 26)** ......................................................................$5

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**This event is in partnership with Jewish Family Service:**  

**Join Us at the JCC Pool**

**Date:** Sunday, July 26  
**Time:** 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
**Jewish Community Center,**  
**333 South 132nd Street, Omaha, NE 68154**

Live DJ with dancing, water aerobics, games and pizza will be served at 7:30 p.m!!

All water activities will be held in the shallow side of the pool.  
If there is inclement weather, the party will move to the indoor pool.  
(Maximum 50 participants)

RSVP by July 20, 2015 to: aclark@olliewebbinc.org or call Amanda Clark at 402-346-5220 ext. 31.
David Ackermann
Filmmaker and Educator

“I have been interested in movies my entire life. Even from an early age,” local filmmaker David Ackermann recently told Artistic Director Jim Hoggatt. “I was fascinated by the fact that you could watch a story be told visually and be transported to an entirely different world from the comfort of either your local movie theater or your own living room.”

This summer, The Art of Imagination is embarking on our fourth annual Summer Film Project. Omaha-based filmmaker David Ackermann has returned to the Ollie Webb Center to collaborate with students in the creation of an original short film. This is the fourth summer David has overseen the film project. He has also taught a film history course for The Art of Imagination for the past two semesters.

“I would have to say that writing is my favorite part. It’s the first step in making a film, coming up with an idea,” David continued. “It’s so exciting thinking about the film you want to make. That first step is the most thrilling to me.”

Originally from Omaha, David received his bachelor’s degree in theatre with an emphasis in filmmaking from UNL’s Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film. He was also very active at the Rose Theater through his middle and high school years, attending classes and working with their Teens N Theater program. David also worked as an intern at the Rose during his college experience. He maintains a close relationship with the theater today working as a contract teacher for the Rose’s education program.

“I am really proud of my college thesis film. It’s a ten minute short called “Realelevator” about people trapped on an elevator who find themselves on a reality show,” David answered when asked about his favorite projects to date. “It feels very me, a little quirky and funny. I am also partial toward a film we did 2 years ago as a part of the Summer Film Project. It’s called ‘The Dimensional LeSabre.’ It’s so unique and philosophical.”

David counts Steven Spielberg and David Fincher among his biggest influences as a filmmaker. “It was his (Spielberg’s) action/adventure films that I watched over and over as a kid,” he said. “And I always get excited when I hear that David Fincher is making a new movie.” In regards to his influences in general, he cites his parents. “They are two of the hardest working people I know. They work for what they believe in.”

“I love teaching for The Art of Imagination,” David explained. “Coming to the Ollie Webb Center is one of the highlights of my week. I get to work with amazing people who are so enthusiastic about what they do. Every day there is different. We get to be creative and experiment.”
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