

Aspire



Holiday Edition 2022

Let's Conspire!



"Later on, we'll conspire, as we dream by the fire! To face unafraid the plans that we've made, walking in a winter wonderland!" These are the words to one of my favorite Christmas carols. As a little girl, whenever I heard the word "conspire" I thought of something exciting with secret agents. You see, I used to love watching reruns of the British TV show "The Avengers" and fancied myself a modern-day Emma Peel. Of course, the role of John Steed was played by a G.I. Joe that I "appropriated" from my brother's room but that's a discussion for another day.

Fast forward a few decades, and I'm still conspiring. I've just traded The Avengers for The Arc Anderson County! Want to conspire with me? Lean in and I'll tell you how. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is a simple one. Set out to make positive changes in your very own community. It won't require any fancy spy gadgets. You only need one thing – the desire to help, which if I had to guess, is already there!

This time of year can often present a dizzying array of demands from planning holiday parties to shopping for that perfect gift. I think we all know that one person that has everything, making it seemingly impossible to shop for them. Well, I have conspired with some allies and plotted some ideas:

1. Donate to a favorite charity in their name (might I suggest The Arc Anderson County).
2. Volunteer together to support a local non-profit agency.
3. Assist with their grocery shopping.
4. Help with lawncare.
5. Finally, just spend time with them.

"Conspire" is defined as "to plan secretly with others" (usually with a negative connotation). I would suggest that it's merely a combination of "conscious inspiration". Coincidence? I think not!

Sincerely,

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Melanie Stanley, Executive Director

Here's What We've Been Doing!

The Arc Anderson County participated in a fully inclusive Trunk or Treat with Kern Methodist Church. To say a good time was had by all is an understatement. It is our goal to make this a yearly event.

We also attended the first Transition Fair at Oak Ridge High School as well as the Business Expo at the Oak Ridge Civic Center. We geared up for the holidays with a craft sale sponsored by the Pilot Club.

We also initiated a food drive to help the food pantry at our local college campus.

We're looking forward to all the possibilities the new year has in store for us!

Trunk or Treat Fun!



Melanie Stanley, Executive Director and D'Andre Crabtree, The Arc Anderson County participant



D'Andre Crabtree and Andrew Ryan, The Arc Anderson County participants

PHOTOS! PHOTOS! PHOTOS!

Transition Fair, Business Expo, Craft Fair and Food Drive



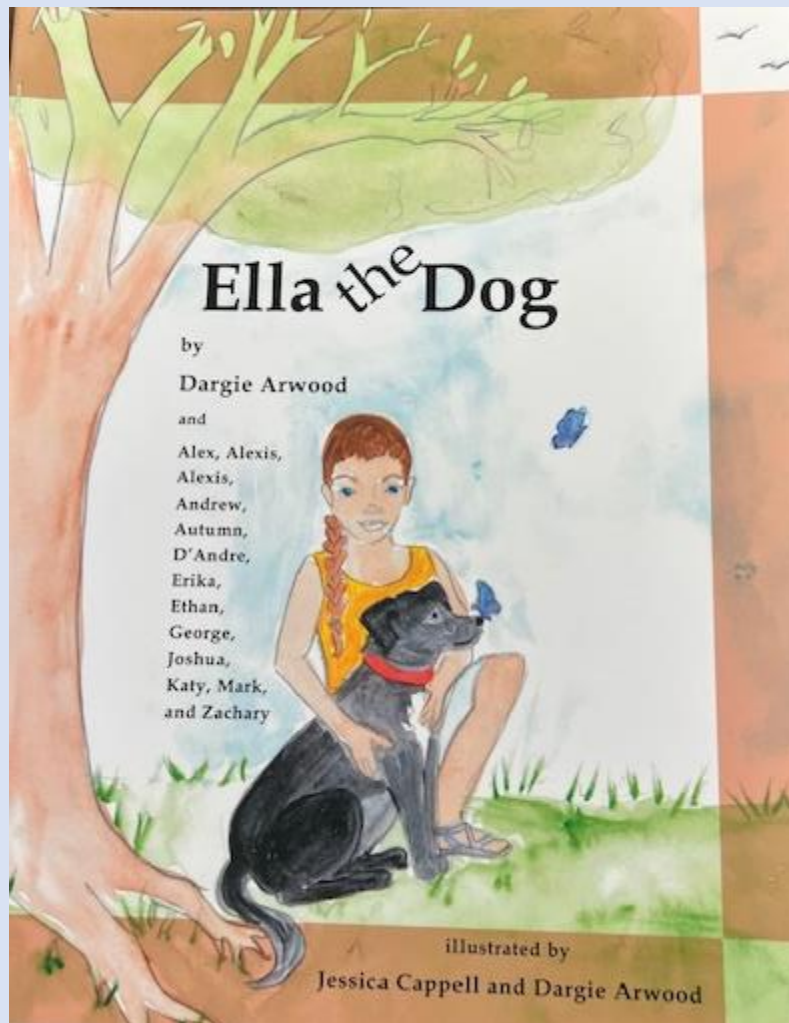
Melanie at the Oak Ridge High School Transition Fair and at the Business Expo



Board Member Joan Burns manning the booth at the Pilot Club Craft Fair and our participants with the donations collected for the local college food pantry.

Looking for a Gift Idea?

We have the perfect stocking stuffer! Contact The Arc Anderson County office by email at arc@arcaid.org or by calling 865-685-0159 and order your copy of "Ella the Dog" today. Be sure to get your orders placed in time for Santa to get them on his sleigh before Christmas Eve.



Don't Delay! Call Today! – Sincerely, Santa Claus

Why not become a member of The Arc Anderson County today?

Not sure how to join? It's simple! Fill out this form and mail to :

The Arc Anderson County, P.O.Box 4823, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-4823

You may also donate by scanning this QR code at the left which will direct you to www.thearcandersoncounty.org – just look for the link that says, “donate today”.



Check all that apply:

Single Yearly Membership: \$20.00

Family Yearly Membership: \$25.00

Patron Donation without Membership:

\$50 \$100 \$200

Additional Donation:

Fill in Amount_____

You can also support The Arc Anderson County by shopping at www.smile.amazon.com and choosing The Arc Anderson County as your charity of choice.



JOIN THE ARC ANDERSON COUNTY TODAY!

The Arc Anderson County promotes and protects the rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and provides them the opportunity to live full, satisfying and self-determined lives as valued and contributing members of their communities. We serve Anderson, Morgan and Roane Counties. The Arc Anderson County receives no state or federal funding.

If anyone would like to learn how they can support The Arc Anderson County through a donation or service, please contact Melanie Stanley at 865-685-0159 or send an email to arc@arcaid.org.

The Arc Anderson County promotes and protects the human rights of people with I/DD and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.
