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Arc
Ocean County Chapter

The Arc, Ocean County Chapter advocates for, supports and empowers children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families, ensuring they are accepted and valued as citizens of our community. The Arc does this through vocational, recreational, family support, residential, and transportation programs.

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*This holiday season will you
be spending time with
family?*





There are many ways to define family. The group of people you are born to—or those very special people who may not be related to you but with whom you forge a deep bond. This July the DeSimone family lost a very important family member but wanted to share the joy of their story with you during this special time of year.

Millie was born with a developmental disability – unfortunately her family of origin was not able to care for her and Millie depended on a legal guardian, The Arc, Ocean County Chapter and skills sponsors to navigate through life. Skills sponsors help a person in need develop life skills. For the past 11 years Kim DeSimone (employee of The Arc, Ocean County) opened her heart and home to Millie. Millie lived with Kim, her mom and Kim's young son.

Millie received support from The Arc attending their vocational day program and recreation programs. With support from Kim and The Arc, Millie began working at a local Burger King with an Arc Job Coach, eventually acquiring the skills to be independently employed. For years she bowled with The Ocean Rollers and attended Arc dances and the Saturday recreation program.



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Millie's story is a true success – an example of what we can do when we work together. Kim says her family received so much more than they gave from having Millie in their life. After Kim's mom passed away in 1998 – Mille became 'grandma' to her young son. Though they are saddened by her loss – they cherish the time they had and the joy they

This year The Arc provided support to more than 1,600 people with developmental disabilities and their families. During this season of giving would you consider a donation to The Arc, Ocean County Chapter so we can continue this vital work?

*Wishing you and your family
the very best this holiday season
The Arc – Ocean County Chapter*

