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As Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month comes to a close, we asked Ryan who works at the Arc Employment Center to share what he would like the world to know about living with a disability. His powerful message reminds us to be kind and to treat everyone with respect. #DDAware

### The Arc Sweet Shoppe Makes Easter Treats

The Arc Sweet Shoppe, part of the Journeys vocational program, provides job training to individuals with disabilities by selling and making custom, delicious chocolates for every occasion.

The [Easter order form](#) is now available online to purchase your bunnies, carrot lollipops, foil eggs, chocolate platters and much more. Please call us or [send an email](#) with your form today.



### Take a Tour of the AEC

You're invited to take a tour of the Arc Employment Center located in the Lakewood Industrial Park to see us at work and learn how we can help you with your next business project.

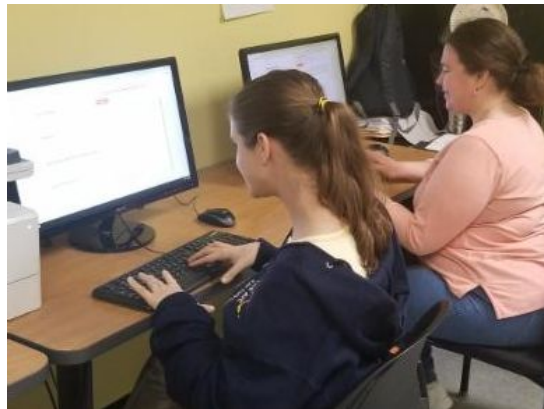
The AEC can complete tasks including assembly, sorting, labeling, packaging, folding, stuffing, and more. We offer shipping and receiving services to clients including transportation and pallet storage. For more info

call 732-363-6677 or [email](#) today!



## \$10,000 OceanFirst Foundation Computer Literacy Grant

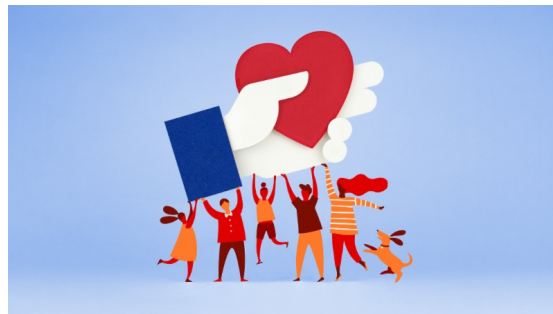
The Arc, Ocean County received a \$10,000 grant from the OceanFirst Foundation to upgrade the computer lab at Journeys and Discovery where participants explore careers through job sampling. The funding for new computers and iPads will provide our participants an opportunity to learn new skills in basic technology and increase their potential for competitive employment with job searching and resume writing.



## Host a Facebook Fundraiser

If you're on Facebook, you've probably seen a few of your friends raising donations for a charity close to their heart. The Arc has been very fortunate to receive over \$1,700 from our Facebook friends for milestone birthdays, special occasions, and more.

Please consider hosting a Facebook fundraiser to benefit The Arc, Ocean County Chapter. Simply [click here](#) to get started!



## The Arc's New Teaching Kitchen

We are so grateful for the very generous donation from the Anne Dannenfels Estate that allowed us to renovate a new teaching kitchen at The Arc. The Sweet Shoppe and Recreation's cooking classes will be the first to utilize the new space.

We are still in need of a few wish list items to complete the project including new pots and pans, baking sheets, measuring cups, and more. Check out our kitchen [wish list here](#).



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