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The Arc, Ocean County Chapter Earns a “Give with Confidence” 100/100 Rating From Charity Navigator

LAKESWOOD, NJ (September 2, 2020) – The Arc, Ocean County Chapter is proud to announce that its strong financial health and ongoing accountability and transparency have earned a 100/100 rating from Charity Navigator’s new Encompass Rating System. This score designates The Arc, Ocean County Chapter as an official “Give with Confidence” charity, indicating that our organization is using its donations effectively based on Charity Navigator’s criteria. Charity Navigator is America’s largest and most-utilized independent charity evaluator. Since 2001, the organization has been an unbiased and trusted source of information for more than 8.5 million users annually.

The Encompass Rating System is a comprehensive evaluation tool that analyzes nonprofit performance based on four key indicators. In July 2020, Charity Navigator released the first indicator, Finance & Accountability, to highlight nonprofit organizations demonstrating fiscal responsibility. This is determined by five metrics: Program Expense Ratio, Independent Audit or Financial Review, Board Composition, Liabilities to Assets, and Website Listing. The additional indicators, to be rolled out in the next 18-24 months, are Impact & Results, Leadership & Adaptability, and Culture & Community.

The Encompass Rating System enables Charity Navigator to increase the number of nonprofits it evaluates, growing from 9,000 to 160,000 nonprofits evaluated as of July 2020. In order to be more inclusive of smaller and more recently established nonprofits, the system uses technology-supported automation to analyze electronic tax forms filed annually by 501(c)(3) organizations.

“We are delighted that The Arc, Ocean County Chapter’s clear commitment to fiscal responsibility and transparency has earned it a “Give with Confidence” designation,” said Michael Thatcher, President and CEO of Charity Navigator. “As one of the first 150,000 nonprofits evaluated by the Encompass Rating System, we are eager to see the good work that the organization is able to accomplish in the years ahead.”

The Arc, Ocean County Chapter is receiving charitable contributions on their website at arcocean.org or by mail to The Arc Ocean County Chapter, 815 Cedar Bridge Ave, Lakewood, NJ 08701. The Encompass rating and other information about charitable giving are available free of charge on charitynavigator.org.

About The Arc, Ocean County Chapter

The Arc, Ocean County Chapter, Inc. was established in 1955 with the mission to advocate, provide opportunities and supports necessary for all individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to be accepted and valued as citizens of the communities in which they choose to live, learn, work and play. Today, the chapter serves more than 1,500 individuals through residential services, vocational services, and family support services.