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## The Arc, Ocean County Chapter Raises \$35,000 at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Step Up for The Arc Walk



*Lakewood, NJ (October 13, 2018)* – The Arc, Ocean County Chapter surpassed their goal and raised over \$35,000 at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Step Up for The Arc Walk and Family Fun Day on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at FirstEnergy Park, home of the Lakewood BlueClaws.

Participants walked the 1-mile concourse to raise awareness and funds for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Ocean County who participate in The Arc's residential, vocational and recreation programs.

"This year's Walk was our biggest celebration yet," said Laura Williams, Executive Director at The Arc, Ocean County Chapter. "Bringing together our residents, program participants, and the community is what we strive for every day."

Attendees enjoyed entertainment from the WRAT and WJRZ, live band King of Kings, Montage Music, crafts, games and prizes, face painting, tattoos, yoga, and appearances by Buster, Star Wars 501<sup>st</sup> Legion, and Wonder Woman and Ariel from Princess Party Productions.

Local businesses showed their support with in-kind refreshment donations from Wegmans, ShopRite, Stop and Shop, Costco, Herr's, Bimbo Bakeries, Entenmann's, Starbucks, Bubbakoos, Jersey Mike's, Atlanta Bread, Watchung Spring, Manhattan Bagel, and Chick-fil-A.

Thanks to the event sponsors, every dollar raised by our donors will directly benefit the programs and clients served. Sponsors include: Corporate Synergies, Advance Auto Parts, Georgian Court University, Manasquan Bank, FirstEnergy & JCPL, Medicine to Go, Universal Janitorial Supply Corp., A General Sewer & Plumbing, NJNG, Gallagher, Aquatherm Industries, Kelaher, Van Dyke & Moriarty, Central Ocean Rotary, OceanFirst Foundation, Causeway Family of Dealerships, Quaker Steak & Lube, Lakewood BlueClaws, Roofing Master, Ron Rosetto Realty Group, Silverton Funeral Home, Perlmutter Family ShopRites, and Cedar Management.

For more information about The Arc, Ocean County Chapter visit www.arcocean.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.