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**The Arc, Ocean County Chapter to Host Open House on Thursday, August 16th
to Kick Off the 18th Annual Step Up for the Arc Walk & Family Fun Day**

Lakewood, NJ (July 27, 2018) – The Arc, Ocean County Chapter will host a Kick-Off Open House on Thursday, August 16th at their main office at 815 Cedar Bridge Ave, Lakewood, NJ from 3-6pm to provide information and fundraising tools for the 18th Annual Step Up for The Arc Walk & Family Fun Day.

The community is invited to attend this free event to register a team for the Walk, receive helpful fundraising tips and tools, and hear from The Arc’s staff and clients about the programs we provide to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Ocean County. Presentations will be held at 3:30pm, 4:30pm, and 5:30pm. Light refreshments will be served.

The 18th Annual Step Up for The Arc Walk & Family Fun Day on Saturday, October 13th at FirstEnergy Park hopes to raise \$30,000 this year to support residential, vocational, family support, and recreational services. This event raises awareness for developmental disabilities in Ocean County while celebrating the clients we serve with friends, family and neighbors.

To learn more about Step Up for The Arc Walk & Family Fun Day and RSVP for the Kick-Off Open House please visit www.arcocean.org, call 732-363-3335 x176, or email development@arcocean.org. To register for the Walk and start fundraising today visit www.crowdrise.com/arcoceanwalk.

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.