



## Step Up for The Arc Walk & 5K Raises \$85,000!

Wow! We had an incredible day on Saturday, May 17th celebrating The Arc and the individuals, families, friends and community partners who make us who we are! This fun-filled and inclusive day featured a 5K race, 1-mile Walk, games, face painting, tattoos, Star Wars, Buster, yoga, crafts, Jersey Mike's Subs donated by Be Best You, water ice and so much more. The best part is we reached our goal and raised \$85,000 for our group homes and day programs to purchase items from their wish lists to have the best summer ever. Check out our [event day photos](#) and a very special thank you to everyone who supported Step Up for The Arc, we'll see you again next year!

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## Arc Ocean Athletes Medal!

The Arc Ocean Wave Riders embarked on their first season competing in the Special Olympics NJ's Track & Field and all 16 athletes medaled at the Regional meet in various events! We have 12 athletes moving on to the SONJ Summer Games, we are so proud and excited for our team ~ Go Arc Ocean Wave Riders!

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### Legacy of Volunteerism Award

The Arc's Board Vice President, Joanne Bergin was honored with the Legacy of Volunteerism Award at The Arc of New Jersey's Annual Awards on May 20th. She has dedicated 25 years to supporting people with disabilities and their families serving on both local and state levels. Congratulations Joanne! [Read more](#)

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### FY26 Membership Drive

The Arc of Ocean is hosting our FY2026 Membership Drive this month and we need your voice now more than ever! As a member, you are an advocate and ally for people with disabilities and can help us to fight to protect Medicaid. Members are invited to an Exclusive Panel Discussion on June 26th. [Become a Member today!](#)

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# Aloha from Spiral

The ladies of our Spiral Group Home had a blast at their Hawaiian luau party this month welcoming the start of summer at the shore! They wore hula skirts and leis, pineapple sunglasses, and sipped tropical fruit punch for a fun afternoon. There's something about an umbrella straw that takes you right to a tropical beach!

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# Spring Formal Dance

We busted out the dance moves at Recreation's Spring Formal on May 1st at the Clarion! Attendees looked elegant in their dresses and suits, enjoyed a three course dinner, and danced the night away with our favorite DJs in town. Join us this summer for a Friday Night Dance and come have fun with your friends at Arc! [Learn more here.](#)

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# Father's Day BlueClaws Game

Take your favorite Dad or Pa to a baseball game at the Jersey Shore BlueClaws for Father's Day ~ Sunday, June 15th at 1:05pm. The Arc is selling discounted tickets for \$14 each with a portion of proceeds donated back to our programs and support services. For more info or to purchase tickets [click here.](#)

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## Out and About with #ArcOcean

Participants at the North Bay ATC in Toms River volunteered at the JBJ Soul Kitchen, that serves paying customers and those in need. We learned important job skills in a restaurant. Thank you to our community partner, we greatly value the opportunity for inclusion. [Contact The Arc](#) if you have a volunteer opportunity for us!

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