



Step Up for The Arc Walk Raises \$92,000 for Programs Benefiting Individuals with Disabilities in Ocean County

Lakewood, NJ (May 9, 2026) – The Arc, Ocean County Chapter hosted their 24th Annual Step Up for The Arc Walk on Saturday, May 9th at the Jersey Shore BlueClaws with 600 attendees raising \$92,000 to benefit programs and support services for people with disabilities.

Step Up for The Arc is an inclusive community event to raise awareness and acceptance for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities with 100% of the proceeds supporting The Arc of Ocean County’s residential, vocational, and family support services.

“Step Up for The Arc is now a day where we celebrate community and being part of this great county, and the opportunities people with disabilities have in the community because of services provided by The Arc,” said Laura Williams, Executive Director.

The forty Arc Walk teams are raising funds for wish list items special to their programs. Journeys and Discovery is creating a mock grocery store to teach job skills, the Wave Riders Special Olympics teams are purchasing supplies for their upcoming soccer season, and the residents of Anchor group home are visiting Atlantic City this summer.

The Arc, Ocean County Chapter supports 1,100 individuals with disabilities and their families with housing, job training, employment supports, transition services, transportation, support coordination, clinical supports and services, and recreation.

To donate to the 2026 Step Up for The Arc Walk please visit www.arcocean.org and follow us on social media @thearcoceancounty to see how your dollars make a difference.



Cheerful participants of The Arc, Ocean County Chapter lead the 24th Annual Step Up for The Arc Walk on May 9th, 2026 at the Jersey Shore BlueClaws to support people with disabilities.

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 1,000 individuals through residential services, vocational services, recreation services, family support, and clinical support services.

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Step Up for The Arc website: <https://www.arcocean.org/get-involved/events/walk.html>