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## **Step Up for The Arc Walk & 5K Race on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Jersey Shore BlueClaws will Benefit Individuals with Disabilities in Ocean County**

**Lakewood, NJ (April 4, 2025)** – The Arc, Ocean County Chapter will host the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Step Up for The Arc Walk and 5K Race on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at ShoreTown Ballpark, home of the Jersey Shore BlueClaws, to benefit programs and support services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Step Up for The Arc is an inclusive community event to raise awareness and acceptance for people with disabilities. The 5K Race will start at 8:00am, with check-in opening at 7:00am timed by Split Second Racing. There is a \$30 registration fee to participate in the 5K.

The Walk and Family Fun Day will kick-off at 10:00am and include carnival games, arts and crafts, live performances, refreshments, a 1-mile walk, and an after-party lunch catered by Jersey Mike's Subs. This event is free to attend and online registration is encouraged.

To register for the Step Up for The Arc Walk and 5K Race please visit [www.arcocean.org](http://www.arcocean.org).

This year's event hopes to raise \$85,000 for The Arc, Ocean County Chapter's programs and support services providing housing, employment, job training, transportation, recreation, family support, and clinical support services to 1,000 individuals with disabilities.

All participants who donate or fundraise \$50 or more will receive this year's commemorative Step Up for The Arc t-shirt. Donations can be made online directly to event participants or mailed to The Arc, Ocean County Chapter, 393 Mantoloking Road, Brick, NJ 08723.

To learn about our corporate sponsorship levels and benefits visit [www.arcocean.org](http://www.arcocean.org).

For more event details, please follow us on Facebook @thearcoceancounty and Instagram @thearcocean or email [development@arcocean.org](mailto:development@arcocean.org) or call us at 732-978-1414.



*Support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Ocean County at the Step Up for The Arc Walk and 5K Race on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025!*

### **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>