



The Arc, Ocean County Chapter to Honor 2026 Catalyst Award Winners

Toms River, NJ (February 18, 2026) – The Arc, Ocean County Chapter is hosting its 2026 Catalyst Awards on Wednesday, March 18th, at The Clarion in Toms River, to honor and recognize staff, donors, and community partners with dedication to the mission of supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Congratulations 2026 Catalyst Award Winners!

- Bill Sackter Citizenship Award ~ Robert Beard, Arc Employment Center
- Competitive Employment Achievement Award ~ William King, Supported Employment
- Collaboration Champion Award ~ Christian Kane, RWJ Barnabas Health Field of Dreams
- Inclusive Community Partner Award ~ Mary McDonald, Liberty Science Center
- Community Spirit Award ~ Karen Stafford-Smith, The Strand Theater
- Volunteer Engagement Award ~ Lia Archiello
- Healthcare Professional of the Year Award ~ Dr. Clare Coda, RWJ Barnabas Health
- Support Coordinator of the Year Award ~ Kathleen Celestino, Keeping Independence Services & Supports
- Employee of the Year Award ~ Michelle Sasso, Residential Services
- Employee of the Year Award ~ Monica Godin, Wellness & Recreation
- Employee of the Year Award ~ Westin Bell, Residential Services
- Newcomer of the Year Award ~ George Lord, Vocational Services

The community is invited to join in the celebration. Tickets for the Catalyst Awards are \$50 per guest and includes passed hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dessert, and a cash bar. Supporters can also send a congratulatory message to the Award Winners for a donation or sponsor the event which includes premium marketing benefits for your business and a table.

For more event details visit www.arcocean.org or call 732-363-3335.

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.

###