



Step Up for The Arc Walk & 5K Raises \$85,000 for Individuals with Disabilities in Ocean County

Lakewood, NJ (May 17, 2025) – The Arc, Ocean County Chapter hosted their 23rd Annual Step Up for The Arc Walk and 5K Race on Saturday, May 17th at the Jersey Shore BlueClaws with 700 attendees raising \$85,000 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.

“This is our most successful Step Up for The Arc ever,” said Laura Williams, Executive Director. “It’s wonderful to come together with The Arc family and friends for this fun, inclusive event. We couldn’t be more grateful for the support of Ocean County!”

The Arc teams are raising funds for wish list items special to their programs. The Lightning Laurel Oaks team will be taking a whale watching excursion this summer, Mon-Ster Wellness will prepare for flag football season with equipment and the AEC will put the funds towards start up business ventures for new job opportunities.

The Arc, Ocean County Chapter supports 1,000 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 2025 Step Up for The Arc Walk and 5K please visit www.arcocean.org and follow us on social media @thearcoceancounty to see how your dollars make a difference.



Members of The Arc Ocean Wave Riders Special Olympics Track and Field Team leads the 23rd Annual Step Up for The Arc Walk for the Ocean County Chapter on May 17th at the Jersey Shore BlueClaws.

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>