

We at The Arc of the Gulf Coast would like to let everyone know we are here for our families during this time to help in any way possible. Please see the resources below and contact us if there is any way we can assist.

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BOARD MEETINGS

2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

HURRICANE HARVEY RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

FEMA

Register **1-800-621-3362**

TTY/Deaf/Hard of Hearing
1-800-462-7585

711 or Video Relay Service (VRS)
1-800-621-3362

www.DisasterAssistance.gov

It's very important to be explicit about disability needs on your application. Be as descriptive as possible in your responses.

Download the FEMA app for more information and to follow your case

SAMHSA's Disaster Distress Helpline

1-800-985-5990

or

Text: **TalkWithUs** to **66746**

Disaster Survivors with Disabilities HOTLINE

Disaster Related Problem-Solving
Evacuation Strategies and Issues

Shelter Accessibility Issues

Temporary Housing Strategies

Assistive Device, Durable Medical
Equipment & Consumable Medical
Supply Referrals

1-800-626-4959

TEXAS PARENT TO PARENT

Connect with resources and
support from other families

1-866-896-6001

AUTISM SOCIETY OF TEXAS

Assistance for families of
children with Autism

1-800-3-Autism
(288476)

DISABILITY RIGHTS TEXAS

Help with service animal
shelter access or other disability
rights issues

1-800-252-9108

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DeafLink has produced a short ASL video with
sheltering and emergency contact information

<http://www.deaflink.com/houston>

STREET ADDRESS
204 W COOMBS ST
ALVIN, TX 77511

PHONE 281.388.1161



MAILING ADDRESS
P.O. BOX 1484
ALVIN, TX 77512

WWW.ARCGULFCOAST.ORG

HURRICANE HARVEY RESOURCES

FEMA: To apply, visit www.fema.gov/apply-assistance, or call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). You will be asked for a Disaster Relief (DR) number which is 4332 for Hurricane Harvey in Texas. Incident Period: August 23, 2017

FEMA Critical Medical Needs Assistance: 1-800-621-3362
Assistance is now available for people with critical medical needs in the amount of \$500/family.

American Red Cross: 1-800-733-2767
If you are need of a shelter, please contact the American Red Cross.

Texas 2-1-1: No matter where you live in Texas, you can dial 2-1-1 or 1-877-541-7905
Please call 2-1-1 if you are homebound and need food and water. If you have access to the internet, you can go to United Way 211 website and look up organizations that can help. *Note: This is not an emergency number.*

Autism Society of Texas: 1-800-328-8476
The Autism Society of Texas can assist with shelter sensory rooms, shelter behavioral supports, sensory support kits, limited financial resources for autism families to replace lost items or sensory supports.
Contact Suzanne Potts, suzanne@texasautismsociety.org

Disaster Distress 24/7 Helpline: 1-800-985-5990 or Text “talkwithus” to 66746 or text “Hablamos” to 66746 for a Spanish-speaking counselor. Provides counseling and support before, during and after disasters and refer people to local disaster-related resources for follow-up care and support.

Texas Diaper Bank: 210-731-8118
The Disaster Relief program supplies those affected by natural disasters in Texas with diapers-the only organization in Texas specifically providing victims diapers. TXDB collaborates with partner agencies who coordinate and provide relief services to communities affected by natural disaster.

Protect TX Fragile Kids: <http://www.protecttxfragilekids.org/impacted-by-harvey-.html>
If you were impacted by Hurricane Harvey and need medical supplies, fill out online form. Cannot guarantee that your request will be fulfilled, however every effort will be made to do so and/or connect you with someone who can. You can also contact Trach Mommas: 504-723-7193 for Pediatric Medical Supplies.

Uber: To support displaced families throughout Texas, Uber is donating free rides to or from shelters (up to \$50 each) within Houston. No action is required to receive a free ride to or from these locations. The full discount will automatically be applied and reflected in the app when you request UberX.

Disaster Unemployment Assistance: 1-800-939-6631
If you lost your job because of Hurricane Harvey, you can apply for unemployment benefits online at <https://apps.twc.state.tx.us/UBS/security/logon.do> or call the number above.

UPCOMING ARC TRAININGS

September 23, 2017 from 10:30am–12:30pm

at Alvin Library, 105 Gordon Street, Alvin, Texas 77511
ARD Process: Effectively Advocating for your child in ARD. Learn about your rights as a parent under the IDEA and effective advocacy strategies through the ARD process. Presented by Shiloh Carter, Staff Attorney of Disability Rights Texas

October 2017 (Angleton)

* **Date & Location TBD Contact Arc for more info**
Transition and Maximizing Youth Voice. Presented by Shiloh Carter, Staff Attorney of Disability Rights Texas

October 24th, 2017 (Texas City) 10:30am-12:30pm

at United Way Galveston County Mainland 2800 Texas Ave
Working collaboratively with your child's school Presented by Samantha Davis, Special Education Advocate

November 14th, 2017 (Texas City) 10:30am-12:30pm at United Way Galveston County Mainland 2800 Texas Ave
How to get the most out of your child's ARD meeting. Presented by Samantha Davis, Special Education Advocate

November 2017 Pearland Date & Location TBD Contact Arc for more info Tips and Strategies for the Holidays

January 2017 (Friendswood Library) *Date & Location TBD Contact Arc for more info Behavior Health Services and Discipline. Presented by Shiloh Carter, Staff Attorney of Disability Rights Texas



THANK YOU COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF BRAZORIA COUNTY!



The Arc of the Gulf Coast would like to take this time to thank The Community Foundation of

Brazoria County for the Women Building Community

Grant of \$2336.00. We extend our gratitude for their support of Project EMPOWER: Enhancing and Measuring Parent Outcomes with Education and Resources. This grant will allow us the opportunity to purchase much needed equipment which will provide us a chance to reach several families in rural Southern Brazoria. It is because of their wonderful organization and generosity that The Arc of the Gulf Coast will be able to reach families who have no other means of getting educational information. This will also allow us to continue to provide free trainings and workshops for families who would be unable to afford them any other way.

SHIRLEY BROTHERS ELEMENTARY DEDICATION RESCHEDULED



Shirley Brothers Elementary in Pearland is named for Shirley Brothers a longtime AISD employee who helped establish the districts communications department in 1985. Brothers worked in the district for more than 40 years in various roles including Special Education Teacher. Brothers also created the AISD Education Foundation in 1998 and remains an active member.



Please join us for the Dedication Ceremony of

Shirley Dill Brothers Elementary

Thursday, October 12, 2017
5:00 pm

Dedication to be followed by campus open house

2910 Half Moon Bay Drive
Pearland, TX 77584

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2017 - DECEMBER 2017	AMC THEATER GULFE POINTE 30 SENSORY FRIENDLY FILMS	amctheatres.com/programs/sensory-friendly-films
SEPTEMBER 2017 - DECEMBER 2017	STUDIO MOVIE GRILL PEARLAND SPECIAL NEEDS SCREENINGS	studiomoviegrill.com/movie/film-series/special-needs-screenings
SEPTEMBER 2017 - DECEMBER 2017	STAR CINEMA GRILL SENSORY FRIENDLY MOVIES	starcinemagrill.net/bright-stars
SEPTEMBER 2017 - APRIL 2018	UHCL CADD SPEAKER SERIES	apps.uhcl.edu/ORS/CADD
OCTOBER 7, 2017	PATHWAYS TO ADULTHOOD, TEXAS PARENT TO PARENT PATHWAYS TO ADULTHOOD PROGRAM	txp2p.org/training/registerforptatraining.html
NOVEMBER 3, 2017 - NOVEMBER 4, 2017	BEST PRACTICES IN TRANSITION, EMPLOYMENT AND ADULT SERVICES	2ndannualpositivefuturesconference.eventbrite.com
FEBRUARY 4, 2018 - FEBRUARY 6, 2018	INCLUSION WORKS CONFERENCE SAN ANTONIO	thearcoftexas.org/events
FEBRUARY 9, 2018	A NIGHT TO SHINE PROM AT NEW HOPE CHURCH	newhopechurch.tv
FEBRUARY 21, 2018 - FEBRUARY 23, 2018	TEXAS TRANSITION CONFERENCE	ttc.tamu.edu

A Tip of the Top Hat to Renewing Members

Stacy Adams
 Stan Bachman
 Adrian Bellman
 Sini Bipin
 Kim Bowers
 Terrie Cambiano
 Jeanne Goodman
 Jennifer Kelly
 Kathryn & Thomas Mattes
 Heather Maynard
 Melissa Miller
 Raymond Pieper
 Wade Shipman
 Lisa White



Would you Like to Join The Arc of the Gulf Coast?

Membership Form



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email Address _____

The Arc of the Gulf Coast
 Receives Financial
 Donations from The
 United Way of Brazoria,
 and Galveston Counties
 and The Gulf Coast
 Center. Membership Fee
 is \$15.00 Annually.

Classification of Member

- Self Advocate Professional in the field
 Parent/Relative Interested Citizen

New Membership ID _____

Expiration Date _____

Mail Fee to The Arc of the
 Gulf Coast P.O. Box 1484
 Alvin, Texas 77511



GULF COAST SELF-ADVOCATES ADVOCACY DAY

April 6th's Rally & Advocacy Day was a success! GCSA would like to send a special thanks to Mary Lou Flynn-Dupart for her generous donation which helped make the trip possible. Advocates from across the state were able to share with legislators why community services are important and how the Texas Legislature can prioritize these critical services and supports. Testimony from Norine Jaloway-Gill, Edward Jaloway, Ricky Broussard, Gwen Noser, Andy Noser and Greg Barnes provided much needed input on how Provider rate cuts for Texas Home Living (TxHmL) and Home and Community Based Services (HCS) will impact the ability for people with I/DD to live and work in their communities. Individuals who receive services through the Consumer Directed Services option will not see a cut in the rate of pay for their direct support staff. SB 602 passed on third and final reading in the Senate.



Ed & Norine Jaloway with Senator Dennis Paul

Gulf Coast Self-Advocates met with local legislators during Advocacy Day while visiting in Austin, TX.



Ricky Broussard with Senator Wayne Faircloth

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS! GCSA FUNDRAISERS



Zeyhla Cruz, Greg Barnes, Ricky Broussard, Dominga Mares, Cara Stanley

The Gulf Coast Self Advocates were hard at work this summer. The group hosted two fundraisers, a garage sale and Fiesta Dinner, where they raised over \$1,000 to go towards their annual trip to The Texas Advocates Conference in July.

The Texas Advocates 2017 Annual State Conference 2017 Leagues Under the Sea- was held on July 29th in Corpus Christi. Members of the Gulf Coast Self-Advocates group attended the conference where they had a chance to meet new people, learn from each other and discuss important issues. Edward Jaloway, Zeyhla Cruz and Ricky Broussard of the Gulf Coast Self-Advocates group served as the events Keynote speakers.



Ed Jaloway, Norine Jaloway, Zeyhla Cruz, and Ricky Broussard



Volunteer of the Year
Mari Fox & Gwen Noser

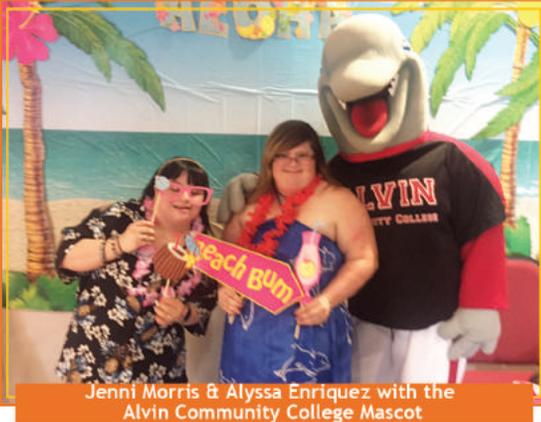


Employee of the Year
Greg Barnes

HAVING FUN WITH THE ARC!

PAST SPRING EVENTS

Our **Luau Dance** was held on April 22nd at Alvin Community College. Thank you to Phi Theta Kappa who partnered with The Arc of the Gulf Coast and hosted a night of dancing, food, and fun!



Jenni Morris & Alyssa Enriquez with the Alvin Community College Mascot

Our **Swing FORE the Arc** event at Top Golf was held on May 4th. Congratulations to Top Player, Andy Jenkins! The Top Team was Vintage Men's Grooming Lounge with Daren Raska, Ryan Cheatam and Andy Jenkins. Kathleen Fossan took home the "Putter Award"!



Top Team Vintage Men's Grooming Lounge



Kathleen Fossan took home the "Putter Award"

UPCOMING EVENTS

Halloween Dance

Turner High School in Pearland
October 27, 2017
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Sponsored by the Pearland Exchange Club
Supported by the Arc of the Gulf Coast



Gwen, Andy, and Melissa Blizzard enjoying last year's dance!

Santa With the Arc

New Hope Church in Pearland
December 9, 2017
11:00 am to 2:00 pm

In partnership with New Hope Church



Leah Tenbrink and Frosty the Snowman at last year's event

SUPPORT THE ARC

As a non-profit, The Arc of the Gulf Coast depends on grants as well as support from the community. To broaden this scope and make better use of our supporters, we are now registered with Amazon Smile, Kroger Community Cares, and The Arc's Car Donation Program. See below to learn more and see how you can support us through these programs.

AMAZON SMILE

You Shop, Amazon Gives!

Shop Amazon using smile.amazon.com/ch/74-6245736 every time and a portion of your sale is donated to The Arc!

Login with your Amazon account details and designate The Arc of the Gulf Coast as your charity.



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

You can support The Arc of the Gulf Coast with your Kroger Plus Card! All you have to do is sign up for Kroger Community Rewards®! Once you sign up, every time you shop and swipe your Kroger Plus card, The Arc will earn rewards.

To get started, login in to your Kroger account and update your Community Rewards Selection to The Arc of the Gulf Coast or enter our Non-profit organization number 14889.



THE ARC'S CAR DONATION PROGRAM

Done with it? **Do GOOD with it!**
DONATE your vehicle to the Arc
tax deductible and free towing



CALL (877) ARC-CAR-0
or VISIT thearc.org/donate-my-car
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Donate today and give someone with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) the key to their independence. We accept any vehical with a title and will arrange free, convenient pick up or towing. Plus, we'll take care of all the paperwork you need to take advantage of a tax break for your donation.

To donate your car, simply call 1-877-ARC-CAR-0 or donate online at www.thearc.org/donate-my-vehicle and be sure to specify our chapter, The Arc of the Gulf Coast.

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UPDATE YOUR INFO!

The Arc would like to move to an electronic newsletter in the future, with paper mailouts only once per year. To ensure you continue receiving the latest news, please be sure we have your correct email on file.

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