September & October, 2017 Newsletter

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A Stand-Down is a day of helping homeless veterans

Volunteers and donations are needed to help with this event!! Donations can be new clothes, packaged water or packaged food.

When: Friday, October 20th, 2017
Where: St. James Church—2000 E. 6th Street
9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Volunteer Times: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Monetary donations can be made to QSA Foundation and mailed to PO Box 2767, Winterville, NC 28590

Visit or Like our Facebook page: QSA FOUNDATION CORP
ARE YOU SEEKING:

- Steady hours
- A stable organization
- Opportunities for advancement
- Excellent pay and great benefits

On-the-spot screening and interviews will be conducted for Maintenance, Chemical Plant Operations and Mine Operations positions!

Women, minorities and Veterans are encouraged to apply.  |  Training provided through Apprenticeship programs.

TO ATTEND THE CAREER FAIR, YOU MUST:

1. Visit your local NCWorks Career Center to fill out a PotashCorp-Aurora job application.
2. Successfully complete a Career Readiness Certification at your local community college.
3. Bring a completed application, and a copy of your certification scores with you to the Career Fair.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH
Veterans Only 9am-10am
General Public 10am-2pm

PotashCorp-Aurora Employee Center
1629 Hickory Point Rd.
Aurora, NC 27806

For more information, please visit your local NCWorks Career Center or community college.

PotashCorp-Aurora is an Equal Opportunity Employer, EOE/MFDV.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

WE ARE ALL WONDERFULLY MADE

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Disability Advocates & Resource Center
Proudly Hosts The
8th Annual “Shagging for a Cause”
Featuring
“The Band of Oz”

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

When: 6:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.
Where: Rock Springs Center
Cost: $20.00 in advance $25.00 at the door

Funds donated to DARC will be used for financial assistance to help persons with disabilities in emergency situations as well as promote DARC’s active community.
Youth Group News

The L.A.S.E.R. Youth Group hosted a one-day camp on August 11, 2017 at River Park North. During the day at River Park North, Disability Advocates and Resources Center (DARC) provided about 15 young people with disabilities and their care attendants some recreational activities such as learning to fish and learning about all the different wildlife at River Park North, as well as getting them to engage while using social interaction with some of the wildlife like overcoming a fear such as touching a snake.

One of the biggest obstacles with working with people, especially young adults, is they don't feel accepted like everyone else. Lisa Pase, who coordinated the event, has worked with numerous young children in classroom settings and has made it her mission to educate kids that anyone can have a disability that is not seen by looking or talking to a person. Not everyone has a physical disability and disabilities effect all ages of people, not just older people. So, part of this day camp was also about not only having fun but educating these young teenagers to young adults about the provisions and protections of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Everyone has a voice and under the ADA law persons with disabilities have rights too. It was great to see them ask questions and being able to answer them and see the fellowship grow.

We used activities like bingo or a scavenger hunt to educate these young adults about acceptable social behaviors, Independent living skills, needs vs. wants, goals, opportunities like getting a job, or go to college. These are some of our core services that our staff is trained to work with our consumers on.

The day was a huge success and many came out that were not our consumers, which was wonderful. The Daily Reflector had a great write up in the paper and even interviewed several people. We made tie-dyed shirts for each camper and by the end of our day at the park, I wasn't ready for the day to end. This is my job, but it so much more than that to me, seeing the smiles on their faces, helping to change their outlook and letting them know that we are not different. Being their friend is one of the best things they do for me.

OCTOBER YOUTH GROUP
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017
5:00-6:30 PM

It’s time to carve and decorate Pumpkins! I can’t believe Halloween is right around the corner! So, Please RSVP to me by Thursday, October 5th to let me know who will be attending. I want to make sure I have enough pumpkins for everyone. Contact Lisa Pase @ pasel@darcnc.org or call 252-355-6215 for more information.
Notable Dates

- September is Suicide Prevention Month
- September 19th-24th – Pitt County Fair
- October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Disability Awareness Month
- October 6th – World Cerebral Palsy Day
- October 12th – STOP Bullying Day

Fall is Here!

Computer Classes

DARC offers both beginner and advanced classes every 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at our office.

Beginner Classes start at 10:00am
Advanced Classes start at 11:00am

Please contact Cindy at 252-355-6215 if you are interested in taking FREE classes.

These classes have been very helpful and we can help you learn about computers, as well as teach you how to access social media, online banking and much more.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
What is Disability Advocacy and Resource Center? DARC is a Center for independent living (CIL). Our mission is to empower people with disabilities to become and maintain their independence within their community. Inclusion and independence is accomplished through education, employment, access to affordable housing, access to services and activities that allow the opportunity and possibility of a full life for all those with a disability.

To achieve our common mission and purpose, DARC focuses on four core services to empower individuals with a disability, their families and caregivers: (1) Peer to Peer Counseling; (2) Independent Living Skills and training; (3) Systems and Individual Advocacy; and (4) Information and Referral.

A few Examples of Services: We provide individuals with the information and tools they need to live freely and independently. We can help with preparing a budget, creating a resume, teaching job searching skills, computer training, and peer mentoring. We also provide information about who to contact if you need a ramp, home modifications, assistive technology, problems with your Social Security benefits, searching for affordable housing, support groups, disability rights advocacy and more!

Disability Advocates & Resource Center

702A Johns Hopkins Drive
Greenville, NC 27835

Phone: 252-355-6215
Fax: 252-355-7489

Do I need to make an appointment? Appointments are highly recommended, but we do accept walk-ins and will do our best to accommodate you at that time.

Do I need a referral? No

Do we charge a fee? No, our services are provided at no cost to our consumers. We are a non-profit organization that is funded through the generous support of individuals, local organizations and the State of North Carolina’s Division of Rehabilitation Services.

Is DARC a part of Vocational Rehabilitations? No, Vocational Rehab is a State Agency and we are a non-profit agency.

Do we provide funding or financial assistance to individuals? DARC has received donations designated specifically for consumer assistance with durable medical equipment however we are not able to provide financial assistance for rent, utilities, food or other expenses. However, if DARC is unable to assist, we can refer individuals to the right agency or organization that might be able to provide financial assistance specific to your needs.

Where are we located? DARC is located in the Medical District just off Stantonburg Road at 702A Johns Hopkins Drive in Greenville, North Carolina.

Be sure to visit DARC’s website at www.darcnc.org and Facebook!
