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Event at Camp Sertoma Aims to Open Doors

On August 15, more than 100 consumers, family members, friends, community members, and volunteers joined together at Camp Sertoma for the Opening New Doors Festival. The festival was a day of fun, food, and friendship that focused on showcasing available services both from The Arc and from other community organizations.

During the festival, visitors entered to win raffle prizes by getting Doors to The Arc Raffle Cards stamped at displays showcasing some of The Arc's main services. Showcased services included:

Life in the Community – The Arc's Life in the Community Program offers consumers the opportunity to practice social skills, learn new things, and get involved in their communities through activities such as Aktion Club, a Dance Club, and The Arc's Super Six Service.

Options Program - The Options program at The Arc comprises an array of individualized and customized services that help consumers learn new skills and move toward greater independence. Available Options programs include habilitation outings as well as individualized classes such as cooking, budgeting & money handling, reading & literacy, and computer training.

Camp Sertoma - The Arc's Camp Sertoma provides year-round respite camping opportunities for consumers of all ages. It has been serving people with intellectual disabilities for more than fifty years. In addition to summer day and residential camping programs, Camp Sertoma offers holiday themed respite weekends year-round.

Supportive Employment Program - The Arc's Supportive Employment Program works one-on-one with consumers to find competitive employment tailored to the individual's interests, desires, and unique skills. Steps to employment include preliminary assessments, practical skills training, and continued on-the-job training.

Advocacy/Membership - The Arc's Advocacy program is designed to ensure that consumers of all ages know their rights and receive necessary services and supports. Advocacy is one of the founding values of The Arc. Membership is one means by which The Arc remains in operation. Because The Arc was formed by parents and community members, membership remains an important ingredient in The Arc's current and future success.

If you would like more information about these or any of The Arc's other services, please contact The Arc at 717-920-2727.